MINUTES from the HFIS planning session 11/2006

Present. Jonathan Furner, Michael Buckland, W. Boyd Rayward, Kathryn La Barre, Julian Warner


i) Website.

The SIG HFIS website was agreed to be valuable and important to maintain. It was to continue to be hosted on the ASIS&T site and to be maintained and updated by students.

ii) Sessions at the Annual Meeting 2006.

The value of collaboration with other SIGS, of a number of panel submissions, and of panel proposals developed as panels ab initio (in addition to panel proposals compiled from individual submissions), was agreed.

The SIG was pleased with the range and number of panels it had obtained.

* joint sponsorship w/ CR
* 11/5 (3:30) Theoretical Topics in FRBR / Allen Renear (moderator), Yunseon Choi, Jonathan Furner, Jerome McDonough

11/6 (10:00) Forgetting and (Not) Forgotten / Howard Rosenbaum (moderator), Jean-Francois Blanchette, Michael Curry, Leah Lievrouw, Ronald Day

11/6 (11:30) Philosophy and Information Science / The Basics Don Fallis, Jonathan Furner, Kay Mathiesen, Allen Renear

11/7 (8:30) Paul Otlet, Documentation and Classification / Boyd Rayward, Jonathan Furner, Kathryn La Barre

11/7 (3:30) Authenticity Revisited / The Cultural Implications of a Digital Reality / Heather MacNeil, Bonnie Mak, Jennifer Douglas

11/8 (1:30) Historiography of Information Science/ Michael Buckland, Julian Warner, Geoffrey Bowker
iii) Advisory Group.

The high value of the advisory group was noted.

iv) Sighfis-1.

The email list had been lightly, rather than heavily, used during the previous year, but such restraint could have value. It would be advantageous if all members of the SIG were at least ware of the possibility of joining the list.

v) Other activities (to include publications by SIG HFIS members).

Publicity for publications by SIG members was valuable and the web site should be updated to reflect recent publications (publications need not be in ASIS&T outlets for them to be listed).


Kathryn La Barre was confirmed as Chair for 2006-2007 and welcomed into office.

Tom Haigh, whose specialist interest was in the history of science, had agreed to become Chair Elect and his appointment was similarly welcomed.


i) The issue of representation at SIG Planning meetings was discussed and decided (Kathryn La Barre to represent the SIG).

ii) Website

The website was to be revised.


The Annual Meeting 2007 was to be held at Milwaukee. Co-sponsorship was to be sought with SIG CR for a panel proposal on the topic of FRBR. The strategic importance of the development and current state of bibliographic control, and the continuing significance of the role of the Library of Congress, some 60 years after UNESCO's post-war initiatives, was noted.
iii) Advisory Group.

The advisory group was to continue 2006-2007 and to be constituted by the attendees at the current meeting, with the addition of Trudi Hahn and Bob Williams.

iv) Sighfis-l.

There were no further issues to report.

v) Other activities (to include publications by SIG HFIS members).

No royalties were currently held for the history fund, but some monies absorbed by ASIST&T, and assignable to the history fund, could be recovered.

The research focus in ASIST&T should develop.

Memorials were significant but it was difficult to get people to write memorials (entries in DLB were advocated as models).

Podcasts of oral histories about pioneers would be a desirable addition.

Sessions at the ASIST&T Annual meetings must have a dual role, interesting SIG members and the wider membership of ASIST&T.

6. Any other business.

Julian Warner was thanked for this service as Chair.

Kathryn La Barre was welcomed into office.