SIG History & Foundations of Information Science (SIG HFIS)

Business meeting, Mon 3 Nov 2014 at 3:55pm. Madrona room

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Meeting called to order by Lai Ma current chair at 3:55 pm. In the absence of an agenda, Lai Ma recapped the activities of FY14 during her mandate:
1. HFIS-related panels presented at AM2013 (4 panels) and AM2014 (2 panels of which 1 officially sponsored by 2 SIGs: HFIS and ED),
2. a webinar organised by Jenna Hartel on teaching the concept of information (I-Squares),
3. a Newsletter prepared by Lai Ma and sent out to members reviewing HFIS activities for FY14 (election of incoming officers, panels and papers at AM 2014 and a piece entitled "*A short story of Information Science*" contributed by Amy Wallace).

The issue of publications related to the SIG was raised and debated.
The membership of SIG HFIS stood at 113 as of sept. 2014.

1. The ASIST History Fund Research and Best Paper Awards
A discussion ensured on the way the two awards affiliated to the SIG are managed. Michael Buckland suggested that it was better not to award the History Fund Research award (a research grant proposal of $1000) when proposals were weak or too

premature. It was generally agreed to keep the mechanism but not necessarily give it out every year.

It was agreed that the *Best Paper Award* of $500 should be advertised further afield (outside of ASIST) and that nominations or self-nominations can be made from anywhere. The winner should not be obliged to publish it in ASIST AM. The award could be given to an already published work.

The website for the 2 awards: http://www.asis.org/awards/history_fund_awards.html Nota.

Right now, the text of the call for the Best Paper Award specifies "*The paper should not have been previously published or submitted to a journal*". Changes then need to be made to the next call.

K. La Barre specified that the SIG HFIS chair is the chair of the jury of the two awards. S/he can appoint other members of the jury (up to five).

2. Updates from SIG Cabinet Meeting

Fidelia and Yao Zhang attended the meeting on behalf of SIG HFIS. Fidelia gave a short account of issues discussed at the SIG Cabinet which our SIG may want to think about:

Special Project Fund: $10,000

To be requested by SIGs, many things can be done with this fund except paying for travel expenses or for memberships. This year $4100 remained unspent. A pity. SIG HFIS got $5000. Interact with SIG Cabinet if you have ideas on what to do.

The request has to be made 90 days before next AM 2015.

Oral History Project (SIG HFIS)

Sam Hastings from South Carolina announced that the hosting of oral history project by her university server and the transcription work done by her students will be shown on their stand later during the AM.

Outreach ideas to members

Different ways SIGs have in reaching out to their membership:
- Newsletters
- Some SIGs have online proceedings
- Some explore social media (LinkedIn, FB, …)
- Some do polling to find out members desires
- Joint programming with other SIGs and chapters: conferences, workshops in other associations
- Some SIGs have student awards.

Diane Pennington came in to present the website redesign: she wants to know how to better serve SIGs on the website: a template for generating SIG's page which can be customised with Logo, etc

3. Activities for FY2015

As incoming chair, Fidelia presented the proposed budget which is linked to activities in the planning for the coming year. She gave an outline of those proposed activities:
1. Oral history Project transcription of interviews: $300

After discussion, it appears that the Oral History Project is well endowed and thus will not need money from the SIG, so the money can be used for something else. Any ideas?

2. Call for i-Stories from ASIST community & doctoral students in order to better publicise the SIG and attract new members (5 gift cards of $30): $150

The idea is to distribute through asis-l, a call for i-Stories: stories about information, about how you grappled with the concept in circumstances related to teaching, research, private life. Stories that bring out the multi-varied aspect of information and how can it can mean many things to many people.

3. Webinars: $100 (1 webinar by Fidelia "From I-Squares to C-Squares" around April 2015). Another?

4. Newsletters to members. Periodicity depending on available news.

5. Prepare an ASIST bulletin dedicated to HFIS: The idea is to have different members of the SIG involved in any work related to HFIS to share it the ASIST community at large and showcase the SIG, and attract newer members. Examples: the bulletin could be populated with some of the stories collected from the Call for i-Stories, an account of my "I-Square to C-Square teaching experience" which will analyse the experience and summarise the webinar content for a wider audience; continuation of the piece written by Bob on the Oral History Project ("*The ASIST Oral History Program: An Interim Report* »): an update of where the project is at, what has been achieved, maybe a piece by K. La Barre on doing Oral Histories (there was a webinar), something from Trudi on the photo archives she had unearthed and indexed, how that's been showcased and lessons learned, something from Toni Carbo and others who may have something to contribute. Joint articles are welcome for the Bulletin..

4. Web Portal of the Oral History Project

Ashley Shimer, an ASIST intern from Drexel University was invited to attend the meeting in order to explain her work in transcribing and hosting the Oral History Interview on a website at University of South Carolina (http://infoscileaders.libsci.sc.edu/interviews/) . Many thanks to her.

In due time, the oral history webportal will be transferred to the new ASIST website.

5. Officers: Changing of the Chair

Lai officially welcomed new HFIS officers.

2014-15 Officers: Chair (Fidelia Ibekwe-SanJuan); Chair-Elect (Ken Herold); Secretary (Emma Zhang); Webmaster (Sarah Buchanan).

6. MIT series in HFIS

Michael Buckland talked about the MIT series dedicated to the scope of HFIS. The Editorial Advisory Board is composed of Jonathan Furner, Markus Krajewski, and himself. The founding Editor, Marguerite Avery, has now left MIT Press and Gita Devi Manaktala is now responsible for this series. She explained how submissions are reviewed for publications and she encouraged SIG members to think of the series if they have a publication project. So far, five books have been published in the series. Julian Warner's "Human Information Retrieval" was the first in 2009 and Ron Day's "Indexing It All: The Subject in the Age of Documentation, Information, and Data" the latest. More information is at http://mitpress.mit.edu/books/series/history-and-foundations-information-science