Artist Files Special Interest Group

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Report Text

Officers elected in 2017:
- Co-Coordinator: Samuel Duncan, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Research Library
- Co-Coordinator: Alexandra Reigle, Smithsonian American Art Museum/National Portrait Gallery Library

Activity highlights:
- **Progress:** Significant progress toward the migration of *Artist Files Revealed: Online Directory* from its nonfunctional state to artistfiles.arlisna.org. Completed analysis of best hosting platform and found that the Artist Files SIG's Wordpress site to be the most stable.
- **Progress:** Started working with Wordpress developer Marc Gratch to create custom application for the directory; analyzed old data structure and created new data structure.
- **Completed:** Made significant improvements to artistfiles.arlisna.org in general and included a planning document where all SIG activities can be recorded ([http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/planning/](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/planning/))
- **Pending:** Revamped mission statement.
- **Completed:** Created an RSS feed option for artistfiles.arlisna.org.
- **Progress:** Started two new blog series on the artistfiles.arlisna.org: “Found in the Artist Files” and “Artist Files in Action.”
- **Completed:** Rounded up all minutes and reports and posted them on artistfiles.arlisna.org ([http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/meetings/](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/meetings/))
- **Completed:** Updated artist files resources page ([http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/resources/](http://artistfiles.arlisna.org/resources/))
- **Completed:** Created leadership history page and placed it in a persistent sidebar on artistfiles.arlisna.org.
- **Completed:** Deployed SurveyMonkey survey to understand use and help determine direction for *Artist Files Revealed: Online Directory*; survey also addressed MARC cataloging and contribution of records to WorldCat.
- **Completed:** Published article referencing ARLIS/NA artist files SIG in Ephemera Society of American E-News.
• **Pending:** Developed recommendation for updated MARC artist files coding and content
• **Progress:** As of today, there are 301 Artist Files SIG members; all members are now in a shared Google spreadsheet; this list evolved from attendance list at 2017 annual meeting, an export of listserv subscribers, and ongoing notification from renewing their ARLIS/NA memberships.

ARLISNA strategic directions:
• Word on new/improved Artist Files Revealed: Online Directory should be added as a component of “Collections and Access” and “Innovation and Technology.”

Issues for Executive Board:
• Question of ongoing commitment to paying for premium faceted searching plugin for our Wordpress site to help with searching experience of new artist file directory.
• Continued tweaks to emails coming from ARLIS/NA from new or renewing members.
• Need for enhanced member reporting options on www.arlisna.org