

Explanation of Proposed Changes to Standing Rules | 2024

The following change is intended to update the mission statement in the Standing Rules to align with the version on our microsite, which reflects our move away from a focus on digitization to digital objects more generally. This also aligns with views our membership shared in the Re-Envisioning MDOS initiative.

II. MISSION. The mission of the section is to promote discussion, education, and collaboration among archivists interested in ~~digitization~~, digital archival objects; and the metadata that enables ~~their~~ access, management, and preservation ~~of digital objects~~.

The following changes are intended to eliminate the Education Coordinator as a standing elected position. The duties formerly delegated to the Education Coordinator will now be the responsibility of the Steering Committee as a whole. This gives the Steering Committee flexibility to adjust to evolving needs of the section and allow more Steering Committee members to help with time-intensive programming.

IV. C. iv. Steering Committee Members attend and actively contribute to regular committee meetings, help set goals and priorities for the section, contribute to the newsletter, ~~plan educational programming and networking opportunities for members~~, and develop and/or solicit proposals for the section's session at the SAA Annual Meeting.

~~**V.C. vvi.** The Education Coordinator shall serve as the section's liaison to the SAA Education Committee. In addition, this role arranges informal online meet-ups for members and prepares educational experiences, such as guest speakers.~~

The following changes are intended to combine the elected positions of Social Media Coordinator and Web Liaison into a single new role of Communications Liaison. Social media platforms have changed significantly in the last few years and will continue to evolve. The Communications Liaison role will encompass all communication platforms that the Section might choose to use. The second elected position will change to a regular Steering Committee member.

~~**IV. C. v.** The Web Liaison is responsible for maintaining the section website, posts meeting minutes to the microsite, and works closely with the section leadership and SAA administration to keep the web site current and correct. The Web Liaison also manages the section's Google Drive space in collaboration with other members of the Steering Committee.~~

IV. C. ~~vii.~~ The Communications Liaison facilitates communications between the Steering Committee and the Section membership and other audiences, including but not limited to maintaining and posting to the SAA Section microsite, electronic mailing list, and social media or other forms of online communication not yet in use by the Section. ~~The Social Media Coordinator shall be responsible for using various communication modes (including the MDOS listserv, Facebook, Twitter, and SAA publications) to communicate with the section membership about news and events; coordinates with the Web Liaison on communication issues as needed.~~