

COSTEP MA Executive Meeting

Massachusetts Archives
220 Morrissey Blvd
Boston, MA 02125
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Attendance:

Priscilla Anderson, Michael Comeau, Alejandra Dean (co-chair), Sarah Eig, Sean Ferguson, Kathy Griffin, Ross Griffiths, John Hannigan, Ben Haavik, Ginny Hewitt, Ben Hiltunen, Evan Knight (co-chair), Anna Popp, Jessica Unger

Discussions and Updates

Website and Communications update

Alejandra Dean and Evan Knight provided an update on the content and usage of the most recent update to the COSTEP MA website and social media.

- Sean Ferguson provided performing arts resources
- Webinars from the Council of State Archivists were integrated on the site
- A new Twitter account @COSTEPMA
- Since the July 23rd announcement of the new site, over 400 sessions have occurred
- The Communications policy continues to evolve
- A Weather Alert template is implemented

Ben Hiltunen noted that the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is not renewing the contract with the vendor that has been supporting the Mass Alerts app.

September Symposium

The group discussed finalizing the schedule for the upcoming September 10th meeting. Ben Haavik and Ben Hiltunen will confirm the final presenters for their panels.

10:00 am – 10:30 am What's next for COSTEP MA? (Alejandra and Evan)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Climate Change and Resilience for Cultural Institutions (Ben Haavik, Rodney, Rowland, and Amelia Holmes (to be confirmed))

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lunch and Networking

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm What to Expect in Community-Wide/Large Disasters (Ben Hiltunen, Ginny Hewitt, and Lori Foley (to be confirmed))

The group discussed the idea of refreshing the listing of public libraries as Disaster Recovery Centers and working with MEMA and FEMA to conduct more assessments.

The group also discussed logistics for the symposium. The attendance will be capped at 50 people with a waitlist and Evan will manage the registration process. Ben Hiltunen will work with Evan on identifying food suppliers in the area and Evan will approach disaster recovery

vendors regarding sponsoring the lunch. The group agreed to explore the possibility of live-streaming the symposium in part or in whole. Additional details such as nametags, hand-outs and folders were also discussed.

Disaster Debriefs

During the Symposium discussion, Ginny Hewitt provided the group with a description of the impact of the recent Cape Cod tornado.

Michael Comeau and John Hannigan provided information on a recent lightning strike at the Massachusetts Archives that caused a leak through four floors of archival vaults. No unique materials were lost, and the staff is engaged in recovery activities. The group agreed that this incident would make a good blog post.

Anna Popp shared that the Jones Library Special Collections, Amherst, experienced a leak in the ceiling.

GIS mapping

Veronica Martzahl shared Eira Tansey's research project on GIS mapping of cultural institutions. The website is RepoData at <https://repositorydata.wordpress.com/>

Next Meeting:

September 12, 2019

10:00 am

Massachusetts Archives and online

Debrief from Symposium