

COSTEP MA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021

10:00 – 10:30am

Zoom meeting

Attendance

Evan Knight, Alejandra Dean, Kathy Griffin, Catherine Perrault, Jessica Bitely, Ben Hiltunen, Elizabeth Morse, Matt Kearney, Priscilla Anderson

Communications updates: blog posts, website, and social media

There were 2 blog posts published since the May meeting: 1 post promoting an FAIC webinar on collections emergency kits and 1 post on the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season. The website had 187 sessions for the month. There were 4 weather alerts sent out since the last meeting, including alerts about flash flooding and the recent statewide heat wave. Evan reported that 12-15 tweets have been posted in the past few months.

Task Force updates

Alejandra provided a status update on the GIS mapping project: the materials that were drafted by the mapping task force were sent to Desiree Kocis at MEMA for review. Alejandra will follow-up with Desiree to move the project forward.

Jessica reported on recent meetings with the Boston Green Ribbon Commission to develop collaborative programming. Jessica drafted an outline and description of a potential co-sponsored webinar that would engage cultural heritage institutions on climate change and climate resiliency. The webinar could be scheduled to coincide with the roll-out of the GIS mapping platform. Action items for the group include:

- Reviewing the draft description document to provide further comment (link provided by email)
- Confirming and contacting speakers
- Brainstorming ideas for a participatory experience that could move beyond a traditional webinar. Evan suggested inviting institutions to input their data into the new GIS mapping application before the webinar so that the presentation could include live visualizations of institutional data overlaid with various risk and forecasting scenarios, such as flooding or sea level rise.

Jessica will follow-up with Annie Lundsten from the GRC to go over next steps.

Other business

Elizabeth provided an update on Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) funding through IMLS/FAIC. Applications for CAP participants will open on July 1 and close on September 15, and there will be an expansion in the eligibility requirements for the Emergency CAP program to allow any institution whose collections were impacted by a disaster to apply for an assessment outside of the standard CAP application cycle (previously only museums in areas of a federally declared major disaster were eligible). Alejandra will post the update to the COSTEP blog.

Next meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021 via Zoom