

SIG-HFIS Business Meeting  
ASIS&T Annual Meeting 2011  
New Orleans, LA

Date: October 11, 2011

## Agenda

1. Introduction to the meeting
2. Review of the past year for the SIG
  - Development through the year (to include publishing activity)
  - ASIST AM sessions
  - Membership
  - Annual Activities report
  - Funds
  - History Fund.
3. Transition to the forthcoming committee year (the incoming chair, Kathryn La Barre, should take over chairing the meeting at this point).
  - Need to elect new officers
4. The forthcoming year for SIG HFIS
  - Development through the year (to include publishing activity)
  - ASIST AM sessions
  - Membership
  - Funds
  - History Fund.
5. 75th anniversary of ASIS&T
  - Discussion of the SIG's contribution.

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## Minutes

### 1. Introduction (Warner)

### 2. Review of the past year of the SIG – Julian Warner

- ASIS&T AM sessions: 4 accepted panels
  - o Fundamental Research Questions in Information Science with 125 attendees!
  - o Avoiding Determinism: New Research into the Discovery of Information (75 attendees)
  - o The Janus Panels: Looking Back in Order to Look Forward (40 attendees)
  - o The Future of Information History (35 attendees)
- Associated with The MIT Press informally: Buckland is editing a series on the history of information/documentation-related issues
  - o Paper Machines About Cards & Catalogs, 1548-1929 Markus Krajewski
  - o Good Faith Collaboration The Culture of Wikipedia Joseph Michael Reagle Jr.; Foreword by Lawrence Lessig
  - o Human Information Retrieval Julian Warner
- Membership is declining—76; “critical status and failing” (KT Vaughan)
  - Funding from Headquarters:~ \$300. NOTE: New change > \$10 for all. Budget is due on December 1. SIG.membership. (Join as many as you wish for one fee).
- History fund

“The ASIST History Fund was established by the ASIST Board of Directors in June, 2000 for the purposes of supporting and encouraging research and publication in the history of information science and technology. The Fund is supported by donations (including book royalties) from ASIST members and others with an interest in the history of information science and technology. The Fund Advisory Board encourages further donations from anyone interested in supporting historical study of information science and technology. ”

Award winners:

History Fund Research Award Recipient: Trudi Bellardo-Hahn

In support of her research on the NSF, information science, and Helen Brownson.

Members of the ASIST History Fund Advisory Board for 2012 are:

- Kathryn La Barre, Chair
- Sarah Buchanan, Chair-Elect
- Julian Warner, Past Chair
- Michael Buckland
- Samantha Hastings

### 3. Election of officers

Forthcoming Year for SIG-HFIS

Officers 2011-2012

- Incoming Chair – Kathryn LaBarre
- Chair-Elect – Sarah Buchanan
- Secretary/Treasurer – Lai Ma
- Mailing List Manager – Jonathan Furner
- Web Manager – Thomas Haigh
- Advisory board to include:  
Julian Warner, Trudi Bellardo-Hahn, Michael Buckland, Bob Williams,  
Toni Carbo

### 4. Member Recruitment / panel brainstorming

- HFIS activities should not overlap with those that are of interest to younger scholars, particularly the “hot” topics (Lipetz)
- Cooperation with STS communities, including history of science, history of technology, history of information technology (Haigh)
- Jointly sponsor sessions with SHOT (Carbo)
- Masters’ students? Particularly those in archives (print and digital) and museums (Carbo)
- Preconference CFP coming soon (Williams)
- Focus on occasional articles in JASIST for more impact.
- A special issue of bulletin for the anniversary (Hahn); highlighting students work (LaBarre) as well as book reviews (Buckland); Hahn and Buckland volunteer in this effort
- Co-sponsoring programs and activities with other SIGS such as SIG AH (Buchanan)
- Birds of a feather sessions with reviewed submissions for 2012?
- Video project: Things that aren’t there anymore.
- Select publications from the past, reprinting documents with updating articles.
- Create Screen capture for slides at the new member’s brunch?
- Creating Youtube resources. (Senn)

### 5. 75th Anniversary of ASIS&T plans/ report from taskforce

- Williams, Hahn, Carbo, and Buchanan, La Barre are on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force
- Breakfast with SIG members (LaBarre)
- Suggestion to document and preserve SIG records (Buchanan)
- Think about webinars? Oral History (Williams and La Barre)
- Where are our ASIST resources? (La Barre will visit the archive at U Mich)

- History of the SIGs, digital publications, webinars, YouTube videos, co-sponsoring activities with other SIGs (Carbo)
- Track for submission next year: Track 3 Innovation
- Do not “stack” big names on one panel (Eschenfelder)
- Include both senior and junior scholars in the area (Warner)
- Interactive sessions, Bird of a Feather (Carbo)
- Poster session for topics related to HFIS (Buckland) to invite contributions from SIGs (and Chapters) on their history, to be proposed for the Baltimore Annual Meeting
- Reprint important papers; also trace SIGs that have changed/become obsolete
- Lapel pin for attendees?
- Need Volunteers for reviewing papers for the day and a half preconference Saturday.