

Spring Assembly

March 14, 2026

Area 20 Archives Chair Report

On February 21st, Kris—our Alternate Archives Committee Chair—and I hosted a virtual workshop with archivists from Area 09 (Mid-Southern California) and Area 72 (Washington State). We covered the following topics:

- I'm new, what do I do?
- Display Boards and Traveling Archives
- Electronic Archives

Although the workshop announcement was emailed to all Area trusted servants and district archivists, only one person from Area 20 attended: Karen D. from Rockford. However, because the flyer was shared with archivists during our monthly forum call, we had 18 participants representing seven different Areas: 05, 08, 52, 53, 55, 72, and 92. The material was well received, and the presenters provided their slide decks for distribution. If you'd like to receive these presentations, please let me know and I will email them to you.

On March 1st, I attended the Archives Forum monthly Zoom meeting, where archivists and archive chairs from across the country share updates about their Areas. I've learned a great deal through this call, where I also serve as secretary. Many attendees shared insights from PRAASA in Honolulu, HI, which concluded that same day. I continue to be amazed by the work being done in different Areas, as well as the challenges they face—especially regarding financial support. It had never occurred to me that not everyone sees the preservation of AA history, or the ongoing maintenance of Area, district, and group information, as essential.

On Sunday, March 8th, I facilitated our NIA 20 monthly archives meeting with three participants. We discussed what's currently happening within their districts and exchanged helpful ideas for supporting one another's efforts. We also began brainstorming topics for our next workshop.

We will continue reaching out to district archive committees to identify where support is needed and invite everyone to our next meeting on April 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H.

NIA Archives Chair