

Archives Committee Report – June 2020

This report follows the verbal summary given at the Summer Assembly (virtual) on 6/13/20.

So far this year the Archives Committee has done the following:

- In January 2020, incoming committee chair (Jeff K) met with incoming Area Archivist (Cheryl V) and outgoing Area Archivist (Ray M) to review the Area archives collection at the Elgin storage facility, in order to become acquainted with the archives collection generally and to decide what materials to use in the Archives Display at the Spring Conference/Assembly in March.
- From early January through mid-March, the archives chair worked closely with the Spring Conference planning committee's point person on archives (Sarah W) regarding set-up and operation details for the archives display room at the Conference. Unfortunately, the Conference was cancelled in mid-March due to Covid-19; however, the Spring Conference Planning Committee's final report includes a detailed summary of the archives room set-up and operation plans that will help guide archives display planning for future area conferences.
- On April 21, the committee held a virtual "archives breakout session" via zoom to discuss the two (2) archives items on the GSC agenda to provide guidance to our Area Delegate (Marilyn F) regarding same at the May 2 PGSC Workshop. A written summary of the April 21 discussions was sent to Marilyn, and a verbal summary was given at the PGSC workshop on May 2.

The following were discussed at Archives committee breakout during the Summer Assembly:

- Area chair will continue to expand/update area-wide archives committee roster contact info to improve communications and help better serve district/local archives
- Area available to help any district with any archives-related workshop or similar event and to provide resources/tools to address any archives-related problem or question.
- Area committee wants to sponsor an Archives Service Workshop later this year if possible.
- District archives chairs gave status updates during breakout:
 - District 40 (Darryl A) (sorting and cataloging archives collection)
 - District 43 (Bruce M) (group histories, cataloging collection, digitizing written material, possible workshop)
 - District 64 (Ed W) (organized and inventoried collection, scanning underway)
 - District 73 (Gary F) (group histories, archives presentation at Fall Roundup)
- Other District archives news:
 - District 43 held successful "long-timer panel" via zoom on 5/9/20
 - District 42 is hosting "long-timer panel" via zoom on 7/25/20
- Other general discussion:
 - Details involved in archives scanning/digitization projects
 - Status and possible next steps re NIA History Book revision project

In service,

Jeff K – Archives Chair NIA20

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