

Archives Committee Report – March 2021

This report is updated in conjunction with the Area Spring Assembly (virtual) on 03/13/2021. Since the last NIA20 Archives Committee Report submitted in December 2020:

- Archives committee chair (Jeff K) has been in touch with several Districts archives committees that requested assistance or input for local archives projects. Specifically:
 - District 28 (Peggy G) – questions re inventory, classification, and retention
 - District 90 (Aaron M) – questions re inventory, retention & archives resource tools
 - District 64 (Ed W) – discussion/input re converting cassette tapes to digital audio
- The Archives committee received and reviewed (and is now holding) many *Concepts* and *Box 549* back issues that were donated to Archives by an AA member who got in touch via email to the Archives Committee link on the Area website.
- Archives committee chair prepared visual material for an Archives display shown during the 2021 DuPage County Open (virtual) held on 02/20/21. The theme was “Four DuPage County AA Districts – Working Together for 40 Years,” using Area and Local archives materials to show how Districts 40, 41, 42 and 43 have cooperated in service work since District 4 subdivided into four districts in 1982.
- The Archives committee remains committed to carry out its service responsibilities by:
 - Assisting and supporting the Area Archivist as needed
 - Facilitating Area-wide archives committee meetings/communications between the Area assemblies – Based on info provided at the Spring Assembly Service Committee breakout session, the archives committee will be discussing how to set up a useful archives committee page on the Area website
 - Hosting Area-wide archives-related “long-timer panels” or similar workshops in 2021 (planning underway pending further discussion)
 - Continuing to be go-to resource for district/local archives committees re district level archives workshops, local archives collection issues, etc.
- The Area-wide Committee has been in communications (via email) to review Archives items on the 71st GSC Final Agenda and prepare for discussing those at the Archives zoom breakout meeting on 03/21 in advance of the Pre-GSC Workshop on 03/27.
- The Committee still needs someone to step up for Archives Alternate!

IN CLOSING – During this full-year-still-counting pandemic, many of us may have some extra “stay at home time” to clean and reorganize closets, drawers, and file cabinets. The Committee would like to remind everyone to consider Archives before you toss out any of that old AA stuff! That “stuff” might have a new home with Archives. Any group secretary, treasurer or GSR ledger books; group phone lists; old flyers about AA-related events or workshops; meeting directories from days of yore – these and similar items may be useful to Archives. So please get in touch with your local District or Area archives committee before deciding what should or should not go to the recycle bin!

In service,

Jeff K – NIA20 Archives Chair

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