

Archives Committee Report (updated) – September 2020

This report is updated in conjunction with the Area Fall Assembly (virtual) held 9/19/20. Since the last committee report submitted June 15, the Archives Committee has done the following:

- In July and August 2020, Archives committee chair (Jeff K) assisted Area 19 (Chicago) Illinois State Conference (ISC) planning committee co-chair (Jerry M) with preparation for the archives topical areas included in this year's Conference this year. This was done via phone calls, emails and zoom meetings. Specifically, the Archives committee:
 - Provided Area 19 with many Archives photos for use in the ISC's "Virtual Archives Room" that was made available throughout the day of the Conference.
 - Attended ISC planning committee preparation meetings (held via zoom) to discuss and finalize details for conducting the Conference (that was held August 15 via YouTube and other virtual technology).
 - Area archives chair (Jeff K) served as Moderator for the Archives Panel session included in this year's Conference. The three (3) Panelists were Area 19 archives chair Gary P; Area 20 past archivist Ray M; and Area 21 archivist Carl M. (I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work with these panelists in advance and during the Conference itself.)
- So far this year Archives chair Jeff K has attended three (3) workshops (all held virtually) to make digital audio recordings for archives in the hosting Districts and Area 20:
 - "Long-timers" panel discussion & workshop held 5/9/20 (hosted by D.43 archives)
 - "Long-timers" panel discussion & workshop held 7/25/20 (hosted by D.42 archives)
 - Panel discussion & workshop (impact of pandemic) held 9/8/20 (hosted by D.43)

The following summarizes the Fall Assembly archives committee breakout session on 9/19/20:

- 8 people at breakout (Jeff K, Cheryl V, Ray M, Darryl A, Bruce M, Gary F, Ed W, George C)
- Committee chair reported activities since Summer Assembly as summarized above
- There was no interest expressed in drafting "shared experiences" for the GSO Archives Workbook as described in the GSO Archives' July letter asking for same (GSO letter had been forwarded 7/17/20 to all on Area-wide archives committee roster)
- District-by-District archives news/updates were given by those attending –
 - District 40 (Darryl A) (cataloging collection, preparing for digitizing)
 - District 43 (Bruce M) (digitizing collection, collecting group histories)
 - District 64 (Ed W) (continuing to maintain collection, groups starting live meetings)
 - District 73 (Gary F) (continuing to maintain collection)
- There was discussion and consensus to consider using the Area Zoom account to –
 - Host an Area-wide archives committee meeting before the next Assembly and
 - Potentially plan for an "Area-wide long-timers panel" or similar workshop
 - Note – these are tentative ideas to be developed further by committee
- Committee chair is available to help districts' archives with workshops, problems etc.
- Request for help to fill Area archives alternate position

In service,

Jeff K – Archives Chair NIA20

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