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WELCOME TO SINSINAWA !

• by Patricia A. Hodge, RSM

"Welcome to Sinsinawa!" That greeting embellishes the cover of one of several publications issued by the Sinsinawa Dominicans, the host religious community for the second ACWR Conference.

MARK your calendars now for: Tuesday, August 21 through Sunday, August 24, 1997. These dates were set to be as close as possible to the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in Chicago (August 27-31).

President-Elect Marjorie Buttner, OP, will serve as local chairperson with the head of the Planning Committee to be established by the ACWR Board. All ACWR members are invited to contact Marjorie directly if motivated to assist in any capacity!

Using the successful 1994 Monroe Conference as guide, the planning group will no doubt strive to create a variety of sessions which can appeal to the novice archivists as well as to the veterans. Because a percentage of members are professional historians and researchers, it will be important that program offerings touch the needs of a wide range of participants.

Information for the 1997 Second ACWR National Conference will be sent to all members well in advance. Remember this important upcoming event when drawing up your 1997 budget projections, and when noting future special calendar dates. Do plan to be part of another informal but enriching networking enjoyed by more than one hundred ACWR members at the historic First National ACWR Conference in October 1994 at Saint Mary Center, Monroe, Michigan.

Now about program offerings. Some members have already sent recommendations for specific topics to the ACWR national office. When the Planning Committee is in place it will consider suggested areas such as: the histories of women religious, management of historic photos, disaster planning, development of procedural manuals, policies and procedures, basic archival techniques, and administrative approaches. It goes without saying that additional program offerings will surface before registration time.

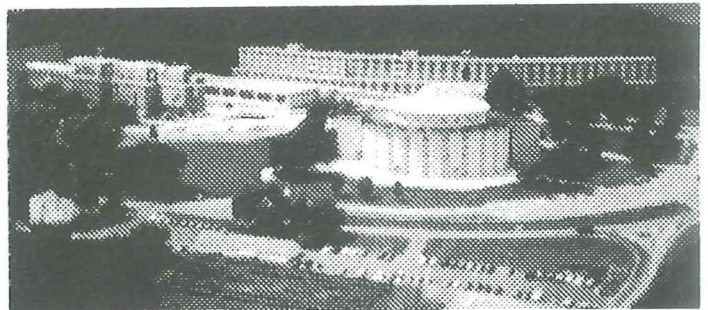
Quoting from one of several books issued earlier

by Dominican Sisters Virginia Pfluger, Margaret Larsen, and Priscilla Wood:

SINSINAWA--Home of the Young Eagle. Once a sacred place to the Indians, it is now home to the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. Located in the tri-state region of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa, Sinsinawa Mound in the southwest corner of Wisconsin is one of several mounds found in this unglaciated area.

The land, the buildings, the people, and the spirit all contribute to the beauty and vitality of this place called Sinsinawa. (Welcome to Sinsinawa, page 3)

Plan to enjoy both the spirit of the Mound and professional networking in Sinsinawa in 1997. More information will be forthcoming very soon!



Sinsinawa Mound, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

PRACTICAL TOPICS PLANNED FOR SAA/WRA ROUNDTABLE IN SAN DIEGO~AUGUST 29, 1996

• by Genevieve Shea, SLW, Guest Columnist

The WRA/SAA Roundtable will meet Thursday, August 29, in San Diego. Topics included as priorities during the Washington, D.C., meeting influenced the choice for this year's agenda. Another influence was the letter from Blathin Sullivan, CSJ, concerning the ARCS/SAA Section meeting.

The letter to ARCS/SAA tells of plans for a presentation explaining "the history of the development of a computerized program for the Christian Brothers which enables them through a networking process to share the archival holdings of each of their branch institutions throughout the country." Another speaker will address

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Emma Cecilia Busam, OSU
President, ACWR

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

• by Emma Cecilia Busam, OSU

Circle August 27~September 1 on your calendar! Our annual ACWR Conference will be held in conjunction with the SAA Meeting in San Diego at the Sheraton Harbor Island. Day and time of our meetings are not confirmed as of this press date.

We, the ACWR Board, have requested a *double* session in order to include both a business meeting and a program of professional interests. We hope to enhance growth among members who are “just beginning” as well as those who have moved into the “mainstream” of professional interaction.

Following the business meeting we will work in groups around four topics:

- LCWR/ACWR~includes completeness of records along with questions on confidentiality and other related topics
- ARCHIVES as a bridge of understanding with congregational leadership

- Planning an INSTITUTE for women religious archivists--from “why an archives?” to more mainstream questions which arise as an archives progresses
- Making HERITAGE Visible will deal with outreach areas, displays, local groups, celebrations within congregations

General discussion/sharing will follow group meetings.

During the SAA meetings there will be at least two other presentations of interest. One on ARCS will explain the historical development of a computerized program. Another will tell the story of three independent congregations of women religious who chose to create a new institution rather than merge. Other interesting sessions are still being planned.

Because this is my last President’s column, I want to thank you for your confidence and support in electing me President. I have tried to respond to your trust by executing my duties faithfully. I urge you to continue to remain active in ACWR and give our new President, Marjorie Buttner, and the Board your full support and cooperation. Do try to attend our annual meeting in San Diego and meet other women religious archivists. I hope you realize just how lucky you are to work in this portion of our Lord’s vineyard.

OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE ♦ ♦ ♦

A very special “Thank You” is due to the following members for their very generous support of ACWR activities in 1995-1996:

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“IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.”
—ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 20: 35

* Edna Marie LeRoux celebrated Eternal Life on March 5, 1996.


WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME ? ♦ ♦ ♦ THE ACWR CONNECTION

• by Rose Matthew Mangini, IHM

If you are reading this you probably don’t need “conversion” because you are already a member or affiliated in some way with ACWR. But then there are your friends and colleagues who are not as lucky. They may not know why they should connect to yet another professional group. What do you tell them?

For starters, ACWR, at a very modest \$25.00 per year, lets you communicate and rub elbows with other archivists and historians of women’s congregations. You can compare notes and how-to’s. You can also put your heads together and figure out how to gather information and expertise from

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a larger group--SAA for example--and apply it in the specialized setting of your own congregation. You might even find yourself inspired to hatch a clutch of local archivist gurus whose collective insights and support could be invaluable.

Then there are the ACWR *national conferences*. The second one is coming up in Sinsinawa in 1997, August 21-24. Evaluations of the first conference show that the ACWR national meeting complemented the SAA and/or a Regional Conference by allowing ACWR members to raise questions, exchange concerns in a focused group, getting to know one another in the process. Also, ACWR conferences cost less!

On another plane, since ACWR is closely allied to its parent--*Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)*--ACWR membership can help archivists and congregational leadership come together in terms of preservation and use of heritage as we plan and move together into the Third Millennium.

Don't forget the *newsletter*. ACWR News keeps trying to find nuggets of particular interest to women religious archives--latest publications, projects, successes and conundrums. It's an easy way to share your ideas, ask for help, or respond to someone else.

All good reasons to "come aboard." Share them, why don't you! The ACWR Executive Secretary, Patricia A. Hodge, RSM, will be happy to add your name to the list. Write to her c/o Mercy Archives, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3165. To phone, call 412-578-6213.

HOW IT WAS ♦ ♦ ♦ AND CAME TO BE ♦ ♦

Announcement: Kaleidoscope: IHM Resources is sponsoring *EARTH TURNERS*, a conference described as: "Reflections with LCWR women who prepared the soil for change." Presenters will include:

Mary Luke Tobin, SL
Angelita Myerscough, ASC
Margaret Brennan, IHM
Frances B. Rothlubber
Mary Daniel Turner, SNDdeN

Conference Dates: From evening of April 17 through the morning of Sunday, April 21.

Place: Saint Mary Center, 502 Elm Avenue, Monroe, Michigan 48162.

For information: Diane McCormack, IHM at phone 810-777-5336 or FAX 810-777-2858.

IN YOUR BOOK ♦ ♦ ♦

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS ANNUAL MEETING DATES

1996 August 29~September 1: San Diego, California at the Sheraton Hotel and Marina

1997 August 27~31: Chicago, Illinois at the Fairmont Hotel

1998 September 2-6: Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel

For more information: SAA Member Services: 312-922-0140



Dorothy Dawes, OP

LET'S DO IT TOGETHER NEW ORLEANS ARCHIVISTS COOPERATE

• by Dorothy Dawes, OP, and
Charles Nolan, Archivist for the Diocese of New Orleans

Since 1727, when the Ursulines began their mission of education in New Orleans, the local church has been committed to encouraging the mission and ministry of religious. The Ursuline and Archdiocesan archives both preserve some of the area's oldest and most valuable documents.

The link between the archives of religious communities and that of the archdiocese was strengthened by the 1993 formation of the *Religious Community Archivists of Greater New Orleans (RCAGNO)*. The group was generated by a group of about a dozen local communities--men and women--for mutual assistance and support. The agreement among archivists was to "keep it simple"--no dues, no elections, no "constitutions and bylaws." There is a mailing list with voluntary contributions for postage. Leadership is voluntary also and scheduling of meetings several times a year is by consensus. When minutes are kept it is to avoid repetition and keep the agenda on track.

The archdiocesan archives, housed in the historic old Ursuline Convent in the Vieux Carré, has hosted three one-day workshops at the request of the group. The first was an orientation for new archivists (but everybody came!). The second and third were on records management, a speciality of Dr. Charles Nolan. A by-product of these meetings has been to familiarize archivists with the accessibility of the archdiocesan archives and the availability of its service-oriented staff.

Cooperative programs allow small archives to: order basic supplies; consult about de-acidification; discuss re-binding and/or encapsulating fragile historical documents; tie into microfilming schedules; call for help in times of records disasters, small and large. Membership in professional organizations is encouraged. New archivists can obtain help getting started in a time when the preservation of history in religious archives is critical.

When the Sisters of Mount Carmel's Archives
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was inundated with six to eight feet of water in the flood of May 9-10, 1995, the archdiocesan staff pitched in with all hands to help salvage documents, and provided expertise on sending material for freeze-drying. The project of recovering the sisters' archival documents continues still. At least ninety per cent of the community's historical information will be recovered. Archdiocesan assistance included helping to organize teams from the Greater New Orleans Association of Records Management and Administrators (ARMA) and Greater New Orleans Archivists (GNOA) to spend several evenings reorganizing, refolding, and relabeling the salvaged records.

New Orleans religious communities interact profitably; theirs is a shared history and the benefits are mutual. At national meetings we learn that this group bonding is not altogether common. In Greater New Orleans it is appreciated as a greater than usual gift.

TALKING IT UP--THE TREASURE OF ORAL HISTORY

• by Jane Mower, OP, Guest Columnist

Because Oral History is such a broad field, this writer will address only the topic of *selecting interviewees*.

The purpose of the Oral History interview is to produce primary historical data for archival use. For this reason, the interviewer looks for articulate interviewees who can contribute reliable historical information. These are religious or lay persons who participated or are now involved as prime movers in making the history of the Congregation, the Church, an institution and/or a ministry. Interviewees may also include persons who, as reliable witnesses, can recall or describe historical events, or those who themselves are recognized for their unique contribution to the life and the growth of the Congregation, the Church, and/or a ministry.

When Elizabeth O'Hanlon, OP, Oral Historian, began the Sinsinawa oral history project, she secured names of potential oral authors from Sinsinawa Dominican houses. She notes in her book, *"Oral History for Religious Archives: The Sinsinawa Collection,"* that some interviewees were lay persons who serviced our institutions and "would add to the record a view from outside."

The first of her two priorities for the collection included the oldest living persons who could record reliable information and reach farthest back into the past. By 1973 O'Hanlon had interviewed 15 authors aged 90 to 103. Six were lay persons, nine were sisters of the congregation.

Authors of the 1970s group (her second priority) were given "priority to record the quality of their experiences as they were happening."

During the early 1980s the oral authors were chiefly from the contemporary Sinsinawa ministry scene, including teachers, doctors, nurses, theologians, artists, historians.

From 1986 on, the process continued with both religious and lay interviewees exploring personalities and their recollections of peak experiences such as teaching in Baghdad, marching with Martin Luther King, Jr., being arrested crossing picket lines, the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Some recollections deal with institutions including the founding of a school in Anchorage, Alaska, creating a Montana art center, planning an assisted living renovation at the Motherhouse. Common topical recollections relate to protests at nuclear sites, meeting needs of migrant workers, conditions in women's prisons.

The selection of articulate oral authors is an important ingredient in securing significant, reliable oral history records for archival use.



Jane Mower, OP

The author is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa and a highly experienced Oral Historian.

NOT YOUR ORDINARY ARCHIVES DAY--A FIELD TRIP TO CRS ARCHIVES SITES IN WEST AFRICA

• by Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP

In September of 1995, I journeyed to three countries in West Africa where Catholic Relief Services has been providing emergency and long-term humanitarian assistance: Burkina Fasko, Senegal, and The Gambia. The purpose of this trip was to train local CRS staff in records management and archival techniques.

Catholic Relief Services is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Founded in 1943, the agency is presently working in 85 countries throughout the world; 33 of those countries are in Africa.

At the beginning of my visit, the head of the office introduces me to the entire staff gathered under the trees. I explain the purpose of my visit, describe the satellite archives program, outline the schedule of activities, and share some news from CRS headquarters in Baltimore. I pass around some photographs of HQ staff as well as older photos from the country which is hosting my visit.

Next we begin an intensive training session, using the records management manual I had developed in 1993 for the CRS field offices. Every participant has a copy of the manual, and every section of the manual is studied thoroughly. Questions arise and are discussed; options are suggested to suit the locale and decisions are made with a view to bringing the office records management program into conformity with the agency-wide plan.

Then I tour the various office units, surveying filing practices and making suggestions. I note whether the file folders are in good condition, labeled properly, and whether they are filed according to the CRS filing system.

The third phase of the visit concerns storage of non-current records. Storage in many CRS countries is a very big problem: lack of space; poor temperature and humidity conditions; inadequate packaging and labeling supplies.



Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP, ACWR Treasurer, with Field Staff Member

During the wrap-up session, I summarize my findings and recommendations, which are subsequently put into a written formal report. An Office Records Coordinator is identified, to serve henceforth as liaison between the field office and the main Archives in Baltimore. In some cases, these persons have the opportunity for further training in records management at the local university. On all my field trips, I have found the local staff eager and willing to learn and to comply with the records management and archival procedures which are used throughout the agency.

The experience of meeting colleagues from all parts of the world, of learning first hand about some of the programming innovations of CRS, and of sharing the headquarters experience with field staff has been a very rewarding feature of my work at Catholic Relief Services.

THE CALENDAR ♦ ♦ ♦

May 17-19, 1996: ACWR Board Meeting, Monroe, Michigan
June 10-15, and June 17-21:

Workshops sponsored by the Univ. of Texas at Austin
Grad. Sch. of Library and Information Science:

June 10-15: Creating/Running an Archives: Basics for the 1990s

June 17-21: Workshop in Visual Resources Collection
Fundamentals: Current and Emerging

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REMEMBERING BEGINNINGS ORAL HISTORY PRESERVES FOUNDING MEMORIES



Genevieve Shea, SLW
Guest Columnist

In the spring of 1991, several sisters listened as Annamarie Cook talked about August 1975. She recalled the events that led to the founding of the Sisters of the Living Word. Some of Annamarie's audience had not been among the 90 who left an established religious congregation to form a new community. They knew only recorded facts.

Annamarie Cook's reminiscences, however, made the sisters aware of how much more there was to this foundation history. This realization prompted one sister to propose what later became an Oral History project. She suggested a video-taped interview in which Annamarie would recall her experience from that of Provincial Superior in a large international congregation, to *foundress* of the Sisters of the Living Word.

Over the next two years, this initial proposal changed from a video of one person to an oral interview of all the sisters who shared the foundation history. Nine sisters formed the Oral History Task Force which met in June 1993 to develop a plan of action.

The first step involved determining the nature and scope of the project. This led to setting priorities and developing procedures as the Task Force clarified roles and responsibilities. One priority was to learn from the experiences of others. No one on the Task Force had any experience in "doing oral history." SAA workshops helped, as did the generous sharing among other religious who had already worked on oral history in their congregations.

The Archives provided copies of records from the 1969 and 1972 General and Provincial Chapters of the international congregation. These helped in formulating interview questions around core reasons for the separation. The Archives also held records of the 1975 events that precipitated the founding of the new community. The history of the Sisters of the Living Word developed especially through the Annual Assembly. These proceedings, with the materials related to the development of the Constitutions, also shaped the interviews.

The first three years of this Oral History Project have given a good start to what will obviously be a long-term effort. The interviewers, the narrators, and the transcribers all manage to adjust busy schedules to add this work to their agendas. Ultimately these recorded interviews will tell future SLWs the *why* and *how* of our foundation.

Like many religious of today's older established congregations, these future religious will want to know what spirit bound together the original members. Researchers studying the effects of Vatican Council II's call for renewal of religious life, will see how this call influenced the founding of the Sisters of the Living Word.

ACWR WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS !

Two year terms begin with installation
at the San Diego Conference, August 1996

VICE PRESIDENT-PRESIDENT ELECT RITA KING, SC

"Thank you for the vote of confidence you sent to me by my election to the post of Vice President-President Elect of ACWR. I shall do my best to serve your interests in every way possible.

My job description states that I am to help the president for my year as VP; serve as liaison to WRA (Women Religious Archives/SAA Roundtable), and serve as a member of the Executive Committee on the Board of ACWR. That places me on a great team and if past experience is any indication I shall enjoy working with such dedicated archivists.



Rita King, SC
is Archivist
for the
Sisters of Charity
of New York

SECRETARY EDNA MC KEEVER, CSJ

"I continue to be impressed by the efforts of ACWR to promote and develop professionalism of the highest standard among us.

Our collective histories and achievements have been an awesome and invaluable contribution to American society and, as such, our endeavors as archivists to preserve our documents and make them available to researchers must be of the highest quality.

I am happy to be of service to such an organization."



Edna McKeever, CSJ
is Archivist for the
Sisters of Saint Joseph,
Brentwood,
New York

TIPS FOR ACWR TRAVELERS! NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

• by Patricia A. Hodge, RSM

If you are planning to attend the SAA 1996 Annual Meeting, SAA/WRA and the ACWR membership meeting all being held in San Diego in late August, you may wish to know that ACWR's Executive Secretary wrote many months ago to Nancy Kane, RSCJ, Vicar for Women Religious, Diocese of San Diego.

The letter from ACWR was in search of reliable information about the availability of alternate housing possibilities in the San Diego locale for ACWR members during the SAA Annual Meeting.

Sister Nancy's prompt reply gave a clear picture of the San Diego housing situation for conference-goers whose daily destination would be the Sheraton Hotel and Marina in the harbor area. Here is a brief summary of existing circumstances: there are very few convents in San Diego, with many women religious living in apartments. Local transportation to the hotel would not be dependable; visitors would need to arrange for car rental. Finally, thrifty conference-goers hoping to economize would be wise to stay with a San Diego-based friend or plan to share a Sheraton Hotel room with a professional colleague.

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*Emma Cecilia Busam, OSU
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President-Elect,
and
Mary Serbacki, OSF,
Past President,
plow
through
the paper trail
at the
Washington, D.C.
Board meeting*

ACWR BOARD IN ACTION HIGHLIGHTS OF 1995 MEETING IN BALTIMORE

• by Patricia a. Hodge, RSM

ACWR Board members met in Baltimore, November 17-19, 1995. Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP, Treasurer, hosted the sessions which took place at the offices of Catholic Relief Services in downtown Baltimore.

A few of the major highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- The Treasurer and Executive Secretary presented formal reports;
- Board members proposed content for the April 1996 issue of ACWR NEWS;
- Each of the officers agreed to develop a written statement of her responsibilities on the ACWR Board;
- Discussion focused around a specific program format for the 1996 meeting of membership to be held in San Diego;
- The Board agreed that the **second national ACWR conference** will take place at Dominican Mound, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin in 1997, with Marjorie Buttner, OP, Vice President and President-Elect serving as local chairperson for the event;
- The question was raised of the Executive Secretary as a voting member of the Board (as stated in the 1994 edition of the Bylaws). A majority of the Board members supported the right of the Executive Secretary to hold voting status;

- The Board agreed that ACWR members who serve on the Election Committee shall not be precluded from accepting nominations from the general membership for any national office;
- The Board reviewed in great detail the work of the Bylaws committee (Anne Courtney, SC, Anne Francis Campbell, OLM, and Jeanne A. Michaud, SSJ). The Board finalized revision of Articles I-VI inclusive and the Executive Secretary agreed to inform the Committee of the Board's decisions. Bylaws Sections VII-XII will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.
- Officers serving on the Board were appointed as liaisons with professional groups such as the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Society of American Archivists, SAA/WRA and NHWR;
- Once again the Board approved the Bylaws statement identifying the ACWR National Office as the site for all organizational documents/archives;
- In planning for the development of ACWR historic chronicles, the President agreed to contact all members who served on early committees involved with establishing ACWR. Plans call for such members to provide input for a forthcoming historic statement on the formation of the organization;
- Site of the next Board meeting will be the IHM sisters' motherhouse in Monroe, Michigan. Secretary Rose Matthew Mangini, IHM will host the meeting. Board sessions are to begin at 3:30 PM on Friday, May 17, and will adjourn by noon on Sunday, the 19th of May.



Rose Matthew Mangini, IHM, Secretary, and Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP, Treasurer, do archives talk at Rosalie's CRS office in Washington, D.C.

WE REMEMBER ♦ ♦ ♦

"Come to Me and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Sister Rose Marie Jaysic, a member of the Holy Spirit Sisters of West View (Pittsburgh), died December 12, 1995. A member of the order for fifty-seven years, she ministered as principal in schools of the Diocese of Greensburg, Pittsburgh, and Youngstown, later serving as administrative general councilor and community archivist for the Holy Spirit Sisters. *May she enjoy eternal rest.*

Sister Edna Marie LeRoux, Archivist for the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 5, 1996. A former music and English teacher, Edna taught in elementary and secondary schools in Muskegon and Grand Rapids, as well as at Mercy High and Mercy College in Detroit. At age 70 she began a new career as Archivist of the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit. Memorials were accepted for the Arts, Mercy Education Project. *May she dwell in light forever.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ACWR membership continues to increase. Accordingly, we extend a sincere welcome to these new members:

Grace R. Bennett, *Massachusetts*
Christina Branswell, RSM, *New Hampshire*
Catherine Cellini, MSC, *Pennsylvania*
Alline Garnett, CSJ, *Ohio*
Brigid Jacobs, OSF, *Illinois*
Patricia McKeever, ASC, *Missouri*
Bonnie Weatherly, *Maryland*

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the question of what happened to the archival holdings when three independent congregations of women religious made a decision not just to merge, but rather to create new institutions.

The major portion of the WRA Roundtable meeting will be given to participants sharing their experience, questions and concerns as a means of helping and being helped by each other. The format will enable archivist to speak and hear about organizing or reorganizing archives according to standards. The content is expected to dovetail with the ACWR session and with the ARCS section meetings.

The combination of ACWR, ARCS/SAA Section and WRA/SAA Roundtable meetings promises and enriching and exciting time in San Diego.

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