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The Rocky Mountain Newsletter is looking for an upgrade! This newsletter has existed as a PDF mailed to SRMA members since at least 2014. We are looking for a more engaging approach in reaching SRMA members. The board of SRMA would appreciate your help in taking our survey. If you are interested, you can access SRMA newsletters from 2014-2021 [here](#). Thank you for your help!

[Take the SRMA survey now!](#)

From the President



Hello SRMA members,

Here is just a brief midyear update as your President. Since our last newsletter, SRMA hosted the Annual Meeting in November. The conference theme was Digital Projects and Practical Solutions. Despite needing to host conference virtually for the second year in a row, it was well attended and even had attendees from around the country, not just our region. Feedback on the conference format and topics was very positive. If you registered, you should have received an email with conference recordings to catch up on sessions you missed. Great work to our

Programming Committee, Walker Sampson, Rachel Gattermeyer, and Jay Trask!

Board Meetings

According to our bylaws board meetings are open to members to attend. From now on Board meeting information will be posted on the website on a login only page and available to members.

Scholarships during 2021-2022

Our scholarship committee has worked hard to revamp the scholarship process for this year. We have a number of funds available for scholarship. The deadline for scholarships is coming up on February 4th but please send Megan Friedel, Megan.k.Friedel@colorado.edu if you have any questions about the process. The current [call for scholarship applications](#) can be found on the website.

Please look for an updated from the new Diversity Committee further along in this newsletter. I am very excited about the work they are doing. The last few months have been challenging for many of us during the pandemic and the wildfires. As always, please reach out to me directly if you feel like there is anything more the organization could be doing to support you: Ashlyn.velte@colorado.edu.

All the best,
Ashlyn Velte

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SRMA Diversity and Inclusion Committee Update

By: Laura Uglean Jackson
Diversity and Inclusion Committee Director


SRMA's newest (and only?) committee, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, was formed earlier this year and has been busy planning its important work ahead. The first task was to find willing members to serve, and I'm pleased to say we had strong interest. The committee members are:

- Steve Fisher (retired, Archivist at the University of Denver)
- Leigh Jeremias (Digital Collections Coordinator, Colorado State Library)
- Daria Labinsky (Records and Information Management Specialist, US Fish and Wildlife)
- Laura Ruttum Santoria (Archivist/Librarian, Denver Public Library)
- Laura Uglean Jackson (University Collections Archivist, University of Northern Colorado)

In the upcoming months, we will explore the requirements for creating an internship program for marginalized communities within the SRMA region and, if feasible, begin planning the program. We are looking to the Northwest Archivists' [Archivist-in-Residence Program](#) as a potential model. In addition, we will begin work on a DEI toolkit for archivists and collaborate with the SRMA Program Director and Continuing Education Coordinator to plan workshops and programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and racial justice. One of our goals is to build diversity-minded practices into all SRMA activities. To this end, we started a list of BIPOC-, LGBT-, and women-owned businesses as potential gathering spots for SRMA's monthly happy hours. Please contact me if you are interested in seeing this list or want to suggest a restaurant, bar, or brewery throughout the SRMA region.

This plan would not be possible without the work of the members of the former SRMA Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice Task Force. Their final report was essential for quickly prioritizing and developing our plan of action. A giant thank you to Aaron Ramirez, Shaun Boyd, Jessica Gerber, Abby Hoverstock, and Allaina Wallace.

Please look for additional updates as the Diversity and Inclusion Committee makes progress in the significant and vital work before us. And, please feel free to reach out to me or the committee with questions or feedback.



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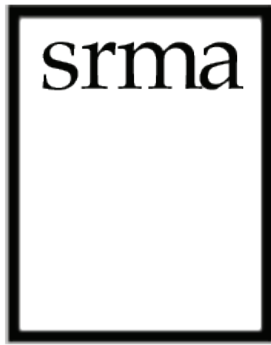
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