
NYAC MEMBERSHIP NOTE

TO: NYAC MEMBERSHIP
FROM: CS WEED (PRESIDENT)
SUBJECT: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER UPDATES, PART 1
DATE: AUGUST 30

Hi Folks: this month's update will come to you in two parts. This Note notifies you of schedule updates and asks the Standing and Special Committee Chairs for updates. The second part will come out after Labor Day.

A. Trivia Night for Member Meet/Greet Added to NYAC Fall Meeting Events

Kate Whalen, lead on the member meet/greet Trivia Night initiative, reported that she hadn't heard from others about participating on August 31st. We discussed and thought the idea might have been lost in the crush of this summer's field work etc. So, we are going to talk with Board at the October 1st meeting about this and other meet/greet options at the October 1 Board meeting. If folks still think a meet/greet using Trivia Night is a good one, we will pick a new date (perhaps Halloween?) and announce the new date at the afternoon's General Membership meeting.

B. Standing and Special Committee Chairs – Reports

I would like to try out a new option for Chair reports this Fall. If the chairs would please provide me with 1-2 paragraph committee reports by September 9th I would appreciate it. The mini-reports should describe committee actions year-to-date but also indicate if you need assistance from others to complete committee work. This is your opportunity to advertise your committee.

I will be asking Dan M. to help me compile the mini-reports into the Fall Meeting Preview. The Preview also will provide the final agendas for the Board and General parts of the Fall Meeting.

C. COSTEP MA (Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness Massachusetts)

Jennifer B. Doherty (Local Government Programs Coordinator, Massachusetts Historical Commission) sent these announcements out last week and I thought they might offer helpful guidance to folks. The programs are being presented by COSTEP MA and if you have questions contact them at the links noted below.

Free Webinars

Links to registrations and additional information are available on the COSTEP MA website (<https://mbic.state.ma.us/costepma>):

Nov 2, 8:30a-10a: "Climate Risk Webinar for Boston Cultural Trustees," hosted by the Boston Green Ribbon Commission. This webinar is specifically developed for trustee

fiduciaries of Boston's cultural institutions. The GRC invites and encourages all cultural institution board members, especially those in positions of legal, audit, and finance responsibility, and Executive Directors.

Sept 22, 3p-4p: "Civil Legal Issues of Natural Disasters: Libraries Can Help," hosted by WebJunction/OCLC. Natural disasters strike everywhere. In their wake, communities are left reeling and many people turn to their libraries for support and information. Join this webinar to learn how to apply reference skills to support community members through this civil legal turmoil and guide them toward positive outcomes.

Recording Available: "Preparing for Extreme Weather: Fire and Hurricane," hosted by Connecting to Collections Care/FAIC. In this webinar we will feature two examples of extreme weather, wildfires and hurricanes, and how staff at two institutions dealt with preparation, impact, and ramifications for these common types of extreme weather.

Conferences & Trainings

Links to registrations and additional information are available on the COSTEP MA website (<https://mbic.state.ma.us/costepma>):

Sept 12-13: Preservation in a Changing Climate Conference 2022, hosted by Salem (MA) Preservation Partners (\$). Salem and surrounding communities are witnessing first-hand the damaging effects of climate change on historic properties and neighborhoods. Vested partners are tasked to identify and implement adaptation tools to make historic buildings and neighborhoods more resilient and sustainable. This conference will explore these tools including nontraditional solutions, experimental approaches and alternative building materials.

Sept-Nov (5 virtual sessions): Emergency Workshop Series, hosted by Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists (\$). During this five-part workshop series, Registrars, Collection Specialists, and other Museum Professionals will be presented with in-depth training on collections emergency preparedness and response.