Understanding Memorandum

Doing archives (a project)

Society of American Archivists (a project partner)

organisation

detail Although not enforceable at law, these organizations agree to adhere to the principles set out in this MoU and will show proper regard for each other's activities.

role Doing archives improves the management and operations of agencies or institutions responsible for the preservation and communication of records selected for permanent preservation.

01.01 Doing archives develops no cost interactive online classes and MOOCs hosted at an EdX destination (MOOC.org). Courses are designed to be interesting, fun and offer open badges - a credential to demonstrate the learner's knowledge achievements.

01.02 Doing archives curates persistent data sets on the the management and operations of agencies or institutions. We look at these organisations and measure the legal and administrative regulations through the life cycle of their records. Data is comprehensive and quantitative. Data facilitates comparisons across countries and over time. Each archival organization is measured, participants adding data decrease their 'distance to frontier' measures by providing verifiable information. Project data is permanent, curated and shared. Those who add data points receive open badges - - a verified indicia of trustworthy and accessible practices.

01.03 Doing archives offers detailed reports, which exhaustively provide data, rank each location, and recommend reforms to improve performance in each of the indicator areas. We provide an objective basis for understanding and improving archival organisations. Reporting organizations are offered open badges - a verified indicia of trustworthy and accessible practices.

02.01 Society of American Archivists promotes professional and scholarly cooperation and communication between archives and archivists and their communities. Data collection, analysis and education increases global cooperation / communications and produces a leveling effect. It also promotes efficiency by reducing education transaction costs. This work moves people towards a information frontier.

02.02 Society of American Archivists promotes archive services value. Data collection and analysis assists in the global definition of value. It also promotes efficiency by reducing data transaction and redundancy costs. This work moves people towards a standards frontier.

02.03 Society of American Archivists promotes recognition of an archival professional status. Free, massive scale training / education assists in the global provision and maintenance of opportunities, producing a leveling effect among high and low resource organisations. It also promotes efficiency by reducing education transaction and opportunity costs. This work moves people towards a opportunity frontier.

02.04 Society of American Archivists promotes recognition of an archival trustworthiness / open accessibility standard. Data collection and analysis assists in the global definition and maintenance of that standard. It also promotes efficiency by reducing compliance, transaction and operations costs. This work moves people towards a standards + opportunity frontier.

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agreement

Doing archives and the Society of American Archivists agree to partner to offer guidance, opportunities, standards and support which improves the management and operations of agencies or institutions responsible for the preservation and communication of records selected for permanent preservation.

02.05 Society of American Archivists agrees to sponsor the further development of interactive online classes and MOOCs hosted at an EdX destination (MOOC.org).

02.06 Society of American Archivists agrees open badges earned by SAA learners - a credential to demonstrate the learner's knowledge achievement - will be offered by Society of American Archivists at no cost for participants who are dues paying members.

02.07 Society of American Archivists agrees open badges earned by all other learners - a credential to demonstrate the learner's knowledge achievement - will be offered by SAA at a cost equal to 100 (USA one hundred dollars) / number of course participants within a 364 day (an ISO year) period. In 2014, the first year of the project, learners will receive open badges at a cost of 5 (USA five dollars).

02.08 Society of American Archivists agrees to appoint a staff member to a Doing archives council with a vacancy for a 3 year period. In conjunction with 4 (four) other governing council members, this person will be a principal advisor on project decisions, implementation strategies and execution. The person appointed will be the principal conduit for engagement with archives, archivists, and the public through SAA staff, officers, members and social networks.

02.09 Society of American Archivists agrees to contribute data every 364 day (an ISO year) to enumerated persistent data sets relevant to its operations in service of promoting archives.

02.10 Society of American Archivists agrees to work with Doing archives to include identity information (particularly name, open badge logos) into the Global Brand Database of internationally protected trademarks, appellations of origin and armorial bearings, flags and other state emblems as well as the names, abbreviations and emblems of intergovernmental organizations under a Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal (CC0 1.0) Public Domain Dedication

01.04 / 02.11 Doing archives and the Society of American Archivists agree to take reasonable steps to increase the capacity, enhance and deliver on the project's agenda until 01.01.2025. Matters covered by this agreement will be open to comment, vote and implementation under Doing archives governing council guidelines.

01.05 / 02.12 Doing archives and the Society of American Archivists agree this MoU may be amended any time by agreement. This MoU will be reviewed starting 12.01.2014 and republished 02.01.2015 with change information.

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identities

Doing archives and the Society of American Archivists identified on this page those persons who are parties to this MoU.

01.A **Doing archives partners with others through its Governing Council (5 members). A governing council roster is available.**

01.B **Doing archives was created on 11.20.2013 by Christopher Felker.**

01.C **Doing archives curates digital collaboratories which are shared without cost. Project activities occur in these spaces - twitter | google plus | tumblr | courseware | publishing | photo | video | audio | data | eMail**

01.D **Doing archives (USA limited liability partnership) is based in New York. Christopher Felker (Doing archives project creator) is based in California (contact information available from Society of American Archivists, International Council on Archives, Academy of Certified Archivists, USA / New York legal bar, USA / Connecticut legal bar, USA / District of Columbia legal bar.**

01.E **Doing archives communicates best using twitter**

02.A **Society of American Archivists was invited to accept agreement by initially contacting the persons identified below.**

02.B **Danna BELL, Chair SAA Council Executive Committee**

02.C **Nancy BEAUMONT, Executive Director ex officio SAA Council Executive Committee**

02.D **Society of American Archivists (USA / District Columbia non profit corporation 62403926) is based in District Columbia headquartered in Illinois / Chicago.**

02.E **Society of American Archivists communicates best using email**

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