

# AMIA Education Committee Annual Report 2018

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*The Education Committee promotes, designs, supports, and implements educational programs, projects, and services that contribute to the continuing education and training of working archivists, and facilitate the education and training of students who wish to pursue careers in moving image archive management.*

## **Summary:**

This past year, the Education Committee has focused on creating new avenues of communication with and resources for students, early professionals, and newcomers. As in past years, we have also been very involved in the annual AMIA Conference, and continue to host a Student Mixer, meetings, and a Resume Review Table. We are also continuing to help bring the conference online and make it accessible to those who cannot attend through Collaborative Note-Taking and Live Streaming of the sessions. Going forward, we plan to continue our efforts to create resources for students and the rest of the AMIA community to further the organization’s goals of inclusivity and diversity throughout its membership.

## **2018 Goals:**

- Integrate Education Committee site into new AMIA Website
- Support AMIA Scholarship Expansion Task Force
- Launch and update the Student Chapter Handbook as needed

## **Students and Chapters**

### **Student Communication**

At the 2017 Student Chapter Conference Meeting, ideas to better open lines of communication between Student Members and Student Chapters were discussed, and it was decided to create a Slack Space for students. The Slack Space was created in February 2018, but there were not many posts or discussions from students. In October 2018, it was decided to discontinue the Slack Space and create Basecamp spaces for both Student Members and Student Chapter Leaders. The Student Members have been added to the Basecamp, and the Education Committee added pertinent resources. We hope to create greater discussion throughout the next year on the Basecamp platform.

### **Student Chapter Handbook**

Student Chapter Handbook was released in November 2017. It includes sections: *Starting a New AMIA Student Chapter*, *I’ve Started a Chapter, Now What?*; and *Student Report Guidelines and Tips*. To date, the page has received 258 views.

### **Student Webinars**

The committee offered two webinars for AMIA student members in the fall of 2018. The first one was the Student Member Webinar which took place on Saturday, October 6th at 1pm EDT. 31 students from 15 different institutions signed up for the webinar.

The other speakers besides the committee co-chair and student liaison were Laura Rooney, and two AMIA board members Casey Davis and Teague Schneider. Rooney, Davis, and Schneider should be applauded for the extra work they put in to make this webinar happen.

The webinar covered a wide range of topics including the mission, governance, and committee structure of AMIA, how students chapters work and how to set one up, ideas for student chapter activities, resources available to student chapters including the AMIA website, and opportunities and events they can engage in at the AMIA conference. Students asked questions in the webinar chat room and during the Q&A session at the end of the webinar; from these questions a conversation on how to find funding for chapter activities was continued in the student chapter section in Basecamp.

The feedback from student attendees was very positive and it was a great example of how the AMIA board, committee and members can share information outside of the in-person conference.

The second webinar will be a Conference 101 Webinar led by Snowden Becker. It is scheduled for 9am on November 15th. It will be based on similar presentations Becker has given at SAA on how first time attendees can navigate conferences. Becker will include advice on conference survival tips, perfecting an elevator speech, and the importance of self-care at professional events. There will be a significant amount of time for Q&A.

**Current Student Chapters:**

- UCLA
- NYU
- Univ. of Toronto
- Emerson College (on hiatus)
- Univ. of Rochester
- McGill University
- Simmons College
- UT Austin
- Univ. of Amsterdam
- Ryerson University

**Student Chapter Highlights:**

Several Student Chapters organized panels at the 2017 AMIA Conference. Leadership from the Chapters at New York University, Ryerson University, and University of Toronto presented the session, *Please Come Talk To Us: An Interactive Student Chapter Session*, brought together AMIA student chapters to discuss advocacy issues faced by student groups. The University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter organized *Warning! Materials May Be Unsettling*, a panel discussion about sensitive materials in AV archives, featuring various archivists and organizations from Austin.

For the 2017-2108 current Student Chapter Leadership and the full Student Chapter Reports, visit <https://amianet.org/committees/student-chapters/>

## Online Resources

### Education Committee Site

We transitioned our Wordpress Education Committee site to the new AMIA site. The AMIA Office added our Resources, AV Archiving Jobs Site, Calendar, and Student Chapter sections to the new site. We continued to post blog posts, such as an announcement of our new leadership, and host some of our larger resources, such as the Student Chapter Handbook and Conference 101 Resource on our Wordpress site, which are linked to from the new AMIA site.

### Twitter & Facebook

[@AMIAEducation](#) has increased in the past year from 133 followers to 220 followers. The [Facebook page](#) increased in Likes from 807 to 881 with 889 people Following the page. In October 2018, the Education Committee created a multi-day Twitter program with a *Top 10 Reasons to Go to the AMIA Conference*. Every day for 5 days, we tweeted out 2 reasons to go to the Conference with links to conference registration.

### Conference 101 Resource

In July 2018, the Education Committee put together a resource with the goal of creating a place where students and newcomers to the conference could get information about the conference, as well as tips to make the most of their experience. The resources includes: *Navigating Your First Conference*; *Types of AMIA Conference Presentations*; *Conference Posters*; and *Getting to the Conference*. The Resource has received 213 views to date.

## AMIA Conference

### 2017 Conference

2017 Education Committee Meeting minutes can be accessed here:

<https://amianet.org/wp-content/uploads/Committees-Education-Minutes-2017.pdf>

The committee hosted the Student Mixer with sponsor Pro-Tek. It was held at Pete's Lounge inside the conference hotel and we had representatives from Pro-Tek as well as recent graduates from different AV Archiving programs in attendance to talk with the students. Additionally we co-organized the First Timer event and Resume Review Table, and held meetings for both the Education Committee and for Student Chapters. The 2nd half of the Education Committee meeting hosted the Educating Media Archivists Roundtable discussion about the state of education for the AV Archiving field.

### AMIA Conference Online Task Force

Kristin Lipska, Dinah Handel, and Erwin Verbruggen, Co-Leaders

Following the successes of the Task Force in 2016, the Education Committee supported the Online Task Force at the 2017 Conference. For Community Note-Taking, templates were created by Erwin Verbruggen. Notes are view only:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xyVlbiDjbuTRRI2aOlyFNHdlz2iFW52KqPTfiUnk7ps/edit?usp=sharing>

Using equipment purchased during 2016, the Education Committee supported the Task Force who were again able to live stream and record numerous sessions at the 2017 Conference. The recorded presentations were uploaded to the AMIA YouTube channel [AMIA Streaming](#).

For the 2018 AMIA Conference, we are partnering with the Co-Leaders of the Task Force, and the International Outreach and Conference Committees to continue the Collaborative Note-Taking and the Live Streaming of Conference sessions.

### **2018 Conference**

The Education Committee is organizing the Student Mixer, which will be sponsored by LAC Group/Pro-Tek. It will hold its annual committee meeting and a Student Chapter Meeting, open to students from all programs. We will also be organizing the Resume Review Table held in the pAVillion.

### **2019 Goals:**

- Continue Student Webinars and Virtual Connects
- Promote and Maintain Student Basecamp as a communication tool for students
- Partner with the AMIA Board on a Day of Service- connecting student volunteers with local institutions to complete needed media preservation work
- Host Zoom Webinar with Continuing Education Advisory Task Force to share Task Force findings with AMIA Members