

Digital Scriptorium

2023-24 Membership update

With the implementation of DS 2.0, we've seen renewed interest in joining Digital Scriptorium which is a big step in realizing the dream of a union catalog. We have an impressive slate of new member institutions which represent different regions of the United States and different sizes and kinds of institutions, and we are working with several institutions who hope to be ready to join our community in the coming year.

New members voted in between annual meetings:

- o Ohio State University (Member Representative: Eric J. Johnson)
- o Science History Institute (Member Representative: Anabel Pinkney)
- o Vassar College (Member Representative: Ronald Patkus)

New members up for confirmation vote at 2024 Annual Meeting

- o University of Chicago (Member Representative: Catherine Uecker)
- o University of Dayton (Member Representative: Henry Handley)
- o Newberry Library (Member Representative: Suzanne Karr Schmidt)
- o Rochester Institute of Technology (Member Representative: Steven Galbraith)
- o University of Rochester (Member Representative: Anna Siebach-Larsen)
- o University of Wisconsin-Madison (Member Representative: Carly Sentieri)
- o Williams College (Member Representative: Anne Peale)

To work toward the goal of a consortium of all U.S. institutions holding medieval manuscript material, we will be discussing the formation of a membership committee. The initial idea is that this would be led by one of the members of the Board of Directors and comprise of a handful of representatives from member institutions. This committee would help spread the word about the good work of the consortium and help staff work with prospective and new members. We hope for volunteers.

Rose McCandless, the Delmas Foundation Manuscript Data Curation Graduate Fellow, has made invaluable contributions for recruitment: organizing information sessions, planning meetings, and maintaining regular contact with prospective members who have joined or who are in the process of preparing to join in the coming years. Rose has also provided descriptive services to new members who need additional expertise in describing their collection. We are grateful for the support of the Delmas Foundation and those individuals and organizations who have or will donate funds to support this position in the coming months.

Submitted by Susan Steuer

Member Services Representative

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