**ArchivesSpace Member Forum 2017 Snapshot**

**TL; DR**

* Organization and planning of forum is key: need better signage, volunteers to help guide attendees, better communication ahead of time (agenda, meals, transportation, etc.)
* Attendees liked meeting their peers and having time to speak with one another, share stories/tips
* Presentations/Focus Groups: need to be better organized, planned well in advance, and test equipment beforehand
* Updates need to focus on new information, not what’s already been communicated in listserv
* Focus on sessions for developers (more technically advanced)
* Focus on sessions for lone arrangers, new adopters, small organizations, and small locally-hosted orgs
* Another API workshop (was a big hit last year)
* Possible session ideas: scripting, report manipulation, data manipulation, ArchivesSpace basics/entry-level; how do other institutions use ASpace (workflows)

**Q2 If you attended the morning activities, which did you attend?**

Top three: Program Update and Q&A, Overview of New PUI, and Updates on Different Areas of the Application

* Some appreciated “put[ting] faces to name” and others did not
* Focus groups not as focused as they could have been. One person wished they could attend all focus groups.

**Q3 If you attended afternoon activities, which did you attend?**

Top three: Better Collection Control with ArchivesSpace, Lightning Round – ArchivesSpace Tips, Tricks, and Ideas, Wrap Up

* PUI was a big highlight – why were two events scheduled at the same time? Need better descriptions so that light users will not attend advanced user meetings.
* Lightening talks were too basic

**Q4 How would you rate your experience at the 2017 Member Forum?**

* Diverse group, hard to meet all needs (what about the little institutions?)
* Developer disappointed that customization was not covered more in depth

**Q5 What did you like most about the Forum?**

* Opportunity to interact with other members
* Opportunity to hear about what other institutions are doing or big updates to the platform
* PUI updates and API workshop

**Q6 What would you have liked us to do differently?**

* Focus groups need to be better organized/managed
* More hands-on training
* Better signage throughout the building/better session descriptions (technical versus non-technical, level of expertise)
* Address needs for developers who are working with ASpace
* Focus on what smaller organizations are doing

**Q7 Please share any other comments or suggestions you would like to make about the 2017 Forum.**

* “Script-writing for dummies” workshop
* Developers need their own session
* Better organization for planned activities
* Tape/livestream presentations
* Focus on smaller organizations or those with non-technical backgrounds, but who want to learn more
* Presenters needs to be reminded about creating presentations that are visually inclusive

**Q12 Please suggest topics or speakers for future events.**

* Local practice/convention for system (use this section for x and this note for y); ArchivesSpace basics/entry-level?
* API workshop
* Different sessions for developers
* Manipulating reports
* Data cleanup
* Focus on developers
* Focus on smaller institutions, especially small locally-hosted institutions