Archives Committee

Historian: R. M. Timm (Chair)

Archivist: A. L. Gardner

Information Items:

(1) President Mares appointed Timm as the Historian and Chair.

(2) All of past president Robert S. Hoffmann’s correspondence that remained at the University of Kansas has been transferred from KU to the Smithsonian Institution. Thus, Hoffmann’s entire correspondence for his professional career is now together in the Smithsonian’s archives.

(3) The professional materials from Jerry R. Choate’s estate were sorted. Documents that belonged with Fort Hays State were deposited in their archives. The ASM-related materials are assembled together and ready to forward to the Archivist.

(4) The obituary for Robert S. Hoffmann was prepared and is published in the April issue of the Journal.

(5) The obituary for Jerry R. Choate was prepared and will appear in an upcoming issue of the Journal.

(6) The web page for the Archives Committee was reworked as part of the ASM’s new, improved web presence. The reorganized page has a number of new documents and some photographs to better document the ASM’s history. We anticipate adding a number of documents to the web page this upcoming year.

(7) Worked with the Honorary Membership Committee to produce the medallions for their awards and with the Grinnell Award Committee to produce the award.

(8) Archivist Gardner continued to sort, process, organize, and prepare material for transfer to the Smithsonian Archives.

(9) There was considerable discussion as to what materials should be included on the committee’s web page and we are ready to add new documents when we are approved to move forward.

Action items:

(1) Funds will be needed in the future for scanning historical photographs from the archives for use on other committee’s web pages but that project awaits decisions by the web page committee and the ASM President.
Respectively submitted,
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