Action plan

Local History and Genealogy Collections Section:

Focus Area 1
Identify and map organizations, institutions, associations, etc. and create a template to develop a database

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Key Initiatives	
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Funding Needed	Projects/Activities	Tasks & Responsibility	Timeframe
☐	Create a template	Cecilia, Laverne, Maja, Laila	
☐	Start contacting associations, organizations, etc.		
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How will you communicate your activities and results?

How will you measure the impact of your activities?

Identify other Unit(s) which may be interested in this Focus Area, or with which you could collaborate on projects/activities.

Focus Area 2
Identify current standard practices at local history collections and genealogy collections so as to develop guidelines and other resources that will foster good professional practice. What are similarities? What are differences? How can the practices inform each other so that ultimately local history and genealogy resources are shareable and, in turn, become valuable across the regions.

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SD 2: Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

Key Initiatives

2.3	Develop standards, guidelines, and other materials that foster best professional practice

Funding Needed	Projects/Activities	Tasks & Responsibility	Timeframe
☐	Communicate with libraries and other cultural institutions, as well as local officials, about the need for standards, guidelines, and other materials that foster best professional practice, especially as local history and genealogy collections are growing.	Ad hoc committee	6 months
☐	Identify where local history and genealogy collections are being held and identify current practices for managing and providing access to these collections. This is via a survey.	Regional coordinators will work with ad hoc committee representing their region	1 – 1 ½ years
☒	Analyze results of the survey, summarize, and provide summary to section members. (Funding for the production of a White Paper)	Ad hoc committee	Starting after the 1st year of the project
☐	Discuss with section members and identify standards and guidelines that are best suited for all.	Section members	Starting after the 1st year of the project

How will you communicate your activities and results?
Regular updates and discussions via IFLA listserv and the section blog. At least one meeting every two months via Zoom and collaboration via Basecamp for ad hoc committee.

How will you measure the impact of your activities?

A White Paper describing the process, the methodology, and the results and summary will be made available to section members.
Identify other Unit(s) which may be interested in this Focus Area, or with which you could collaborate on projects/activities.
Public Libraries, National Libraries, Rare Books and Special Collections, Preservation and Conservation, Reference and Information Services

Focus Area 3
Identify and implement strategies that will enable managers, curators, and librarians of local history and genealogy collections to network and collaborate virtually so that they can be a stronger voice in the global conversation about the power of information resources.

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SD 3: Connect and Empower the Field

Key Initiatives

SD 3.2	Support virtual networking and connections

Funding Needed	Projects/Activities	Tasks & Responsibility	Timeframe
☐	Identify where local history and genealogy collections are being held and what support system is in place for managers, curators, and librarians of these collections. Identify how these managers, curators, and librarians network with others in the field. This is done via a survey.	Ad hoc committee	It will likely take 1 year to complete.
☒	Investigate potential virtual networking and collaborative technology (Funding may be needed for instances when there is cost for investigating technology)	Ad hoc committee	6 - 8 months
☐	Analyze results of the survey and investigation, summarize, and provide summary to section members.	Ad hoc committee	1 to 1 ½ years
☒	Test virtual networking and collaborative technology with targeted, alternated regions to determine their feasibility (Funding may be needed for technology that is not free)	Ad hoc committee, with specific section members	Start in 6-8 months through 1 ½ years.

How will you communicate your activities and results?

Regular updates and discussions via IFLA listserv and the section blog. At least one meeting every two months via Zoom and collaboration via Basecamp for ad hoc committee.

How will you measure the impact of your activities?
Pre-survey: A survey will be conducted to identify current technology and identify what strategies are working and what are not working.
Post-survey: After the strategies are implemented, another survey will be conducted to determine their effectiveness.

Identify other Unit(s) which may be interested in this Focus Area, or with which you could collaborate on projects/activities.
Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning; Information Technology Section