

**HERA meeting notes**  
**June 27, 2007**  
**Emory University**

**Attendance:** Tina Seetoo & Christine Wiseman, GA Archives; Lars Meyer, Ann Frellsen, & Kirsten Wehner, Emory; Kate Singley, Conservator in private practice; Jody Thompson, GA Tech; Morna Gerrard, GSU; Kara McClurken, SOLINET; Linda Davis, Columbia Seminary; Steve Martin, Fulton County Police; Steve Naughton, Munters; Renee Stein, Benard Potts, & Todd Lamkin, Carlos Museum; Allen Bohnert, NPS; Nan McMurry, UGA; Tim Albritton, GEMA.

**Business**

- List-serve Update:

Emory Libraries has agreed to host the list-serve. Everyone will be added automatically. Participants will receive canned text message on how to use the list-serve. Used for communication. Not intended to be a discussion list. Just waiting for the name of the group. Future meetings will be announced using the list.

- Finalizing our name:

HERA is the overwhelming favorite of the acronym choices. There was discussion about leaving 'Atlanta' out of the name, because we have members that are not in the Atlanta Area. We agreed to officially become Heritage Emergency Response Alliance. Now that we have a name and are working toward a final mission statement, we will broadcast the next meeting to the original AFR email list. We hope this will encourage more involvement.

- Mission Statement:

Linda Davis (Thanks Linda!) supplied a draft and the group made some additions.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Draft:

Heritage Emergency Response Alliance  
(HERA)

Mission Statement:

The Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA) is an affiliation of institutions and persons interested in preserving the cultural heritage with in the Metro Atlanta area and serving as a resource to cultural institutions around the state. The primary aim of HERA is to mitigate the loss of cultural heritage materials in the event of a disaster. As preparedness is the key to any successful disaster mitigation, HERA's strategy is to enhance disaster preparedness through the following activities:

- Networking
- Information sharing
- Increased awareness and encouragement of Disaster Planning
- Providing opportunities for disaster recovery education
- Interaction with local and state Emergency Management
- Preparing and responding collectively to disasters in the Region
- Identify existing resources (materials and expertise) needed after a disaster

**List of Resources taken from the Disaster Resources Round Robin:**

(This is not intended to be a comprehensive list, but a first stab at getting a list of resources. A more formal survey should be conducted as HERA move forward.)

**Type of resource**

- Expertise: General
  
- Expertise: Architectural materials  
Archeological objects  
Book & paper  
Electronic media  
Ethnographic objects  
Natural science  
Objects  
Paintings  
Photographs  
Sculpture  
Textiles  
Wooden artifacts
  
- Expertise: AIC-CERT participants
- Expertise: Mass recovery techniques
- Supplies:
- Equipment:
  - Domestic Freezer (sm.)
  - Freeze Dryer (sm.)
  - Walk-in Fume Hood
  - HEPA vacuum
  - Wet/dry vacuum
  - Washing sinks

**Sources**

Emory Libraries, Georgia Archives, Carlos Museum, Kate Singley, NPS, SERCA, SOLINET

*(From American Institute for Conservation specialty groups – these will be populated after surveying the membership.)*

Christine Wiseman, Ann Frellsen, Kate Singley (Additions?)

Munters staff

GA Tech, Columbia Seminary

Kate Singley, GA Archives

Kate Singley

GA Archives

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- Large table space
- Recovery: onsite help:
- Recovery: Phone Assistance
  - Office hours
  - 24 hr
- Temporary Storage
- Disaster Plan Bank
- Training & Presentations
  - Table top exercise
- SERCA & AIC members

GA Archives

TBD –

(All?)

SOLINET

GA Archives, SOLINET, Fulton Police Dept.

Fulton Police, GEMA

Ann Frellsen, Tina Seetoo, Kate Singley, Renee Stein

**Educational needs:**

- CERT and/or ICS training
- Presentation from EMAs
- General Disaster Response Training
- Getting support within your own institution/upper administration, beyond acquisition and exhibition, etc.
- Table-top exercise: with EMAs and 1<sup>st</sup> responders. Human safety first, gaining access to recovery collections and property
- Setting priorities for recovery
- Case Studies:
- Working with Vendors
- Specifics on recovery by type of material, type of disaster (e.g. Kate Singley on water logged artifacts, Nan McMurry on fire/soot damage)

**Next steps: (no particular order)**

- Mutual Aid Agreements
- Sharing supplies?
- Sources of Funding? Dues? Incorporating?
- Getting involved with local Emergency Management (HERA rep at their meetings, etc.)
- Webpage: listing resources (point to others), who hosts

## Acronyms

AIC – American Institute for Conservation

SERCA – Southeast Regional Conservation Association

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

ICS – Incident Command System