











1. Which regional organization(s) do you belong to?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists		35.1%	34
Northwest Archivists, Inc.		34.0%	33
Society of California Archivists		3.1%	3
Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists		36.1%	35
Society of Southwest Archivists		13.4%	13
Other (Specify below)		10.3%	10
		Other (please specify)	11
		answered question	97
		skipped question	0



2. What could a federation of archives organizations offer that would be most important to you? Please rate in importance, most important to the right.

	Least important		Most important	Rating Average	Response Count
Bringing the concerns of archivists in the western US into greater prominence nationwide.	52.2% (12)	17.4% (4)	30.4% (7)	1.78	23
Giving the profession a more powerful voice in forming legislation and policy.	30.4% (7)	47.8% (11)	21.7% (5)	1.91	23
Bringing a wider range of resources to easy reach of CIMA members.	45.8% (11)	16.7% (4)	37.5% (9)	1.92	24
			Other (please specify)		3
			answered question		25
			skipped question		72




3. What role could CIMA play most effectively in planning or setting up a federation? Check all that you agree with.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Send representatives to whatever planning or governing bodies are set up.		76.9%	20
Take a leadership role in bringing together other western regional organizations.		69.2%	18
Collect data and write reports on regional needs that could be served by a federation.		73.1%	19
Advocate the benefits of a federation to CIMA members.		65.4%	17
		Other (please specify)	0
		answered question	26
		skipped question	71




4. If CIMA Council proposes to send representatives to a federation planning commission, should the issue be put to a member vote?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		52.0%	13
No		48.0%	12
		Other (please specify)	1
		answered question	25
		skipped question	72

5. What is an appropriate level of commitment from CIMA to planning a federation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
CIMA Council should try to take the lead in putting together a federation commission.		8.0%	2
CIMA council should let SAA take the lead but keep encouraging SAA to move forward.		72.0%	18
CIMA Council should keep an open door to SAA if they want to start something up, but should leave it at that for now.		20.0%	5
		Other (please specify)	1
		answered question	25
		skipped question	72


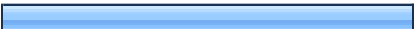


6. If CIMA were to join some sort of federation, what are your feelings about federation dues?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would accept an increase of up to \$5 in CIMA dues so that CIMA could pay for federation membership.		50.0%	13
I would accept an increase of up to \$10 in CIMA dues so that CIMA could pay for federation membership.		42.3%	11
If CIMA wants to join a federation it should figure out a way to pay without increasing our membership fees.		7.7%	2
		Other (please specify)	0
		answered question	26
		skipped question	71


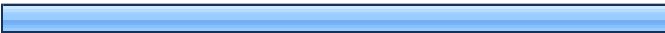

7. Do you have any comments?	
	Response Count
	1
answered question	1
skipped question	96

8. What could a federation of archives organizations offer that would be most important to you? Please rate importance.					
				Rating Average	Response Count
Bringing the concerns of archivists in the western US into greater prominence nationwide.	43.8% (7)	25.0% (4)	31.3% (5)	1.88	16
Giving the profession a more powerful voice in forming legislation and policy.	57.1% (12)	33.3% (7)	9.5% (2)	1.52	21
Bringing a wider range of resources to easy reach of CIMA members.	53.3% (8)	26.7% (4)	20.0% (3)	1.67	15
			Other (please specify)		5
			answered question		22
			skipped question		75




9. What role could your organization play most effectively in planning or setting up a federation? Check all that you agree with.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Send representatives to whatever planning or governing bodies are set up.		76.0%	19
Take a leadership role in bringing together other western regional organizations.		36.0%	9
Collect data and write reports on regional needs that could be served by a federation.		44.0%	11
Advocate the benefits of a federation to members of the regional organization.		52.0%	13
		Other (please specify)	1
		answered question	25
		skipped question	72

10. What is an appropriate level of commitment from your organization to planning a federation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
The council for my organization should try to take the lead in putting together a federation commission.		8.3%	2
The council for my organization should let SAA take the lead but keep encouraging SAA to move forward.		58.3%	14
The council for my organization should keep an open door to SAA if they want to start something up, but should leave it at that for now.		33.3%	8
		Other (please specify)	1
		answered question	24
		skipped question	73

11. If your organization were to join some sort of federation, what are your feelings about federation dues?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I would accept an increase of up to \$5 in dues so that the organization could pay for federation membership.		43.3%	13
I would accept an increase of up to \$10 in dues so that the organization could pay for federation membership.		26.7%	8
If the organization wants to join a federation it should figure out a way to pay without increasing our membership fees.		30.0%	9
		Other (please specify)	0
		answered question	30
		skipped question	67

12. Do you have any comments?	
	Response Count
	11
answered question	11
skipped question	86

1. Which regional organization(s) do you belong to?

Other (please specify)		
1	Arizona Library Association	Dec 6, 2010 4:32 PM
2	Society of American Archivists	Dec 6, 2010 4:35 PM
3	Midwest Archives Conference, Society of Georgia Archivists	Dec 7, 2010 8:02 PM
4	Midwest Archives Conference	Dec 8, 2010 4:21 PM
5	Midwest Archives Conference	Dec 8, 2010 5:00 PM
6	MAC, MARAC, SGA	Dec 8, 2010 5:18 PM
7	Midwest Archives Conference	Dec 8, 2010 10:00 PM
8	Midwest Archives Conference	Dec 8, 2010 10:00 PM
9	DVAG, SAA	Dec 10, 2010 4:08 PM
10	Midwest Archives Conference	Dec 13, 2010 10:24 PM
11	Seattle Area Archivists	Dec 13, 2010 11:25 PM

1. What could a federation of archives organizations offer that would be most important to you? Please

Other (please specify)		
1	I'm not sure what I just rated since there is no scale or numerical value system. They all seem to be important.	Dec 6, 2010 5:34 PM
2	I could not tell how to rate them as there were only boxes and no rating data.	Dec 6, 2010 11:32 PM

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Other (please specify)

- 3 It's not that the first option is the least important, it's just that the federation would possibly increase the emphasis on the profession in the eastern U.S. where there are more states and far more archivists Dec 8, 2010 1:56 AM

3. If CIMA Council proposes to send representatives to a federation planning commission, should the issue

Other (please specify)

- 1 The issue of joining a federation should be put to member vote; I believe CIMA should be represented on a federation planning commission assuming it is simply planning and does not involve obligation to join. If it involves obligation to join, then the member vote should come first before representatives are sent. Dec 7, 2010 8:06 PM

4. What is an appropriate level of commitment from CIMA to planning a federation?

Other (please specify)

- 1 No opinion Dec 7, 2010 6:23 PM

6. Do you have any comments?

Response Text

- 1 To add to my comments on Ques. 1, I fear archivists in the inter-mountain region will be at as great a disadvantage, if not greater, in a federation as they are in the present situation. The lack of library schools or other centers for archival education is a huge factor. Having worked in the Midwest and been active in MAC and several local archival organizations, I very much miss that level of participation but attending meetings here is no longer a question of a 1/2 hr. drive or a 90-minute train ride; such options do not exist here. While the Internet and email help, for a new resident of the CIMA region, neither provide an entree into the archival scene or allow a person to get to know colleagues or feel sufficiently comfortable to reach out and ask for advice or assistance. Dec 8, 2010 1:56 AM

1. What could a federation of archives organizations offer that would be most important to you? Please

Other (please specify)

1	not sure which button is first . . .	Dec 8, 2010 4:22 PM
2	the check boxes have no associated ratings...	Dec 8, 2010 4:51 PM
3	I hope the rating system is higher to the right - you neglected to mention a scale	Dec 8, 2010 5:02 PM
4	clarity simplicity	Dec 8, 2010 10:35 PM
5	check boxes are not labeled - is most important on the right or left?	Dec 13, 2010 10:15 PM

2. What role could your organization play most effectively in planning or setting up a federation? Check all

Other (please specify)

1	unsure	Dec 8, 2010 4:51 PM
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3. What is an appropriate level of commitment from your organization to planning a federation?

Other (please specify)

1	who is "Council"?	Dec 8, 2010 4:51 PM
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5. Do you have any comments?

Response Text

1	I was at the speech. This seems like an attempt for SAA to make up its financial problems by pushing burdens onto smaller organizations. I am skeptical that such an organization is necessary or desired in the west.	Dec 8, 2010 4:44 PM
2	sounds like this is another layer of bureaucracy. Why isn't SAA the overarching archives organization?	Dec 8, 2010 4:51 PM
3	Maybe a Federation would make archives more visible. I was dismayed to see NARA join ARL when Mr. Ferriero will not even meet with ACA.	Dec 8, 2010 5:01 PM
4	Interesting idea	Dec 8, 2010 5:12 PM
5	I don't particularly favor federation.	Dec 8, 2010 5:21 PM

5. Do you have any comments?

Response Text

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| 6 | I am not an archivist but an academic library preservationist with some responsibilities in several of our library's archives. So I am an outsider, but the regional archives organization is really the only preservation organization regionally. The proposed federation would make the archives profession clearer to me. | Dec 8, 2010 10:35 PM |
| 7 | I'm worried about escalation of membership costs across the board and how this could be compounded by a federation. In many cases, the regional associations--especially in the West--have value because they bring professional association membership within reach of local populations who either cannot afford national memberships or who do not see the return on investment in national membership dues as worth the expense. On the other hand, if regional dues are increased \$5 to allow regional association affiliation with a federation, would the national association lose membership due to a cheaper local alternative (which retains national affiliation)? The membership cost issue is the most important element, truth be told. Regional associations are very accessible. If they retain that vibrancy and cost-effectiveness, a federation would not be a tough sell. | Dec 11, 2010 12:07 AM |
| 8 | It seems pointless in every respect, but advocacy. | Dec 11, 2010 10:26 PM |
| 9 | I think it's unnecessary to create a second national organization - why couldn't this just be made part of SAA? | Dec 12, 2010 11:09 PM |
| 10 | If dues were to increase (due to a federation), it would be important for the regional memberships to know exactly where this money is going... | Dec 13, 2010 3:57 PM |
| 11 | Wow - this may be the most disingenuous/dishonest survey I've ever read! Great way to select answers only in support of your issue! | Dec 14, 2010 4:25 PM |

While my initial reaction to the question, before reading the survey, was kind of a "maybe, so what," after taking your survey I'm fully opposed to anything along this lines that you all are involved in.