49th Annual ARSC Conference - Newcomer Orientation/Mentoring Program

If you will be attending your first national ARSC Conference in Pittsburgh, the Association for Recorded Sound Collections would like to welcome you by giving you an opportunity to participate in the ARSC Conference Mentoring Program. On the attached Mentoring Registration Form, please sign up to be a Mentee (Newcomer) or a Mentor (ARSC veteran). Also on the form, please indicate your specific areas of specialization/interests (Mentees and Mentors).

All first-time attendees will be invited to a welcoming gathering, on May 27, 2015, 6:30-7pm, Weston Convention Center Hotel, Somerset Room, 2nd floor. There will be a short question/answer period. ARSC informational handouts will be available for the newcomers. The first-time attendees will be introduced to ARSC Board Members, followed by mentor/mentee match-ups. Mentors and Mentees can then proceed to the Pennsylvania Room, 2nd floor, to enjoy the opening night reception.

Mentors must be able to attend, on time, the welcoming gathering for new mentees, held ½ hour before opening night reception. Only those ARSC members seriously committed to our mentoring program should volunteer.

An important part of mentoring is to introduce Mentees to other ARSC colleagues with similar interests. This could be accomplished in a friendly, relaxed way, at shared lunch/dinner meetings with colleagues. Mentors may wish to accompany Mentees to certain conference sessions or share a coffee break. Comments from past Mentees/Mentors emphasized the positive experiences of meeting new colleagues, and sharing ideas and expertise, even post-Conference, which we encourage. Mentors should be prepared to talk about ARSC’s diversity; opportunities to join ARSC Committees; contribute articles/reviews to ARSC publications; give presentations at ARSC; ARSC research/travel grants; ARSC awards; ARSC’s collaborative projects.

Please be sure to fill out the registration form for the ARSC Newcomer Orientation/Mentoring Program on the following page, and send back to me via e-mail or snail mail, by May 18, 2015. Also, if you have any questions, please contact me. My contact info is below.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Pittsburgh, May 27, 2015, for what I’m sure will be a stimulating and entertaining conference!

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I am interested in being a:  
☐ MENTOR during the May 2015 ARSC Conference  
☐ MENTEE during the May 2015 ARSC Conference

I am currently a (select all that apply):
☐ Student  ☐ Intern  ☐ Para-professional  ☐ Librarian  ☐ A/V Archivist  
☐ Sound engineer  ☐ Musician  ☐ Discographer  ☐ A/V Collector  ☐ A/V Producer  
☐ Historian  ☐ Writer/Critic  ☐ Other (Please specify)_____________________________

Do you speak another language besides English? ☐ No  ☐ Yes (If yes, which languages?) __________

Please indicate the areas in which you work or are most interested:

☐ Administration  ☐ Facilities Design/Equipment (a/v)  
☐ Archives/Special Collections (a/v)  ☐ Media Centers (a/v)  
☐ Cataloging/Bibliographic Control (a/v)  ☐ Preservation/Conservation (a/v)  
☐ Collection Development/Management  ☐ Record Collecting a/v (Private)  
☐ Copyright Concerns (a/v)  ☐ Record Collecting a/v (Institutional)  
☐ Digital Resources and Collections  ☐ Record Collecting (a/v) (Private & Institutional)  
☐ Discographic Research  ☐ Record Production (a/v)  
☐ Education/Training (a/v)  ☐ Reference/Public Service (a/v)  
☐ Other (Please specify) ________________________________________________________________