A recent project provided the intersection of two ongoing initiatives between MCI and the Office of History and Preservation, U.S. House of Representatives.

First, the House is attempting to rebuild a collection of long-lost artifacts from the institution’s storied past, and second, House staff are attempting to care for all their historic collections with conservation-based practices and strategy. The prodigal chairs are three recent re-acquisitions by the House, and this presentation will focus on their interpretation, preservation and restoration with minimally intrusive upholstery and other innovative techniques, as a prototype for collections care.