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About the Program...

Mark your calendars! August 24, 2011 is a day like no other! On this day, Congressional Papers Roundtable members will gather in Chicago at Loyola University's Water Tower Campus to celebrate a major milestone in CPR's history—twenty-five years of existence! The day will be filled with panel discussions, interactive sessions, convivial networking, good food and great people. Here is a sampling of what is in store...

Twenty-five years is big! The members of the CPR program committee--Shannon Lausch, Lori Schwartz, Linda Whitaker, Betsy Pittman, and Kathy Young--and I have worked hard to plan a preconference program, member meeting, and celebration that we hope honors this great milestone in CPR's history. Taking our cue from SAA's 360-degree approach to its meeting, we designed a day of events that honors the past, acknowledges the present, and imagines the future.

We will kick off the program with two morning sessions focused on the history of CPR from its founding through the present. In each session a moderator will lead a discussion with two groups of panelists who have been at the center of CPR's founding (Lydia Lucas, Connie Gallagher, and Cynthia Pease Miller) and subsequent development (Karen Paul, Sheryl Vogt, and Herb Hartsook).

Before lunch, we will all enjoy a presentation on Loyola's political collections by our host for the day, Kathy Young. Box lunches will be available at the break.

In the afternoon, we will turn our attention to the future and our roles therein. SAA Council member and CPR liaison Tom Hyry will provide a brief overview of the strategic planning priorities for SAA as a whole. Following his presentation, we will move into break out discussions where we will consider:

- What are CPR's strategic priorities?
- How do SAA's priorities align with priorities for CPR?
- How should CPR approach its strategic priorities?
- What roles can CPR and SAA play in meeting the priorities for each other?

Facilitators will guide the conversation and capture ideas expressed by participants. After the breakout discussions, the group will gather as a whole and share ideas and priorities and in doing so will begin to construct a blueprint of ideas that future CPR steering committees and members can follow.

After a short break, the annual CPR Membership meeting will begin at 3:15 p.m. in the same location as the preconference program. The focus of the meeting will be reports from the E-records Taskforce, the CPR History Taskforce, and the CPR Membership Survey Taskforce. Additionally, representatives from allied groups will provide brief updates relevant to CPR members and their work.

Following the meeting, unrestrained frivolity will ensue at approximately 4:30 p.m. as we all gather to celebrate twenty-five years of congressional papers magic with cake and merrymaking.