

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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**Committee on Archives, Libraries, and
Museums (CALM) Annual Report
(Prepared by SAA Co-Chair Su Kim Chung)**

Name of Section/Roundtable: Committee on Archives, Libraries and Museums
(CALM)

Date: November 15, 2012

Officers: [none elected, this is an appointed group]

- Su Kim Chung (Co-Chair) Term 2011-2013
- Name (Vice Chair) [No Vice Chair, but co-chairs from AAM and ALA]
- Jean Green Term 2011-2013
- Jessica Lacher-Feldman Term 2011-2013
- ~~Lynda DeLoach~~ ~~Term 2010-2012~~ Term Expired
- Teresa Yoder Term 2011-2013
- Sarah Demb Term 2012-2014 New Member

Report from annual meeting:

**Committee on Archives, Libraries and Museums (CALM) / Minutes
SAA Meeting August 8, 2012**

In attendance: Su Kim Chung, Danielle Plumer, Jean Green, Sarah Demb (CALM Committee), Charlotte Brown, Christian Dupont, Susan Malbin, Gregor Trinkhaus-Randall, Bob Horton, Kevin Cherry, Ann Marie Willer, Aliza Allen Leventhal, Berlin Loa, James McGlothlin

Virtual via Skype: Phillip Katz from AAM

Announcements

- Request to the Council for the equipment to teleconference (Skype, etc.) - hopefully this equipment will be available for every meeting in the future
- AAM participation may be problematic for participation - they are working to get things in order - encourage anyone you know who is an AAM to consider serving as a member of this committee

- Gregor Trinkhaus-Randall: collaboration at the leadership level - has been in touch with Maureen Sullivan of ALA; has been in touch with Nick Honeysett at the Getty - as far as moving things along - there is a real place where we can work together collaboratively in **advocacy** particularly in Washington - if we all work together it gives us clout - also no one seems to know what is happening in ea. organization in **education** - developing a common calendar to let other organizations find out what others are offering and determine gaps - **digital preservation**: this is something that crosses boundaries, this is not only the large institutions, how can we help the small institutions? - **leadership institutes** and leadership training: a lot of the concepts in leadership are the same, why reinvent the wheel?, open these up to the other organizations - preservation also covers all three areas
- We should think about other organizations that should be brought into this conversation (e.g. AIC, NAGARA, COSA, etc.).
- Missing piece - disciplinary representation/liaison? - coalition of key disciplines - something like Heritage Preservation? There used to be something called NICHE (?) - learned societies? - natural disciplines are art history, archaeology and anthropology, architecture.
- Advocacy role will be important in the next few mos. because of great changes in budgets.
- Linked Data Session reminder this coming Friday - hope to see you there! - a session was very well received at ALA.

Review of previous meeting sessions/ALA CALM Meeting

- Gregor provided recap of ALA meeting - there was a lot of good discussion that went on - focus was on advocacy and education - came up w/ idea of creating ad hoc committees
- Nick Honeysett from AAM and Gregor discusses AAM not standing up to plate and he will work on it - also ability to attend all meetings virtually
- ALA wiki is a little behind so we are hoping we CALM can get a presence on SAA Drupal site and migrate some of the ALA information there - ALA is interested in retiring the wikis as they have gone to a Drupal site as well
- CALM general listserv for everyone to be involved with - there is a separate listserv for actual members of the committee - can anyone besides ALA provide the staff support for this listserv?

2013 Session Proposals

- We would like to focus on advocacy. The higher you focus this the better - we're struggling with how to do this on a national level - a general session with 3 speakers informing grass roots membership on how to approach these issues - trying to involve membership - there has to be a joint message that the grass roots carries so that all of the organizations can get behind it - perhaps head of Wash office of ALA, someone from AAM to speak - Kathleen Roe would be excellent - council approved a new updated advocacy agenda - a series of targeted issue briefs will come out of that to provide s with the core information - we have to make a case that this is a part of infrastructure - get leadership form the three

organizations on a panel together.

- One idea: bringing in the leadership to talk
- Another idea: bringing in local level to know what archivists are doing and what they're advocating for
- Would Archivists W/O Borders slot in here?
- Common to all organizations = how do you deal with disaster? - Gregor talked about what is going on in MA with disaster recovery
- Assessment as part of advocacy? Visitor's Studies Association (VSA), AAM does stats for museums, there is a library group in Wash that does the same thing, there isn't that sort of thing for Archives/historical societies
- Focusing on the educational aspect - how did you do this? Focus on institutions that have done it and done it well.
- It should be a little broader than case studies - you need to be of interest to all three constituencies. Go off initiatives sponsored by organizations?
- October 5 is deadline for SAA submissions; August 24 deadline for AAM

Old Business

- Follow up on IMLS 21st century skills project - focused on education, interested in bringing in continuing education proposals - focus on continuing education if you're thinking of applying to IMLS
- IMLS update: new strategic plan available online which addresses goals: 3 most pertinent: education, building communities, stewardship of collections
- Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCE) is an int'l undertaking of WIPO(via Christian Dupont) - a movement to protect specific types of cultural heritage generated by traditional cultures - want to protect these societies from exploitation - movement to create a treaty to do this - sticky issue is copyright and how does that apply to a society of people - how would this treaty affect our practice? - there is no real action happening at the organizational level at this moment.

New Business

- Trying to get some real work done during the year thru establishment of Ad Hoc committees in education , advocacy, and program (review of charges) - size of group would be 2-3 members
- Program committee would love to have all past programs put somewhere together for reference.
- Possibilities: JLF-advocacy | Sarah-education | Jean-program

Other business

- Research Forum - poster session by a grad student on possibility of creating a virtual collection - Related collections held at a number of institutions - would like to get all of the institutions in one room to get the things crosswalked - we may want to advocate for some kind of forum to discuss
- Did the SAA standards committee send the EAC guidelines to the RBMS bib standards committee for their consideration and review? It wasn't because it was SAA's baby exclusively - SAA understands that but we should have been alerted

that this is going on - this fell thru - the standard has been formally adopted at this point but there may be some revision - SAA should be involved. (via Charlotte Brown)

- Preservation and digital preservation - has the PARS (?) group ever had a liaison to CALM - a fact sheet about CALM and send to some units and invite them to have people attend our meetings - future opportunities for virtual meeting
- Digital Public Library of America Project - one of the challenge is they are not a member of ALA - focus is now on cultural heritage materials - they had a working group meeting on Monday - emphasis will be on cult heritage materials defined in two ways: content hubs (e.g. Hathi Trust) and also looking at service hubs (state or regional metadata aggregators) - metadata aggregation will be launched in April aggregating metadata from content hubs and service hubs and providing a minimal interface - encouraging people to bld diff interfaces thru the API - will also be developing a digitization program and go out and find materials that aren't being digitized - there is no collection strategy at this time -interest in including other content such as government/science data - keep this on your radar - you will be participating thru some sort of regional hub
- Next meeting will be ALA midwinter in Seattle - please let Danielle know if you are interested in participating virtually
- Adjournment 10:58am

Completed projects/activities: SAA's CALM Co-Chair attended ALA Mid-Winter CALM meeting virtually via Skype.

With the assistance of members Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Jean Green, and Sarah Demb, the committee was able to craft a panel proposal on state archives and advocacy for the SAA 2013 Annual Meeting featuring four state archives officials. Although we were not able to secure an endorsement from the Issues & Advocacy Roundtable, we feel hopeful that our proposal on advocacy and state archives (which will feature a panelist speaking on the Georgia situation) will be accepted.

CALM's sponsored session on Linked Data at the 2012 SAA Annual Meeting was very well-attended and seemed to numerous people came up after the session to chat with the presenters.

Ongoing projects/activities: In April, there was a useful conference call with SAA's Executive Director, CALM's SAA Council Rep, current SAA President Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, and incoming SAA President, Jackie Dooley. Of the many things discussed, there was continuing concern with having buy-in from the leadership level of the three organizations. Gregor has focused on this in subsequent discussions with Maureen Sullivan and AAM leadership but not sure where this stands at the moment. [Please note that you all may have much more information on the current situation than me!]

CALM's Co-Chair drafted a brief request and list of equipment needed to facilitate Skype calls for virtual meeting attendance and submitted it for presentation at the June Council

meeting. We were able to use Skype with the assistance of Danielle Plumer at the August SAA meeting, but we hope in the future that we might have our own equipment.

New projects/activities: CALM now has a Drupal microsite on the SAA website, but we have not yet added the content to the site. We hope to do this in the near future – before the end of the year. Our committee did agree on the content that we would like to add to it.

Following through on the idea of Ad Hoc committees that was suggested at the ALA Meeting in Anaheim, we established three such committees: program, education, and advocacy. The idea was to get members from all three organizations, but unfortunately, there was no response from the other organizations. The assignments are as follows:

Jean Green – Program

Jessica Lacher-Feldman – Advocacy

Sarah Demb – Education

We had a very useful conference call/Skype session on this subject which was great considering we are in four different time zones!

Although Jean's work is done at the moment – Jessica and Sarah will be assembling contact information and lists regarding advocacy and educational activities/opportunities that are to be collated with corresponding information from the other organizations. We are not sure quite how this will work owing to the fact that we have had little cooperation from the others, but we have a tentative date of Dec 1 to have some rough lists together. I know that Danielle Plumer (ALA Rep) has been trying to get her committee together but has not had much response from her members.

Strategic Priority - Technology initiatives: No initiatives at this time.

Strategic Priority - Diversity initiatives: No initiatives at this time.

Strategic Priority - Advocacy/Public Awareness initiatives: At the ALA CALM Meeting in Anaheim in June, CALM made advocacy a focus for the shared themed sessions that they will present at the annual meetings of its three organizations. It has been challenging finding a particular focus for the advocacy but the committee did take under consideration the recent advocacy guidelines issued by SAA.

Questions/concerns for Council attention: As CALM SAA Co-Chair, I was concerned with continuity on the committee (which has caused problems in the past) if a number of members leave at the same time due to the expiration of their terms. To remedy this, SAA staff asked if current co-chair would stay on for an extra year – I agreed, as did member, Jessica Lacher-Feldman. Thus, there will be continuity for the next two years! Yay!

Although as co-chair, I would have liked to attend one of the Leadership Forums offered at the annual meeting, it ran against CALM's own meeting that particular day. Could it

be recorded as a podcast for future reference? Just a thought for the future as it requires minimal technology.

This is not really a concern, but a commentary: We have become a much more engaged group this year – although there is still much more to do, I think we have made a good start. I wish there was more participation from AAM, but we have had great cooperation from Danielle Plumer of ALA. We just need to keep the momentum going, and make sure that our meetings have action items of some sort and that there is follow through and accountability – not always easy in this type of committee.