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**Interim Report: 2013 Program Committee
(Prepared by Co-chairs Robin Chandler and Nancy Lenoil)**

COMMITTEE SELECTION

With the approval of SAA President Jackie Dooley and Council of State Archivists (CoSA) President Julia Marks Young, the co-chairs selected eleven committee members who were diverse by many measures: regional affiliation, repository type, subject expertise, duration of membership, and gender. Of the 40 volunteers for Program Committee service, 28 (70%) hailed from academic institutions. The final committee members included five academics (46%) and three state archives representatives (27%). Other members (27%) represented a museum, a religious organization, and a foundation. Committee members came from institutions in nine states: California, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, and Washington.

To our great sadness, Laura Tatum, originally on the committee as one of the “three” co-chairs, passed away one month before the committee met in Chicago to review session proposals. Laura continuously contributed to the committee’s work. We chose not to replace her on the committee.

Our group is very hardworking and professional, consistently demonstrating their commitment and enthusiasm. The members of the Program Committee are: Co-chairs Robin Chandler and Nancy Lenoil and members Noah Huffman, Andrew Huse, Colleen McFarland, Derek Mosley, Erin O’Meara, Beth Shields, Jennie Thomas, Bonnie Weddle, and Audra Eagle Yun.

SESSION PROPOSALS

The last two SAA Annual Meetings have featured themes: *ARCHIVES 360°* for the 75th Anniversary (Chicago, 2011) and *Beyond Borders* (San Diego, 2012). SAA President Jackie Dooley suggested that 2013 be theme-free and simply described as *ARCHIVES 2013*. Therefore the 2013 Program Committee sought proposals covering all aspects of archives practice and appealing to a broad range of archivists from both CoSA and SAA. A total of 137 session proposals and 22 poster proposals were received and reviewed for the 2013 program.

The Program Committee's selection process resulted in 70 sessions in seven time slots and 22 posters covering such technical topics as digital preservation, electronic records, open-source tools, web access, digitization, and descriptive standards as well as skill building in such areas as advocacy, fundraising, ethics, management, and leadership.

Building on innovations of the 2012 Program Committee and inspired by some of the preliminary ideas submitted by members to the SAA Annual Meeting Task Force, we have added more lightning talks and scheduled more 60-minute tracks, and we are experimenting with a model for providing virtual sessions. (In 2013, one complete track will be audio-recorded and made available [with slides] after the conference.)

Using the primary session topic assigned by SAA staff during the session submission and evaluation process, below is a *working* chart documenting the diversity of 2012 program session proposals accepted to date; these numbers may fluctuate if sessions are withdrawn because of unanticipated circumstances and alternate sessions confirmed for the program. Final statistics documenting all of the proposals submitted, accepted, declined, and undecided will be provided in a final report to the Council in August 2013.

Topic	Topic Total	Count of Accepted	% Accepted of Submitted	% of All Accepted
Access/Privacy	9	4	45	6
Advocacy	8	6	75	9
Appraisal	9	1	11	1
Audio/Visual	9	3	33	4
Description	7	5	71	7
Digitization	13	6	46	9
Diversity	7	5	71	7
Education	8	3	38	4
Electronic Records	10	6	60	9
Ethics	2	1	50	1
Facilities/Security	4	1	25	1
International	4	2	50	3
Management	12	7	58	10
Methodology	3	2	67	3
Other (Disaster Recovery, Community Outreach, Crowd sourcing, Holdings Security, and Processing)	5	5	100	7
Preservation	1	1	100	1
Professionalism	6	2	33	3
Records Management	2	2	100	3
Social Memory	3	3	100	4
Standards	1	1	100	1
Web Access	3	2	67	3