

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
May 11–13, 2016
Chicago, Illinois**

Report: Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy
(Prepared by Tanya Zanish-Belcher, Chair)

Committee Activities

The Committee reviewed and provided commentary for the CoSA/NAGARA/SAA *Joint Statement on Access to State and Local Records*. (January 2016)

Per the Council, CAPP conducted a preliminary review of the 2009 Access to ALA/SAA Joint Statement on Access to Research Materials in Archives and Special Collections Libraries. The initial Committee response was that no changes were needed, but further review will be conducted, with a final report submitted to the Council for its August meeting. (February 2016)

In conjunction with CoSA and NAGARA, monitored the current situation with the State Historical Society of Iowa (Department of Cultural Affairs, State of Iowa). (January-April 2016)

Completed

CAPP (with review by the Intellectual Property Working Group) completed a one-page Copyright Overview, which can be easily handed to legislators, etc. (January 2016)

CAPP member James Cross authored a report on Classification, Declassification, and Controlled Unclassified Information to spark discussion for a potential issue brief. (January 2016)

The CAPP chair (Zanish-Belcher) and vice chair (Riley) assisted with the drafting of letters sent in response to Wisconsin public records (January 2016) and to the closure of the L.A. Port Authority Archives. (March 2016)

Riley participated in a conference call with COPA-I&ART-RAAC. (March 2016)

Riley began working on advocacy programming for the CoSA/SAA Joint Annual Meeting. (March –April 2016)

Appointments and intern selection for 2016-2017 completed. (April 2016)

Zanish-Belcher appointed to CoSA/NAGARA/SAA Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness. Riley will take over when chair term starts (July 2016). (April 2016)

Zanish-Belcher presented on CAPP activities for CoSA webinar: “All Politics Aside: Collaborating for Advocacy.” (April 2016)

In Progress: Issue Brief on Archivists and Climate Change

Currently in draft, with possible title change to focus on broader environmental issues relating to archives. “SAA Will” segment completed and reviewed by Dennis Meissner, CAPP, and ProjectAARC for final version. Work is continuing on Background and Issues, with goal to have completed draft ready for the Council’s consideration at its August meeting.

On the Horizon/Radar

- Artists’ Fair-Market Value Deduction Bill (Artist-Museum Partnership Act, S. 931). (Sent to CAPP by Peter Hirtle)
- Classification, Declassification, and Controlled Unclassified Information. (Report drafted by CAPP member Jim Cross.)
- Congressional Records as Public Records
- Guns and the Reading Room – Texas
- Records retention schedule and Chicago PD
- Public records status of police body cam video
- Status of records state governors