

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
November 18/19, 2024
Chicago, IL – Hybrid**

**2024 Annual Meeting Host Committee
(Prepared by Co-Chairs Pam Hackbart-Dean and Michael Bullington)**

2024 Program Committee members: Michael Bullington (co-chair), April Anderson-Zorn, Beth Arthur, Beth Bruins, Pam Hackbart-Dean (co-chair), Dana Lamparello, Elizabeth Piskorski, Kay Slater, Steven Szegedi, and Frank Villella

The committee would like to thank Helen Wong Smith, Julia Pillard, and Carlos Salgado for their assistance, council, and hard work. It takes a team.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Helped promote the meeting by supplying articles and images. Members of the committee authored 4 individual articles for SAA's *Archival Outlook* issues to build excitement about attending the Chicago conference and spotlight historical stories, sites, and notable local places to explore.

Engaged local repositories around the Chicagoland area to offer tours during the conference. The committee coordinated and provided information and developed a system for registration for each tour. These included 14+ tours to the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, Chicago Maritime Museum, Pullman National Monument and State Historic Site, Union League Club of Chicago, Glessner House, Chicago History Museum, Studio Gang, Chicago Public Library Archives and Special Collections repositories: Special Collections at the Harold Washington Library Center and Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection at the Woodson Regional Library, Rush Hospital and UIC Health Sciences Library, the Newberry Library, Rosenthal Archives of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, and the Oak Park Public Library and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio.

Developed and posted actively on the newly created 2024 Annual Meeting blog, which provided links to Annual Meeting information publicized by staff on the SAA website. The blog specified information and updates on repository tours, restaurant recommendations, places to visit, and other special events happening in Chicago during the conference.

Coordinated and supplied volunteers (both Host Committee members and other local archivist volunteers) to staff the "Advance Registration" desk during conference hours.

RECOMMENDATION:

In July, a request was made to the Host Committee to provide a Land Acknowledgement Statement for Chicago. The committee felt that this was something they could not

provide beyond what the City of Chicago offered. If SAA would like such a statement that reflects the local area archivists, they should continue to work with the Native American Archives Section and provide more lead time for their efforts.