

## Government Records Section (Liaison: Theimer)

### Officers:

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| • Bonita L. Weddle (Chair)                       | 2010-2012 |
| • Mark Myers (Vice Chair)                        | 2011-2013 |
| • Charlene Johnson (Newsletter Editor/Webmaster) | 2011-2013 |

### Report from annual meeting:

*Number of attendees:* 76

#### *Election results:*

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Mark Myers  
Federal Representative: Jacquelyn Ferry  
Local Government Representative: Donna Guerra

#### *Summary of meeting activities:*

- Program Committee member Ricc Ferrante (Smithsonian Institution) discussed the 2012 Annual Meeting's theme and new session format and encouraged Section members to submit Section members to submit proposals.
- Council liaison Kate Theimer provided an overview of the responsibilities of the new Annual Meeting Task Force and encouraged Section members to volunteer to serve on it.
- The Section voted to amend its bylaws to conform to current SAA election procedures and to allow government records archivists from other nations to serve as Section officers and Steering Committee members
- The Section engaged in a long discussion concerning its future direction. Ideas discussed included:
  - Ways of using e-mail to supplement the Section's annual meeting
  - Using online tools to share Annual Meeting content with members who cannot travel to the Annual Meeting
  - Advocating for the importance of government records
  - Advocacy within SAA to ensure that educational offerings, publications, and other services meet the needs of Section members
  - Encouraging Program Committees to consider proposals submitted by government records archivists
  - Work with other sections to identify areas and projects of mutual interest/benefit
  - Reserving the last fifteen minutes of each Section meeting to plan the content of the next Section meeting
  - Reaching out to government records archivists who submitted unsuccessful Annual Meeting proposals and encouraging them to present at Section meetings
- Being more proactive when SAA meets jointly with CoSA (New Orleans, 2013) and/or NAGARA (Washington, DC, 2014)
- Developing a formal recommendation to Council re: avoiding conflicts of interest experienced by Section, Roundtable, and other SAA leaders who are asked to comment or solicit feedback on SAA policies relating to their employers. Cheryl Stadel-Bevans (Housing and Urban Development) and Jennifer Young (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community) agreed to take the lead in developing a draft for the Section's review.
- After the meeting ended, Jim Cundy (Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives), John Slate (City of Dallas, Texas), and Eric Willey (University of Madison-Wisconsin) expressed interest in leading another new project: development of a comprehensive directory of local government archives. This project, which will likely be a joint Section-Local Government Records Roundtable project, is currently underway.

**Completed projects/activities:** None

**Ongoing projects/activities:** Revision of bylaws. Conform to current SAA election procedures. Explicitly allow government records archivists from other nations to serve as Section officers and Steering Committee members. Enhancement/redesign of Section Web site and development of Web 2.0 resources

**New projects/activities:** Development of a directory of local government archives. Drafting of a statement re: handling of potential conflicts of interest affecting SAA members who serve in leadership positions.

**Strategic Priority - Technology initiatives:** None

**Strategic Priority - Diversity initiatives:** None

**Strategic Priority - Advocacy/Public Awareness initiatives:** None

**Questions/concerns for Council attention:** At the Annual Meeting, the Section voted to amend its bylaws to bring its election procedures into alignment with SAA's current procedures. It also voted to amend the bylaws so that they explicitly allow government archivists from other nations to serve as Section officers and Steering Committee members. The Section requests that Council approve these changes.

## **Manuscript Repositories Section (Liaison: Hyry/Landis)**

### **Officers:**

- Elizabeth Russey Roke (Chair) 8/27/2011 - 8/10/2013
- Christopher Burns (Vice Chair) 8/27/2011 - 8/11/2013
- Fernanda Perrone (Immediate Past Chair) 8/27/2011 - 8/11/2012
- Jacqueline Dean (Steering Committee Member) 8/27/2011 - 8/10/2013
- Ellen Doon (Steering Committee Member) 8/11/2010 - 8/12/2012
- Renna Tuten (Steering Committee Member) 8/11/2010 - 8/12/2012
- Anke Voss (Steering Committee Member) 8/11/2010 - 8/12/2012
- Melissa Watterworth Batt (Steering Committee Member) 8/27/2011 - 8/10/2013
- Elizabeth Wilkinson (Steering Committee Member) 8/27/2011 - 8/10/2013

### **Report from Annual Meeting:**

*Number of attendees:* approx. 100

*Election results:* Christopher Burns: Vice Chair/Chair Elect  
Jacqueline Dean, Melissa Watterworth Batt, Elizabeth Wilkinson: Steering Committee

*Summary of meeting activities:*

### **Section Meeting Minutes**

**August 25, 2011**

**Chicago, IL**