

Minutes – GRS SAA August 15, 2014

1. The opening remarks were given by the GRS chair David Evans, with a summary of Section activities over the past year, including the election of new members to the steering committee.
2. SAA Council report (Helen Smith)
 - Helen spoke about the “Terms of Participation” regarding the Listserv
 - The code of conduct for the Listserv will be more prominent
 - One year will be given before further changes to the Listserv participation
 - The council decided against moderation
 - Users of the Listserv are asked to report all violations to the administrator of the Listserv
3. SAA 2015 Program Committee (Sharmila Bhatia)
 - Sharmila said there would be no theme for the Cleveland conference in 2015
 - Also the conference would be held at the Cleveland Convention Center
 - Session proposals should advance advocacy and experimentation
 - Unusual content and format proposals will be accepted but should be justified
 - Sessions will be reduced to 60 to 75 minutes
 - Sections will not be asked for endorsements
 - Members should however work with the sections and the roundtables in creating their session proposals
 - October 8, 2014 is the submission deadline for session proposals
4. Vote on Changes to Bylaws regarding composition of Steering Committee (Dennis Riley)
 - A motion from the floor was given to approve the changes by John Slate Archivist for the city of Dallas Texas. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Stadel-Bevans of HUD-OIG Washington DC
 - By-law changes were passed by 37 votes with no votes against
 - The vote was taken with a simple show of hands for and then against
5. Local Archival Government Repositories Directory & Survey (John Slate & David Evans)
 - John Slate gave an overview of the directory project
 - A call for volunteers was given for members to help in the formatting and further development of the Directory
 - David Evans gave an overview of the development of the GRS LAGR Survey
 - Questions from the floor were answered by John Slate and David Evans

6. Q&A with Bill Mayer, NARA Executive for Research Services – Bill Mayer found out he had an emergency and had tried to communicate he would not be there but we sadly did not get his message in time.
7. As the new chair Dennis Riley gave further announcements
 - No decision regarding the continuation of certain sections had been decided by the Affinity Group meeting
 - Dennis asked the floor to propose ideas for what the section should do
 - The social media position needs to be filled and there was a call for a volunteer
8. Laura Saegert talked about the Texas State archives preparing to acquire both Governor Rick Perry & the Lieutenant Governor's records -- which apparently under current law do not have to go to the state archives
9. Announcements from the floor as well as questions.
 - Two members from NAGARA, one being on the conference Program committee, spoke about the relationship between NAGARA and the SAA.
 - Dennis also spoke about what the role of the SAA GRS was in respect to NAGARA and CoSA. It was suggested that liaisons from NAGARA and CoSA could give reports at the next section meeting in Cleveland
 - A member from the floor discussed with David Evans the relative merits of a liaison also from the Association of Canadian Archivists.