

Government Records Section

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ACTIVITIES

Completed

N/A

Ongoing

Working with SAA's Publication Board, the section launched a call for case studies related to government records which will be published on the SAA website. While this will be an ongoing initiative, the goal is to have 3-5 case studies published by the next annual meeting.

New

Restarting the GRS Newsletter (in progress).

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

GRS consistently liaisons with various government entities and allied professional organizations (CoSA, NAGARA, etc.) to discuss advocacy strategies for archival institutions and information professionals.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

GRS provides a lively forum for government records professionals to discuss career advancement strategies and the newest trends in records management.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

GRS is a consistent advocate for government archivists and professionals through constant discussions of policy and practice with relevant stakeholders.

Goal 4: Meeting Members' Needs

Our case study initiative provides content through publications that reflect current practice in government records in an affordable and accessible manner.

ANNUAL MEETING

Number of Attendees: 60

Summary of Meeting Activities:

After covering annual meeting business and introducing our new leadership, we had the following presentations:

1) Michael Strom (State Archivist of Wyoming) will present an update on the activities of the Council of State Archivists' State Electronic Records Initiative (SERI) and the PERTTS Portal.

2) David Brown (Archivist of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) and Geof Huth (Chief Records Officer at New York State Unified Court System) will participate in a panel discussion on the following:

Please contact me offline if you know of a good candidate to join in the conversation.

“Archivists and Records Managers as Cultural Disruptors: Providing your customers what they didn’t know they needed, but they can’t live without.”

The purpose of this panel is to offer perspectives from government records professionals on how to leverage technology to improve information sharing and enhance productivity within their organizations. The panel will showcase the technological expertise of archivists and records managers and highlight information management tools with the potential to provide enterprise-wide benefits. Specific “disruptive” technology projects will be discussed and strategies will be shared so that archivists and records managers can utilize their placement within organizations to act as honest brokers in achieving change.

Some examples are:

- Applying artificial intelligence technologies to improve the management of email
- Using predictive coding and/or auto-categorization to assist in the eDiscovery/litigation hold process
- Integrating records management functionalities into information technology projects to create efficient and effective collaborative platforms
- Evolving paper-based work processes to digital

Meg Philips (NARA’s External Affairs Liaison) will introduce the newly appointed Chief Records Officer for the U.S. Government, Laurence Brewer. Mr. Brewer will briefly describe his role, goals and challenges for the next few years, and plans for communicating with SAA.

John Slate (Dallas City Archivist) and Kaye Minchew (former Troup County Archives Executive Director) will announce the publication of their new book, *Managing Local Government Archives* (<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781442263949/Managing-Local-Government-Archives>).

Link to Meeting Minutes:

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

N/A