

**Government Records Section
Annual Meeting
Minutes
August 21, 2015**

1. The opening remarks were given by the outgoing GRS chair Dennis Riley, with a summary of Section activities over the past year, including the election of new members to the steering committee. Notice was also reiterated of Council's request for input on proposed changes to affinity groups and the proposed dues increase.
2. Local Archival Government Repositories Directory & Survey
 - a. John Slate gave an overview of the directory project
 - b. The overall results indicate that the majority of individuals responsible for local government records still lack professional training and/or credentials.
 - c. The full set of results will be posted to the GRS microsite
3. Presentation – “Government Records – Not Just for Bureaucrats”
 - a. Diana Banning of the Portland (Oregon) City Archives presented a case study on how government records were used to bring together a community and reach a new level of mutual understanding, as well as an ongoing artists in residency program.
4. CAPP Draft Issue Briefs: Privacy and NARA/Federal Records Management
 - a. The floor was opened for general discussion and feedback on these two draft issue briefs.
 - b. Concern was raised regarding the privacy issue brief that standards between jurisdictions was so diverse that setting out a blanket standard was unrealistic.
 - c. The rejoinder to this was given that the issue briefs are meant to be aspirational and reflect general consensus of best practices among archives and records management professionals with a realistic understanding that various legislative and executive bodies may enact different standards.
5. Proposed Changes to Affinity Groups
 - a. A general discussion from the floor about the proposed changes was initiated.
 - b. The general sentiment expressed concern regarding the changes, especially regarding not allowing non-SAA members to participate in round tables.
 - c. Others expressed general frustration that Council did not allow more lead time for discussion and consideration of these proposed changes.