**AHRT Phone Conference Minutes** 12/07/2016

In attendance: Eric Stoykovich (Chair), Kelly Kolar (Vice-Chair)

Notetaker: Eric Stoykovich

1.  Update: **Publications Working Group** - Robert Riter, Chair of the Pub. Working Group, submitted the Final Draft of the “Recommendations on the Development of an Archival History Section Publication Infrastructure” on 12/2. ES distributed the Final Draft to members of the Steering Committee on 12/4. ES posted the Final Draft on the SAA website and AHS listserv on 12/23, opening the recommendations for public comment until 1/27/2017.

Next month’s discussion will be about timeline for reviewing and taking action on the report's 7 proposals.

2.  Update: **SAA 2017: AHS Section Meeting proposal** – KK indicated that preparations for a panel on ‘Archives Change the World: Archival History and Russia’ are underway; one panelist from Kansas State University is interested in presenting on archives in Ukraine; one panelist from Middle Tennessee State University would also present; a third potential panelist has been contacted

3.  Update: **AHS's pre-1900 bibliography** – KK discussed the good contributions to the pre-1900 global bibliography, which now include sources related to the archival history of Croatia, Sweden, and Belgium. ES mentioned that the University of Maryland libraries has a collection of European Heritage Documents which may be mined for a few potentially useful bibliographic entries related to the history of archiving in various parts of Europe (i.e. the House of Savoy). KK discussed the possibility of making an announcement at the next meeting of the IAAHRT (at the 2017 SAA Annual Meeting in Portland, OR) to solicit participation from individuals with language expertise, which is an essential skill for preparing this global archival history bibliography. ES suggested that the idea of making in-person announcements at other SAA sections sounded as if it could be effective.

4.  Update: **Twitter/Social Media** – tabled until next month’s conference call

5.  Update: **AHS presence on ResearchGate** **and Mendeley** – CT distributed notes on 12/6 to the Steering Committee. In the notes, CT discussed the usability on ResearchGate and Mendeley as platforms for AHS to connect with more academics and other professionals interested in archival history. Further discussion will be tabled to next month’s conference call.

6.  Review Proposal: **Proposing a new Award for Best Archival History article to SAA Council** – ES and KK discussed revisions to the proposed “Archival History Article Award” to be submitted to the SAA Council by the deadline of March 1, 2017

7.  Other new initiatives (All)

Continuing Initiative - **Contact AHA about collaborations between AHA and AHS** - ES sent a letter via regular mail in late November to Dr. Edmund Russell, a Vice-President of the Research Division of the American Historical Association (now available on the SAA microsite). On 12/12, ES received a reply message via email.

Next Conference Call: January 19 at 2pm