**AHRT Phone Conference Minutes** 11/10/2016

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

Notetaker: Eric Stoykovich

1.  **SAA 2017 Meeting proposal** (ES, CT, KK) – ES, KK, and CT discussed the idea of submitting a traditional paper proposal, along with a third presenter, for the sessions of the 2017 annual meeting. More likely and feasible, however, will be the preparation of a set of presentations or papers for the Section meeting at the annual meeting. The paper topics have yet to be finalized.

2.  Planning for **SAA 2017 AHS section meeting** (All) – see #1

3.  Update: AHS's pre-1900 bibliography (KK) – KK reported that progress had been made with the attempt to make contact with experts of particular national histories. KK reached out to Filippo de Vivo, a scholar of Italian archival history, and another academic provided Russian sources. ES suggested that a rough draft of the bibliography could perhaps be made available by next year’s annual meeting.

4.  Update: **Twitter/Social Media** – postponed…

5.  Update: **AHS presence on Academia.edu and ResearchGate, etc.** (ES, CT) – Since the last conference call, ES set up a personal account on Academia.edu, a social media platform used largely by college-level researchers to disseminate pre-publication research and published academic papers, in order to test whether it might be a platform to obtain assistance with the creation of the AHS international bibliography by connecting with an untapped resource. With an individual profile on Academia.edu, ES will extract the names of academic researchers who are interested in archival history and the titles of their publications and relay this information to KK as the bibliography proceeds. Still, ES did not recommend that the Archival History Section join Academia.edu as a group. CT described experiences with ResearchGate and Mendeley. ResearchGate allows for project pages and citation service, but members must “follow” each other. CT thinks that Mendeley, a reference manager, has more potential to share curated bibliographies, reading lists, or recommended papers. Mendeley has different levels of membership, including private invite-only (at cost), public, and open public. CT will set up a test membership with Mendeley and report back to the AHS steering committee. ES will ask Erin Lawrimore, Council Rep., about social media platforms that SAA may use or have used.

6.  Update: **AHS engagement w/ Research Division of the AHA** (CT, ES) – ES has revised a draft letter to the Research Division of the AHA (c/o Edmund Russell) originally drafted by CT. ES will circulate this draft letter to the entire AHS steering committee for comment and review. ES will plan to send this letter in the mail.

7.  Discussion: **Interest in Establishing new Award for Best Archival History article of the year** (ES) – ES proposed that the AHS recommend that the SAA Council create a new award to honor the best journal article on archival history produced in the previous year. KK and CT agreed that such a new award would bring new publicity to archival history, especially if articles from all sorts of publications, including regional archives journals and less-known periodicals, were considered acceptable as award recipients. CT said that it was important for the AHS steering committee to play a role in the nomination and selection of the winner of this potential new award. ES concluded that he would draw up a formal proposal to share with the AHS steering committee, with the intention of sending it eventually to the SAA Council. ES also suggested that he would be willing to contribute financially to the support of this new award.

8.  Update: **Changing bylaws to allow for Archival History Section representative to Advisory Board of *Information and Culture***(ES) – ES will draw up language to include on ballot at annual AHS election in June 2017

9.  **Other new initiatives** (All) – ES mentioned that some thought must be given to continuity planning vis-à-vis the members of the Publications Working Group, dependent on the recommendations provided in the report written by the Publications Working Group.