**October AHS Phone Conference Minutes**

10/06/2016  
  
In attendance: Eric Stoykovich (Chair), Kelly Kolar (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Mitchell, Tamar Zeffren, Ciaran Trace,

Cameo appearances – Robert Riter (Publication Working Group), Erin Lawrimore (Council Rep.)

Notetaker: Eric Stoykovich

1.  **Archival History Section Publication Working Group** (Robert Riter, representing) - reported on the 9/13 meeting of the Publication Working Group. The Group will circulate a final draft of a Report to AHS steering committee during the week of November 1-5. RR indicated that the final steps of the working group involve gathering more data about the areas studied by archival journals and the topics covered by archival educators. TZ thanked RR and the entirety of the Working Group for its efforts and asked him about the sustainability and inclusivity of any publication format that the AHS decides to inaugurate. RR asked whether the Working Group would continue after the release of this Report. ES suggested that the Working Group should continue after the Report was released, perhaps as an Advisory Board to the newsletter or journal, should either be created by AHS.

2.  **Archival History Section representative to Advisory Board of Information and Culture** --

**ISSUE:** On September 23, 2016, the new Editor of *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*, Ciaran Trace (also a member of the AHS steering committee) informed the Chair (ES) that the SAA Archival History Round Table had a representative on that journal's Advisory Board. While the AHRT had a representative on the Advisory Board between 2011 and 2014, at that time no replacement was found. Thus, there has been no AHS representation on the Advisory Board of *I&C* for the past two years.

**ACTION:** On October 3, the Chair (ES) submitted two proposals to the steering committee for a vote:

(1) That an Archival History Section representative be selected to serve on the Advisory Board of *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*, and that the representative be the same person serving a one-year elective term as Vice Chair/Chair elect of the Archival History Section.

(2) That an amendment be submitted to the vote of the AHS membership as a whole, which would modify the AHS Bylaws "Section C. Duties of Officers." to include: "The elected Vice Chair/Chair elect will serve a coterminous one-year term as the representative of the Archival History Section on the Advisory Board of the journal *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*."

**RESULT:** During the conference call with the full steering committee, both of the above proposals passed by a majority voice vote. As a result, the AHS steering committee designated the current Vice Chair/Chair elect (Kelly Kolar) as the AHS representative to *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*, to serve the remainder of a one-year term until the end of the AHS section meeting at the SAA Annual Meeting in August 2017. Further, ES contacted Council Rep. (EL) to ask about next steps. EL stated that the new representative to the journal may start immediately, as the bylaws state that the Chair can make appointments so long as the steering committee approves it. For bylaw changes, changes should be submitted to Felicia Owens, SAA's Governance Programs Coordinator, for review as soon as possible so that they can be reviewed and revised (if needed) in time for the spring election.

3.  **AHS's pre-1900 bibliography** - KK updated the steering committee on efforts to encourage new entries for the **Select History of the World’s Archives, 1588-1898** bibliography by reposting a call for entries to the listservs of the Archival History Section on September 7, and sending a new call to the listserv of the Archival Educators Roundtable. KK will soon post a call for entries to the listserv of the International Archival Affairs Roundtable (IAART). Katherina Hering, a Member at Large of the IAART, did respond with interest in the bibliography. ES suggested that Filippo De Vivo (Birkbeck University of London), who is leader of **AR.C.H.I.ves: A comparative history of archives in late medieval and early modern Italy** (http://www.bbk.ac.uk/history/archives/people) may be someone to contact to assist for Italian sources.

4.  **Twitter (@archivalhistory) account** – TZ reported that conversation with former Twitter account manager, Alison Clemens, had been fruitful, though there is a learning curve. Five people became followers since Monday October 3. More tweets could be developed in conjunction with Archives Month. TZ indicated that subjects which interest certain sectors of the archival community (i.e. access, confidentiality) could be developed into subject lists and readied for ease of development across a number of social media platforms. ES and others on the steering committee agreed this assembling of pre-positioned tweets as great way to spur interest. ES indicated that TZ had quite a bit of freedom to develop these exciting new possibilities.

5.  **SAA 2017 Meeting proposals** – ES offered to draft a revised CFP language arranged around “Times of Change” or tipping points in archival history. TZ volunteered to edit the language, and then post it on the AHS member listserv and other communication platforms. On October 11, TZ posted the announcement, which sought to invite a third paper presenter to join two other presenters.

6.  **D.C. Archives Fair** – On October 5, ES served as representative of SAA-AHS at the D.C. Archives Fair in Washington, D.C, where he distributed SAA promotional materials (i.e. copies of *Outlook*, educational flyers), as well as 20 copies of a first ever print edition of the Archival History Section’s *Bibliography of American Archival History*, a 35-page selection of the online Bibliography of Archival History.

On October 12, SAA’s biweekly electronic newsletter *In the Loop* utilized information prepared for the D.C. Archives Fair in a short announcement:

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**Studying Our Own History**Did you know that the Library of Congress was approved by Congress in 1800? Or that the National Archives building in DC opened in 1937? Join SAA's [Archival History Section](http://archivists.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=56c4cfbec1ee5b2a284e7e9d6&id=06a551af2e&e=c0b9d008ad) and follow [@archivalhistory](http://archivists.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=56c4cfbec1ee5b2a284e7e9d6&id=92ca1ecbd8&e=c0b9d008ad) on Twitter to learn more about the history of the archives profession and ways of studying it!

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10. **Other new initiatives** – postponed until November 10 conference call:

AHS presence on Academia.edu and ResearchGate

AHS engagement w/ Research Division of the AHA

Establish new award for best archival history article of the year