**AHRT Phone Conference Minutes**

09/02/2016

In attendance: Eric Stoykovich (Chair), Kelly Kolar (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Mitchell, Tamar Zeffren, Ciaran Trace, Erin Lawrimore (Council Rep.)

Cameo appearance: Robert Riter (Chair, Publications Working Group)

Notetaker: Eric Stoykovich

1. **Welcome to new committee members and News from Erin Lawrimore (SAA Council)** – The news from the August 6 Council Meeting is now available on SAA website. Requests for monetary assistance from SAA Council should be made soon. (ES comment: The AHS has not requested monetary assistance for at least the past 2 years.)

2.  **Archival History Section Publication Working Group** – RR said that the Working Group will be meeting in 2 weeks (Sept. 13) to discuss recommendations to be presented to AHS by beginning of October. Recommendations have been developing along two lines: (1) development of mechanism for publishing news (i.e. newsletter, blog) that would be fairly easily produced via traditional desktop publishing or PDF format; and (2) creation of a sustainable peer-reviewed journal on archival history. RR will report recommendations to Steering Committee at October conference call.

3.  **SAA Affinity Group Decision** – SAA will make changes to the website to unify the name to “Archival History Section,” and SAA will provide logo support to AHS. However, the Steering Committee could make changes to the microsite ahead of the SAA web developers.

4.  **Debriefing of Archival History meeting in Atlanta** – The Moderator (CT) of the Panel expressed concern that the papers could have been available before the conference. SAA Council Rep. (EL) informed the Steering Committee that next year’s AHS will continue to be limited to 1.5 hours.

5.  **AHS's pre-1900 bibliography** – KK will send out a call for interested bibliographic contributors to the AHS listserv within a week. Also, KK will email the Archival Educators Section, and later the International Archival Affairs Section, to solicit contributions and make connections with other scholars.

6.  **AHS's post-1900 bibliography** – A revised edition with new bibliographic entries will be revised and uploaded on microsite by 9/2 (ES) – completed 9/2.

7.  **Twitter (@archivalhistory) account** – Motion was proposed and seconded to transition the control of the Twitter account from the outgoing Chair to TZ, who volunteered to run the account. ES will send email to past Chair (AC) – email was sent 9/8.

8.   **Plans for Section Meeting and/or Paper Proposals at SAA 2017 Meeting?** – ES agrees to draft a paragraph to encourage paper proposals (and panelists) to submit to the SAA 2017 Annual Meeting program committee. ES will send out the paragraph to the AHS listserv by Sept. 14. If there are enough good paper proposals, invitations might be later extended to potential presenters at the AHS meeting in Portland. ES sent draft paragraph to steering committee 9/9.

9.   **Web presence of AHS bibliographies on Academia.edu?** – Discussion of Academia.edu as a possible platform for group identified work. CT mentions that she is a member of ResearchGate, an internet platform designed to allow individuals to create profiles and upload academic papers and pose questions to a broader landscape of academic researchers.

**ACTION:** CT will investigate if ResearchGate allows creation of group profiles. ES will investigate if Academia.edu allows creation of group profiles.

10.   **Connect with the Research Division of the American Historical Association?** Discussion (and consensus) that it would be a good idea to investigate the possibility for SAA-AHS to assist or coordinate with AHA. CT will draft language to be reviewed by the Steering Committee before sending to AHA’s Vice President, Research Division, Dr. Edmund Russell.

11. **Other new initiatives** – CT and KK discussed the importance of encouraging the teaching of archival history within the academy, not just as entire courses and not just within iSchools. CT suggested that case studies and social media could be useful tools to introduce K-12 or undergraduates to archival history subjects. CT and KK would like to explore new ways of promoting archival history education.