**AHRT Phone Conference Minutes** 04/20/2017

In attendance: Eric Stoykovich (Chair), Ciaran Trace (CT), Adam Mosseri (AM)

Notetaker: Eric Stoykovich

**AHS Newsletter Editor developments** – ES introduced Adam Mosseri as a potential co-editor of the newsletter by pointing to his resume and interest in the position. A conversation ensued in which AM described his experience with WordPress, his three years’ experience as a staff writer for Jewish News Foundation, and his engagement of the students of the Wayne State MLIS graduate program. AM asked how often the newsletter would provide content – biweekly or monthly? ES suggested monthly to start with. AM asked whether headlines, stories, or articles would be distributed to readers through the SAA-AHS listserv or directly through the WordPress website. ES suggested that both methods, including using social media platforms already established by AHS (i.e. @archivalhistory), would be viable tools. AM suggested that sustainability of the newsletter could be achieved by cultivating students in library school programs as volunteer writers. CT argued that the mission of the newsletter should remain small, focusing on the needs of AHS membership, at least to begin with. At the close of this half-hour discussion, ES offered AM the position of co-editor. No other individuals had demonstrated sustained interest since January 2017. Subsequent to the phone conference, ES submitted a proposal to give the name “Archival History News” to the newsletter, which CT seconded via email.

As a result, a formal statement will be announced through the listserv and social media to say the following: **Eric Stoykovich and Adam Mosseri have volunteered to serve as co-editors of *Archival History News* (The Newsletter of the Archival History Section) for an appointment beginning May 1, 2017, and ending August 12, 2018, with possibility of extension as approved by the AHS steering committee (as decided no later than May 1, 2018).**

**Final Revisions of Bylaw Changes** – ES has sent a copy of the proposed bylaw changes to Felicia Owens (Governance Program Coordinator). The bylaw changes propose the formalization of an AHS steering committee representative to the Editorial Board of *Information and Culture*. The bylaw recommendations were voted on by Steering Committee in October 2016. The AHS steering committee will submit the proposed bylaw changes to a vote by AHS membership in the upcoming July election.

**Program for Annual Meeting in Portland** – ES mentioned that the paper topics for the panel on Russian archives will be announced in the SAA 2017 program.

**Twitter/Social Media** – update tabled until next meeting

**Bibliography Update** – update tabled until next meeting

**Research the 30-year history of the Archival History Roundtable, 1986-2016** – ES continues to work on this project by emailing past chairs to see if the unknown chairs can be identified.

**New Business** - MAY 5THwill be the call for nominations for new AHS leadership. ES will work with TZ to make the announcement through the listserv and other social media.