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4.2. Create opportunities for members to participate fully in the association.

- i. Webinar series supports this initiative
- ii. Section Facebook and Twitter accounts support this initiative
- iii. Survey project supports this initiative
- iv. Listserv conversations support this initiative

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Number of Attendees:** ~50

### **Summary of Meeting Activities:**

- a. Update from Education Committee (5 minutes)
- b. Update from TS-DACS (2 minutes)
- c. Business meeting and Introduction (10 minutes) – Patrick Galligan
  - i. Introduction of new section leadership
  - ii. Overview of agenda
  - iii. Rundown of section work in the past year
- d. Update from TS-EAS (15 minutes) – Karin Brandenburg
  - i. Discussion of support standards and where to find them
  - ii. Overview of TS-EAS survey that is still open for comment
- e. Introduction to Archives and Linked Data Interest Group work (40 minutes) – Gloria Gonzalez, Mark Matienzo, and Elizabeth Russey Roke
  - i. Gloria Gonzalez – Introduction to Linked Data and Schema.org
  - ii. Elizabeth Russey Roke – Introduction to RDFa and the work that the group is doing to convert finding aids to more structured and linked formats.
  - iii. Mark Matienzo – Introduction and rundown of proposed extension to Schema.org to support archives and how to comment on that work.
  - iv. Questions and answers

## **QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

The only concern we have for the coming year is that it's becoming increasingly difficult to provide webinars without a dedicated webinar system. It'd be great to get access to a webinar platform provided for sections through SAA, but we understand this could have budgeting implications.

## **Government Records Section**

Council Liaison: Bertram Lyons

Report Submitter: Ingi House

## **ACTIVITIES**

**Completed:** Several phone meetings

**Ongoing:** Phone meetings and mini presentations

**New:** Continuing to outreach

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists**

GRS has actively contributed too many discussions, both inside the group and in SAA at large. Due to the political climate, government archivists are often the center of discussions on what needs to be collected and preserved and how much access should be given. Our section presses the issue that archivists need to be respected, independent of any political persuasion and that our mission is to preserve, not to judge.

### **Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth**

This year GRS has had several phone “Meet and Greet” meetings. These phone meetings encourage the exchange of information between professionals, enhancing knowledge and fostering dissemination of information. This has led to people sharing information about different classes, workshops and professional literature.

### **Goal 3: Advancing the Field**

Government Records have been in the spotlight this year and GRS has participated by being an open field to talk about some of the new issues that have come up, including how to handle activism, social media and archiving in real time. Throughout our meetings we have come up with new ideas and connected professionals to see those ideas through.

### **Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs**

This is a goal GRS has been actively working on this year. We hold phone calls and constantly ask what we can do to engage and make this group more useful. The meetings meet several needs of our members by simply being a gathering place to talk with other government archivists. We also send out notes and information packets to make sure that no one feels left out if they can't make it to the phone meetings.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Number of Attendees:** 70

### **Summary of Meeting Activities:**

- How we are making GRS better by posting national news, policies and fun stuff. Sending out more emails and doing more phone calls.
- We are making sure that GRS is being inclusive by focusing on being supportive of one another and promoting the idea that anyone can be in GRS, not just the people who have worked in government archives for years or are particularly active in SAA. GRS is for all skill levels.

- Focusing on government archives and records needs and special issues that only pertain to those records.
- Discussing different platforms that might work better to host meetings. Issues that pop up are that government institutions have limits on what can be downloaded and viewed.
- Working with various government archives, from Fed, state down to city and even town archives. They are all government!
- Records Management – Very important part of government records but getting people to participate is very hard. Washington State Archives had a great example that was posted as well as the Australian archives.
- Using IT departments to work with archives and different databases and methods.
- Government archives don't have a lot of money and are often on strict budgets so how can we do work around and get the most bang for our buck.
- Government archives are very large and what we can do to make sure they get attention to detail.
- Involvement in the annual meeting and a call for participants.

**Link to Meeting Minutes:** <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/government-records-section>

## QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

No.

## Human Rights Archives Section

Council Liaison: Steven Booth

Report Submitter: Jeremy Brett

### ACTIVITIES

**Completed:** 1. Selection of an Intern for 2018-2019, whose projects are still to be determined, but which may include - preparing a history of the Section that will help us going forward to understand the context of our creation; and a directory of archival institutions, both in the US and outside, containing collections related to human rights.

2. Cooperating with the Privacy & Confidentiality Section for a joint meeting at the 2018 SAA Annual Meeting. Both Sections collaborated on bringing in a speaker, Carlos Osorio of the National Security Archive, and on hosting a lightning talk by Dan McCormack and Jim Havron that was of interest to both groups.

**Ongoing:** The HRA Section Newsletter (produced by Hilary Barlow), providing news and updates relating to human rights in archives.

**New:** Preparing and issuing statements from the Section concerning human rights. No statement has been officially issued yet, because we are still working out the process and workflow, but we did prepare a draft statement about ICE and its negligent recordkeeping practices.