

# Annual Meeting Survey Answers

30 Total Responses (23 Responses During Annual Meeting & 7 Responses from the Google Survey)

1. Have you seen the Recommendations for Choosing & Expectations of RAAC Representatives?  
This is a web page but it has also been mentioned in a newsletter as well.

	Annual Meeting	Google Survey	Total
Yes	10	3	13 (43%)
No	13	4	17 (57%)

2. Do you think all RAAC Representatives should be on a committee?

	Annual Meeting	Google Survey	Total
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Yes	19	3	22 (73%)
No	4	4	8 (27%)

### 3. One of the expectations of a RAAC

Representative is to serve on and contribute work towards a committee. Do you want to serve on a committee?

	Annual Meeting	Google Survey	Total
Yes...	16	5	21 (70%)
No...	1	1	2 (7%)
Ad Hoc...	6	1	7 (23%)

The responses were:

1. Yes, I want to serve on a RAAC Committee.
2. No, I do not want to serve on a RAAC Committee. I only want to be responsible for relaying emails to my regional and answering representative emails.
3. I'd rather serve on ad-hoc committees that are working on a project that is of my interest.

4. What would your regional deem valuable from being a part of RAAC? Please list as many answers as necessary.

## Keywords/Phrases picked out:

### Most Used:

**Collaboration** (including Resources for);

**Advocacy** (including Awareness of other regional legislative activities; Advocating for salary transparency; Resources for lobbying);

**Learning** (including How other regionals function; Shared webinar events; Educational resources; Support for non SAA members);

### Also Used:

**Communication** (including with SAA on behalf of regionals);

**Disaster Preparedness;**

**Promotion** (including Information Sharing)

### Special Mentions:

Coordinating Efforts; Archives Month templates; Symposium; Grants; NCH; Consortial Models

Unedited Responses Below:

collaboration
Resources for inter-group collaboration Advocating for regionals to SAA Promoting other regionals' activities/conferences
partner/compare with other regionals about issues (engaging membership, continuing education, salary transparency, grant funded employees)

learning how other regionals function, sharing and coordinating efforts, more cross-communication
Having a forum to share ideas on how to run a regional association. In the past, RAAC had collections of documents (bylaws, subcommittee structure, event guidelines) from various regionals that we could all use as examples. I'd like to see this emphasized over the federal advocacy work that RAAC has been attempting to do – I feel like SAA is in a better position for that.
Collaborations Info sharing Advocacy
shared free webinars that all RAAC organizations are attending at the same time + followup forum availability
Dedicated communication on new and ongoing educational resources, forum to discuss practices and resources with other regional organizations
educational resources; advocacy resources
awareness of other regional activities/legislative activities help in advocating for transparency in salaries Disaster preparedness resources
Resources for disaster planning, preservation and other topics. Access to lobbying resources. Templates and resources for Archives Month activities.
collaborative initiatives symposia activities educational opportunities
collaborative purchasing/discount options for SAA continuing ed
skill-sharing, archive advocacy at a regional level, regional workshops, website on past conferences abd shared videos, coffee clatch webinars, shared recordings of members' organizations, increased outreach, collaborations on solutions
collaboration on disaster planning and recovery, as well as support for workshops.
Better communication amongst regionals.

Better communication to/from RAAC to regionals. .
Unsure because RAAC has not been responsive to requests for information and answers to questions. It might be more helpful to talk to our actual rep.
shared advocacy, shared initiatives, sharing ideas that can be implemented across regions
if value is for RAAC to have direct communication with SAA so that regional concerns and issues are addressed.
support for local training for regional org members not in SAA
news pertinent to archival issues, disaster preparedness, grant collaboration
NCH membership was primary reason
place to advocate for issues that are important to our regional group; hope that we could share practices
1) interaction and communication about items of national interest, 2) potential for a larger network to connect with, 3) receiving some interpretation, perspective, and guidance about issues of national importance in archives, hist. soc, and libraries. 4) another venue to connect to SAA
Possibly taking part in keeping an NCH membership, and any educational opportunities.
I'm new to the position, so I don't have a lot of information to go on to answer this question. What comes to mind at most right now is the opportunity to talk to other regions who have engaged in state/regionwide consortial models, whether its for digital preservation or creating digital collections.
educational support, seminars, webinars
Connection to network of peer organizations; Power in numbers (strength in shared advocacy/funding);

5. Have you had any problems with our SAA listserv, website, etc.? Please explain.

The majority answered “no”.

Unedited Responses below (not including those that just said no):

I haven't noticed but I'm new to RAAC. I did have SAA issues with my account when they changed systems
They get buried in all of the other listserv emails and so I don't see them.
not familiar with how it works
I've experienced some trouble logging into and navigating the listserv.
i havent noticed
See queztion four.
have had some issues with forwarding attachments via the SAA listserv

6. Have you had any experience with Google Groups? Do you have any problems with Google Groups?

The majority responded with something along the lines of “yes; no problems.”

Unedited Responses below (not including those that just said no or the “yes; no problems” line):

Yes. Only lack of features
Google groups is great!

Yes, it is a generally less proprietary way to organize and maintain org. documents and communications.
yes, no problems per se but the institution i work for has a weird google apps integration, so my email is always different
dont use google groups
I've had limited experience working with Google Groups.
I have used Google groups and I think our actual rep has experience.
I work with Google Groups at my institution. No, i dont have any issues with using it.
Yes, and I've never had any problems as long as I've used my personal gmail address
Very minimal experience, no problems.

7. We would like to host a RAAC Symposium in 2020. Previously one was held in 2016 in Atlanta before the SAA conference. Please let us know if you are interested in attending and if yes, would you prefer for it to be online or in person (Chicago)?

	Annual Meeting	Google Survey	Total
No Preference	14	4	18 (60%)
In Person	5	0	5 (17%)

Online	3	2	5 (17%)
Not Attending	1	1	2 (6%)

## 8. Any other comments or concerns regarding RAAC? Please explain.

Unedited Responses below (not including those that just said no):

How can new organizations or loosely organized groups become represented?
Not yet . I'm new to RAAC so still learning.
not yet, im still relatively new!
As a new member, I'm interested in finding more ways to get involved in committees and other RAAC initiatives.
costs of attending meetings are always an issuefor members
I don't feel like I'n aware of the projects my working group undertakes. I would like to be more involved, but don't know how.
better communication, but I feel that will be an issue regardless, given the diffuse nature of the group.
See queztion four.
more communication
communication seems to be very infrequent. il felt disconnected from RAAC. I hope



this changes as I am very excited about my continued participation.
we need some energy and involvement from memebbers
need to stimulate membership
We would like better communication from RAAC leadership, especially in regard to NCH membership
I'd like more interaction with RAAC. i think there is potential to be communicating/sharing more than we are.
I support the idea of getting back to idea of interacting with & representing the regionals in a more meaningful way.
RAAC has great potential, but needs more advertising to, and input from, the regionals,