

# NAAS November Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 22, 2021

3:00–4:00 p.m. EST

## 1. SAA UPDATES

### DEIA Statement Approved - follow up on our recommendations - Diana

- Saw via post to communities from Headquarters today posted Nov 19

### SAA Diversity Committee - Eric & Selena (+ Diana)

- General Committee updates - **Selena**
- Separate meeting Nov 15 (Diversity + NAAS + Memberships) - **Selena & Diana**
  - Some discussion of training and collaboration
  - Most of discussion on expanding out our scholarship model to wider SAA
  - Shared our original proposal--they would like to work as a group to propose a wider scholarship program geared at BIPOC membership (and perhaps leadership) citing our scholarships as a successful model
  - Draft summary of these ideas to share with our respective groups - by the EOB Tuesday Dec 7, 2021 Alaska Time (5pm AST/ 7pm PST/10 pm ET)
    - Membership Committee will not meet in December but will send out to their members for feedback -- Diversity Committee will plan on sharing at the next committee meeting on December 8 (AAC also to share)

## 2. PROJECT UPDATES

### Protocols Webinars & Toolkit

- Going back to the Protocols originator group, waiting on Jennifer's next update
- Haven't heard back from Descriptive Notes/Description Section group

## 3. NEW GOALS FOR 2021-2022

- **Creating resources/webinars/MOOCs for Tribal archivists**
  - IAIA Archives and Research Center for Contemporary Native Arts collaboration (Ryan Flahive)
    - Oral histories/ or other
    - Students, emerging professionals
    - Ryan is excited for this idea
    - Nov 8
      - Meeting with Ryan, Selena, Diana

- what are archives? What is a community archives? Why form them? Establish the rest of the series--what do people think archives are? Looking at other models→ e.g. museums -what is archives? Are we reaching people who need to be invested?
- consider how self-determination is/can be reflected and supported by Tribal archives -- how do Tribes determine and create their own records?
- Radical set of conversations--not really arrangement and description/lexicon and nomenclature; how do we enact change in way meaningful
- Consider examples from both museums and archives
- unlearning what has standardized the archives profession;
- records management piece--if done properly records management programs feed official permanent records
- How do you get that authority? How is it established?
- practical skill building--1) electronic records management (DAMS--what mean store properly? Hard drives? IT and server and NAS?); 2) appraisal
- case studies DAMS like a lot--what it takes to run a back end database with front-facing component; inviting vendors talk about software?
- what do you do when you don't have access to the resources? How get past that barrier?

- DM Meeting with Patricia Hswe Nov 5 after sending “pitch” Nov 3
  - “Unlearning Archival Practices” (examples exemplary work + struggles)
  - See Mellon proposal/pitch/notes document here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1guBav-8nqfDz21CoWTbUZd3QExEiYAjhlvE8-SSijF4/edit?usp=sharing>

- ATALM -- intensive workshops that lead to certificates as alternative to conference? Responded that we are interested but waiting to hear back

Other: Any updates?

- **Increase membership of Indigenous-associated folks** (attending meetings, Steering Committee members)
  - In addition to above update on Diversity Committee, also followed-up on scholarships on Oct 28. See if we can make this about Indigenous folks running for Steering Committee . . .
- **Tribal Archivists Forum:** Space to connect and chat and talk about issues

- Report on connectivity/broadband
- **Promoting community-based work** (veteran's projects; cult heritage; reparative description in other contexts; community curation)
  - Updates to microsite? (Katherine, Diana, Rachel)

#### **4. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NAA Director (DM) DUE NOV 30