

## Committee on Public Policy Annual Meeting (on Zoom)

August 27, 2021, 3 pm EDT (2:00 pm CDT, 1:00 pm MDT, 12:00 noon MST/PDT)

**Members Present:** Gina, Marilyn, Lori, Krista, Bryan, Brad, Jackie (SAA)

**Members Absent:** Jess, Jack, Matthew

**Notetaker:** Bryan

### Old business (See [July notes](#))

- **Public Policy Agenda and Legislative Agenda**
  - [Public Policy Agenda](#)
    - Krista will send an e-mail to all of the members of the subcommittee (Lori and Brad) in the next week (prior to Sept. 3)
  - [Legislative Agenda](#)
    - Bryan will send an e-mail to all of the members of the subcommittee (Gina and Jack) prior to Sept. 1.
  - We will aim to have drafts of these for COPP circulation by Sept. 17 and then ready to go to Council by Sept. 25 -- does that sound fair? YES - SOUNDS FAIR.
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front**
  - This is part of Public Policy Agenda
  - Will work with COPA on this front -- next meeting?
    - Who will volunteer? There will be a call for volunteers in the near future.
  - The document with questions/matters for discussion tha COPA has drafted is:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vkCoZrAuGALEKIVxelwCdpNYugFRwpmGv3ctCsoQgCU/edit>
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**
  - Lori is a member of Congressional Papers Section.
  - Krista works with Business Archives and Military Records Sections.
  - Gina is part of Government Records Section as is Brad
  - Bryan works often with Local Gov't Records Section and speaks often with the Intellectual Property Working Group and Public Library Archives and Special Collections.

- Marilyn is a member of Students and New Archives Professionals and Privacy and Confidentiality Sections.
- For any member of COPP who is part of other SAA groups, feel free to spread the word about what COPP does and how we can help those groups advance their agendas at the intersection of archives and public policymaking.
- **Recap of highlights from annual meeting**
  - COPA/COPP/RAAC/I&A Preconference workshop was a big success. All due credit to Kate Barbera from COPA for leading the effort and keeping everyone on target.
  - Eira and Bryan were part of a session with members of IPWG re: the Ahmad v. University of Michigan case. There were many compliments about this session. And SAA publications is interested in following up with the four panelists in the future as the case develops.
- **Recap of [RACI chart](#) with tasks that folks have volunteered for**
  - From the July meeting, one idea was for COPP to consider guidelines for how SAA might comment publicly on workforce/labor policy.
  - From the July meeting, one idea was potential updates to statements regarding transparency and availability of public records at the state/local level.

## **New Business**

- **Updates from other groups**
  - Council
    - Council has been working on the diversity work plan and will be scheduling an open forum for SAA members in the near future. The Goal is to finalize the work plan soon. Input is encouraged from all SAA members.
  - National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History -- No real updates. The US legislature has been in recess and there has not been a ton of action on the federal funding front.
  - SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness -- At the JWG meeting the day prior, NAGARA reps mentioned that the NAGARA statement in support of the federal budget was almost complete. Also, there was a lengthy discussion about how to bring back an effort for a major federal funding initiative for archives (e.g., \$50 million+ per year every year to go to non-federal archives). This is a topic that COPP can shape. And with America 250 on

the horizon, we can use the excitement around that to push legislators for increased funding for archives.

- COPA -- Planning for American Archives Month activities is in high gear. [Ask an Archivist Day](#) is October 13th and the goal this year is to expand the public outreach of the event (Bryan is reaching out to our National Coalition for History partners and asking that they push the event). If your institution will be participating, please tell Abigail (SAA Editorial and Production Coordinator) so that she can add your institution to the Twitter list. Also, the [Finding Aid to My Soul storytelling event](#) will be midday on October 6 -- pitch your story before Aug. 31.

## Committee on Public Policy Annual Meeting (on Zoom)

September 17, 2021, 1 pm EDT (12:00 noon CDT, 11:00 am MDT, 10:00 am MST/PDT)

**Members Present:** Brad, Lori, Marilyn, Gina, Jack, Rachel (COPA), Stephen (Council)

**Members Absent:** Jess

**Notetaker:**

### Old business (See [August notes](#))

- **Public Policy Agenda and Legislative Agenda (Bryan/Krista)**
  - [Public Policy Agenda](#)
    - Krista will send an e-mail to all of the members of the subcommittee
  - [Legislative Agenda](#)
    - Bryan will send an e-mail to all of the members of the subcommittee
  - We aimed to have drafts of these for COPP circulation by Sept. 17 -- we need to get moving and Bryan takes full responsibility.
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front**
  - The document with questions/matters for discussion tha COPA has drafted is:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vkCoZrAuGALEKIVxeIwCdpNYugFRwpmGv3ctCsoQgCU/edit>
  - Feel free to add ideas
  - Statement specific to small and diverse archives
  - Meeting on the horizon - keep an eye out
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**
  - None
- **Orientation meeting for new members. Bryan will schedule this.**
  - Note to new members after meeting

**Commented [1]:** I am happy to help with the orientation if any support is needed

### New Business

- **Statement about Minnesota State Patrol Officers Destruction of Records**

- Jackie is in contact with MN State Archivist and historical society to discover what support, if any, they would like from us.
- COSA and NAGARA will likely sign on to any statement we decide to send out
- Moving forward

- **CASE Act**

- IPWG - proposed small claims suit instead of major suit to deal w/ IP issues
- Exemption to opt out of small claims court and go to federal court.
- CASE Act exemption covers archive org not staff
- Statement from IPWG and SAA - call to mobilize SAA members/public to call on Congress to act
- Information from IPWG: Katherine Klosek at ARL has encouraged people "to reach out to key Senate offices (particularly Durbin) to express concern about the rule, and requesting that they let the Copyright Office know that they intended for the preemptive opt out to extend to employees." We (IPWG) don't know who she thinks the key Senate offices are, but we suppose one could contact her and see if NHA has any good relations with those offices.

We think a political approach might have more influence than getting another comment in to the Copyright Office. As someone has commented to us, we (IPWG) used to reply with a timid "yes" when people asked if they were personally liable for the actions at work. We fear that this new law will increase the amount of copyright litigation and consequently also increase the risk that we may personally face. That means people must be aware that if they do get a summons to CCB arbitration, it can't be ignored but needs to be taken to counsel.

- **Community Project Funding**

- Earmarks for funding - we can pre-develop project/programs to submit them if the opportunity arrives or to submit ahead of requests

- **Updates from other groups**

- Council -
  - Prep for next council meeting on 10 Nov, strategic plan to tighten operational deliverables

- <https://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/Revised%20Strategic%20Plan%20Dashboard%20Approved%20031721.pdf>
- DEIA forum/working plan - 24 September
- <https://www2.archivists.org/news/2021/call-for-member-comments-saa-work-plan-on-deia>
- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
  - Federal Budget - funding statement
- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness
  - Initiative to stabilize archive funding
  - Dedicated funding, require significant additional funding to meet mission requirements.
  - Need ideas for funding - models that already exist we can use to create a strategy for success; new ideas
  - SAA is leading JWG for first time. Now rotating lead. SAA can set the agenda. Let them know if you have any ideas.
- COPA
  - Ask an Archivist Day - promote, assist planning, reaching out to local groups,
    - October 15
    - Let them know if you or anyone is planning to participate to help with prompting/outreach
  - Storytelling - 12-1 CT, 6 October
    - <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1381676273911627779>

## Committee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (on WebEx - <https://cmich.webex.com/meet/whit11br>)

October 15, 2021, 1 pm EDT (12:00 noon CDT, 11:00 am MDT, 10:00 am MST/PDT)

Members Present: Bryan, Lori, Gina, Brad, Marilyn, Jack

Members Absent: Krista, Jess, Matthew

Notetaker: Marilyn

### Old business (See September [notes](#))

- **Public Policy Agenda and Legislative Agenda (Bryan/Krista)**

PPA is all wrapped up and ready to send out; Bryan will wrap up the legislative agenda. It'll be sent around COPP and then to council.

- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front**

- The document with questions/matters for discussion the COPA has drafted is:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vkCoZrAuGALEKIVxelwCdpNYugFRwpmGv3ctCsoQgCU/edit>

There was a meeting this Tuesday. People have practical needs on preservation, software, and the basics. We're going to get a statement for the subgroup, then get a statement from SAA about the importance and difference of small archives. The statement is not just about advocacy.

There's nothing for COPP to do, aside from the members of the subgroup.

- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**

It's been quiet for SAA.

- **Statement about Minnesota State Patrol Officers Destruction of Records**

SAA spoke with MN State Archives. The officers did everything above board even if it's not the best records practices. MN doesn't want anything specifically about the case coming out.

We as COPP can still recommend a more broad, general statement about comprehensive records management policies. Bryan will pull from the last two paragraphs of what we prepared and ask council.

It will help react quickly if we have something generic ready that can be adapted when new incidents arise.

- **CASE Act**

SAA submitted a statement to the Copyright Office. They didn't want SAA members to get the attention of copyright trolls.

IPWG was interested in working with COPP about policy needs on copyright. We can mobilize SAA.

- **NAGARA/SAA/CoSA Statement about the Federal Budget**

This went live, the Senate might not act on it until winter holiday break. When that happens, we can deploy the statement and encourage its use.

## **New Business**

- **Pending note to COPP about NARA's withholding of public records, relating to Biden's withholding of executive privilege**

<https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/575986-white-house-orders-release-of-trump-records-to-jan-6-committee?rl=1>

We may want to take a more private approach, asking NARA first about its actions. Let's deploy good faith: maybe they are going to make the records public. If not, maybe then a statement is appropriate. They need to know that we're concerned, but that we understand the complexities.

This is a somewhat unique circumstance. There are other examples of former/current presidents with executive privilege, but this event and the former president are unconventional.

- **Community Project Funding**

- Earmarks for funding - we can pre-develop project/programs to submit them if the opportunity arrives or to submit ahead of requests



These are specifically for governments or non-profits (it can't be specifically to the federal government). We had 8-9 institutions that put forward projects last time, none were chosen. Holly and Bryan have already started the conversation and the timeline (archives advocacy, mention project, then finally a full ask for money). Congressionally directed spending bypasses the granting process and would be nice to get for one institution.

- **Planning for District Visits in Spring**

We usually rally to do district visits in October for American Archives Month, but this year we're doing emails if there are interesting stories to tell our congressional members. There will be an *In the Loop* message.

In the Spring we'll have national advocacy day, SAA usually sends 1-2 people to go to DC in person. We'll also push district visits in the spring to coincide with the advocacy.

National Humanities Advocacy Day is March 15th, and this year we want to have volunteers join up for virtual district visits the week before and after.

- **[Advocacy Guide](#) Updates and Webcasts**

We need to update this on January 1st or after, but in time for the advocacy day.

Gina and Lori volunteered to update it with this year's budget/funding, and possibly virtual visits.

As for the webcasts, we need to talk with COPA, but it may be about training for district visits.

- **Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues**

After we send out the legislative and public policy agenda, we'll pick two issues to work with COPA. Goal: March

- **Updates from other groups**

- Council -

They have two meetings next month and had their DEIA work plan forum last month. They are breaking up the council meeting into two. They'll be in-person in Chicago at some point.

- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History

There are new appointments: NEH and America 250. As a voting member of NCH, SAA voted for NCH to join a group to help teachers with a toolkit on “divisive” history.

- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness

NAGARA is working on a threat to public records statement, which might go with our general statement about the spirit of public records laws.

CoSA has a document about how state and local government policies differ:

<https://www.statearchivists.org/viewdocument/2021-the-state-of-state-records-a>

ALA: The Built America’s Libraries Act wasn’t in the infrastructure bills. It’ll have to be a stand-alone bill.

There’s a push to revitalize an act that would give money to non-federal archives. It was called PAHR (Preserving America’s Historical Record), but it could use a new acronym. This will also inform future advocacy. There are already partners on board, but depending on where we look for the funding, we may need more partners. This is in the early stages.

- COPA

They were big on #AskAnArchivist Day, Finding Aid to My Soul, and archival advocacy month. American Historical Association and National Humanities Alliance tweeted about it, which led to other engagement.

It also got a late notice on PBS *Finding Your Roots* -- when we do something for a group, we can ask for a little promotion in return.

The orientation meeting for new members looks like it will be the week after next, maybe October 29th. It’s a chance to share institutional knowledge.

**Committee on Public Policy**  
**Monthly Meeting (via Zoom -- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84140392002>)**

**November 19, 2021, 1 pm EDT (12:00 noon CDT, 11:00 am MDT, 10:00 am MST/PDT)**

**Members Present:** Bryan, Lori, Gina, Jack, Marilyn, Rachel, Krista

**Members Absent:** Matthew, Brad, Jess

**Notetaker:** Lori Schwartz

**Old business (See [October notes](#))**

- **Public Policy Agenda and Legislative Agenda (Bryan)**

Bryan will circulate. Should be next week. Will do it for calendar year 2022 which aligns with other similar orgs.

- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front**

- Rachel Seale (COPA) sent a plan for addressing this to SAA Council.
- Bryan is working on a first draft of a statement to go to the subgroup of COPA and COPP members

A lot to be addressed: what can SAA do about training, lowering barriers for membership, for example. These are suggestions (big list!) with short and longer term priorities listed. Bryan has about half a statement done; it's so-so at this point. Will circulate.

- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**

- None. Quiet time of year even with lists right now.

- **NARA v. Former President**

- Most [recent news](#) of Appeals Court issuing an injunction until a Nov. 30 hearing.
- Jackie and Barbara from COSA talked with NARA staff, and NARA says they have it under control. All evidence says this is so. Not much for SAA to do at the moment though SAA has discussed this intentionally. No other archival/history orgs have made statements.
- Krista raised a concern about what happens if Trumps wins in 2024 and puts AOTUS in his sights. Bryan said this supports having a general statement. Marilyn suggests a statement about what a good AOTUS nominee looks like. Krista says

this is being worked on. The 10-year timeline hasn't been followed. Bryan says more to come in new business.

- Nov. 30 may bring a flurry of activity with a need for some words and bullet points on importance of government records to send to SAA Council/executives - they'd be the ones drafting a statement. Krista and Jack will take this on. Bryan says we should crib where needed: <https://www2.archivists.org/statements>.
- **Continuing (no action now)**
  - [Advocacy Guide](#) Updates and Webcasts (hit the ground running on this in January)
  - Planning for District Visits in Spring (March-April)
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)
  - Community Project Funding: this is Bryan's deal

## New Business

- **AOTUS Qualifications Document**
  - We have a draft copy from COPA. Bryan needs to check with Barbara before circulating to COPP (b/c could be concern about not wanting to signal we're concerned about the current AOTUS leaving).
  - Bryan said a point of discussion higher up is how to capitalize on all this attention to NARA to raise awareness for support of archives. Speak up if you have ideas, a slogan, etc.!
- **Reappointments for the committee means filling out the self-nomination form.**
  - COPP doesn't generally do reappointments that Bryan has heard of. Make sure to fill out the self-nomination form if your term is up after this year and you have an interest in continuing (particularly if you have work left unfinished on the committee). Early career members are encouraged to apply. Rachel says the form would go to the COPP leadership who would make recommendations. Then to Terry. Then to Appointments.  
<https://www2.archivists.org/news/2021/serving-together-and-serving-each-other-call-for-saa-leader-self-nominations>
- **Strategy for Archival Funding Initiative**
  - Rachel and Bryan in first strategy meeting yesterday to talk high-level push for more government money to be dispersed to states (more than the 4 million now--5 mill next year). CoSA NAGARA SAA etc working on this. Bryan says there

will be a lot of opportunities to jump in and help. They are in search of a good acronym for a legislative bill. Snappy, meaningful. Speak up!

- **Updates from other groups**

- Council - Nov. 10/12 Minutes: <https://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-council/november-10-12-2021-council-meeting-minutes>
- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History: no news
- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness: AOTUS draft statement and big federal funding initiative discussed above. Chain of custody with election records statement coming out. It will get circulated about COPP when ready.
- COPA - [conference proposal for another mini-workshop on advocacy](#)

**Committee on Public Policy**  
**Monthly Meeting (via Webex-- [cmich.webex.com/meet/whit11br](https://cmich.webex.com/meet/whit11br). )**

**December 17, 2021, 1 pm EDT (12:00 noon CDT, 11:00 am MDT, 10:00 am MST/PDT)**

**Members Present: Brad, Bryan, Lori, Rachel (COPA), Gina**

**Members Absent: Matthew, Jack, Jess, Krista, Marilyn**

**Notetaker: Brad**

**Old business (See [November notes](#))**

Meeting will continue at 1-2 EST third friday of the month (Check your time zones, sez the Central Time person)

- **Public Policy Agenda and Legislative Agenda (Bryan)**  
Bryan will circulate over the winter break. Will write it for calendar year 2022 which aligns with other similar orgs.
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front**
  - Bryan is working on a first draft of a statement to go to the subgroup of COPA and COPP members
  - Rachel sent off a “playbook” to Council last month– where we plan on going with this– support for small archives allows SAA to do some policy things
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**
  - Rachel: On MAC’s Social Response Committee, they are also working on the Ohio anti-CRT bill and a response; Rachel will report back our thinking to them (and potentially Society of Ohio Archivists)-- Bryan is sending this to NCH to try to get the historians aware of this issue– Honesty for Ohio Education is the organization on the ground–SAA isn’t in a position to make a statement because it hasn’t affected records yet– but this potentially could
  - LGRS and GRS put out some information about archives disaster relief
  - Jess Farrell has reached out to Electronic Records and will put out notes on COPP updates to a few groups (plus brown bag)-- broader COPP membership may be recruited–stay tuned for Jan.
- **NARA v. Former President**

- Do we have words ready?
  - Krista and Jack are taking lead on writing words
  - (The minutes-taker also has words, but they're not fit for polite company)
- JWG (RAAC, NAGARA, CoSA) would be interested in joining in if NARA is target of former president's ire. (In the event SCOTUS denies his appeal)-- otherwise there's nothing really to say
- If SCOTUS does rule for Trump, we'll have to deal with it in January
- **Continuing (no action now)**
  - [Advocacy Guide](#) Updates and Webcasts (hit the ground running on this in January)
  - Planning for District Visits in Spring (March-April) (Probably virtual--Notes in February for ITL/ArchivesAware)
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)
  - Community Project Funding: this is Bryan's deal--they may not do this! (Budget stuff turning people off)
- **AOTUS Qualifications Document**
  - [Link to document and e-mail.](#)
  - Review and sending comments to CoSA... they want the feedback but they don't actually NEED it until a retirement is announced
- **Archival Funding Initiative Update**
  - Rachel and Bryan part of a JWG subgroup on this--meeting in January to finalize strategy; more information to COPP once the strategy is firmed up
  - If it's quick it might make it to FY 2023's budget; otherwise... it won't
- **COPA/COPP/RAAC/I&A Joint Conference Session**
  - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZM\\_oQgKdzCZXOS5Q8BxD1yWip-GkNAVQ?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZM_oQgKdzCZXOS5Q8BxD1yWip-GkNAVQ?usp=sharing)
  - Proposal due 1/5/22; you can volunteer even if you aren't able/willing to present
  - Meeting is 1/3/22 11:30 CST to discuss

## New Business

- **Statement about reports of Mark Meadows' improper use of personal communications tools**
  - [Politico Article](#)
  - [SAA's 2019 statement](#)

- [SAA's 2015 statement](#)

Consensus among COPP members is to put out a statement pointing at previous statements—this is a bi-partisan issue!

- **Ohio's recent "Divisive Concepts" Legislation**

- [HB 327](#) – copycat of others that seek to ban Critical Race Theory and the 1619 Project from classrooms. This one goes a step further to include the following language:
  - "permissible" means of instruction to include "historical documents permitted under statutory law, such as the national motto, the national anthem, the Ohio Constitution, the US Constitution, the Revised code, federal law, and US Supreme Court decisions."
- No other evidence of other states with similar proposals that could affect archives. But that doesn't mean it won't happen.
- SAA Supports NCH's membership in [Learn from History](#). Learn from History's talking points are the talking points NCH suggests NCH affiliates to use. – We will suggest LFH create an info professional toolkit to deal with potential copycat legislation

A more powerful message comes from a group– should there be a combined message? Is Society of Ohio Archivists doing anything about this?

What does the Ohio State Archivist/Archives think about us jumping in?

Maybe we should be reactive– but some people will deal with consequences if we don't say anything until the legislation is enacted and on the books. Might get a third reading in a few weeks, after which it comes to the floor– does Senate need to weigh in?

Bryan will send a note to CoSA/Jackie to see what SOA wants us to do; if they want us to do something, bring it to Executive Committees for further action

- **Updates from other groups**

- Council
- COPA–Working on SAA mini-workshop proposal; also pitching the storytelling workshop (Pre-Conference) and Finding Aid to My Soul– a lot up in the air because we don't know if we're meeting in-person yet; also organizing stuff for the blog– #AskAnArchivist interviews were well-received, check them out!
- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
  - National Humanities Day is Virtual and not in-person in Washington, DC.
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- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness



## Committee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (via SAA Zoom -- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82925173647>)

January 21, 2022, 3:30 pm EST (2:30 pm CST, 1:30 pm MST, 12:30 pm PST)

Members Present: Bryan, Brad, Marilyn, Gina, Jackie, Krista, Jess, Stephen, Lori

Members Absent: Jack.

Notetaker: Lori

### Old business (See [December notes](#))

- **Public Policy Agenda and Legislative Agenda (Bryan) – Bryan will be working on this.**
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front - Bryan will be working on this.**
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups -**
  - Krista reports she will present at one of the Military Section's upcoming coffees
  - Jess spoke with chair of Electronic Records Section recently; she's the one who proposed that COPP members could reach out to component groups—see below
- **Section [Outreach Plan](#) to Educate SAA membership about COPP**
  - Jess reiterated her idea; publishing of agenda presents a good opportunity to present to component groups
  - reach out via leadership list and COPA blog
  - she could take this on with 1+ others of us from COPP, Krista volunteered to help coordinate
- **NARA v. Former President**
  - On Jan. 19, US Sup. Ct. said NARA may hand materials over to Congressional Investigators. What's next...? Bryan took the idea of a statement to the JWG. COSA will talk about something related next week,
  - BH - should signal that we are aware, support NARA's decision
  - People who don't know what archives are are suddenly hearing about it and understanding why they're important for government transparency. Further proof that our laws support transparency with records (+1)

- Reminder that this is what our country and organizations stand for (what NARA is doing is not above & beyond but just their job)
  - Could we re-issue a statement? 2017 statement approved by Council – <https://www2.archivists.org/statements/saa-statement-on-the-value-and-importance-of-transparency-in-government>
  - General consensus that this is pretty close to what we need- Bryan will submit request to president's email – to get this out to groups and social media.
  - Do we have the capacity to issue a new statement? (No?)
  - JF - news outlets this could go out to? Jackie says none right now but can push it out on social media, etc.
- **Ohio's recent "Divisive Concepts" Legislation**
    - [HB 327](#) – copycat of others that seek to ban Critical Race Theory and the 1619 Project from classrooms. This one goes a step further to include the following language:
      - "permissible" means of instruction to include "historical documents permitted under statutory law, such as the national motto, the national anthem, the Ohio Constitution, the US Constitution, the Revised code, federal law, and US Supreme Court decisions."
    - Society of Ohio Archivists put out a statement - <https://ohioarchivists.org/statement-on-hb327/>. MAC has plans to amplify this message.
    - We passed SOA statement to NCH and asked NCH about expanding [Learn from History](#) toolkit to include information for libraries/archives/museums.
    - Bill isn't going anywhere at the moment...
    - On agenda for NCH Jan. 28th meeting
    - Bryan: suggestion for SAA to join [Learn From History](#) (possibly free), Jackie says this is a good time to propose this budget-wise
    - Take a look at the website - should we join the coalition?
      - jess-yes
- **Archival Funding Initiative Update -**
    - AOTUS news has overshadowed this at the moment.
- **COPA/COPP/RAAC/I&A Joint Conference Session**
    - Been submitted
    - Always a good, accessible event
    - Respond to Rachel if interested in participating

## New Business

- **AOTUS retirement (mid April 2022)**
  - **Qualifications Document**
  - **Spreading the word about the Qualifications Document**
    - Letters to the editor?, contacting Senators on Gov't Affairs Committee?, SHRABs?
  - **Getting Archivists into the Discussion?**
  - COSA has draft statement now - Bryan sent us an October version; Jackie will check/share next week
  - Bryan would love to see someone from SAA as a witness during confirmation
  - Bryan says there is a group of historians interested in making a statement
  - JF question about any other groups looking to make a statement; Bryan - if our statement is out before others, we can get NCH to sign on and others – many other groups suggested
- **NARA received Fraudulent Election Certification Records from Seven States**  
<https://www.americanoversight.org/fake-electoral-certificates-obtained-by-american-oversight-draw-renewed-scrutiny>
- **Continuing New Business**
  - [Advocacy Guide](#) Updates and Webcasts (hit the ground running on this in January) – Bryan asked for volunteers, to be done by May, Lori, Marilyn, and Bryan will work on this
  - [Planning for District Visits in Spring \(March-April\)](#) (Probably virtual–Notes in February for ITL/ArchivesAware) – National Humanities Day is virtual this year, March 14/15 - Jackie will verify budget info related to this - Notes will go out to archivists in Feb. to encourage visits
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March) - nothing to do now
  - Community Project Funding - might not happen as budget looking now
- **Future Meeting Time**
  - Bryan asked about 3:30pm (EST) third Friday meeting time going forward. All say yes. Bryan will send calendar invite.

**Commented [1]:** I'm happy to help with this! I'm also happy to read over the advocacy guide but will have limited capacity in Jan-Feb., so I can better take on new tasks in March.

- **Updates from other groups**

- Council - Feb. 16
  - Strategic plan session - leadership open forum (Jan. 27, Feb. 2)- Register at: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsf-msqDksEtfys\\_NMZl1TL80JWVfQgfmr](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsf-msqDksEtfys_NMZl1TL80JWVfQgfmr)
  - Open member comment period to make comment on the plan
  - Strategic Plan (newest draft) at: <https://www2.archivists.org/news/2022/call-for-member-comments-saa-strategic-plan-dashboard-2023-2025>
- COPA
  - Please use their blog – suggestions encouraged
  - Planning on Finding Aid for Soul again this year
- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
  - National Humanities Day is Virtual March 14-15 and not in-person in Washington, DC.
  - National Coalition for History Members Meeting is Jan. 28.
- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness

## Committee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (via Webex --<https://cmich.webex.com/meet/whit1br>)

February 18, 2022, 3:30 pm EST (2:30 pm CST, 1:30 pm MST, 12:30 pm PST)

Members Present: Marilyn, Gina, Lori, Krista, Bryan, Jess

Members Absent: Jackie (SAA Liaison), Stephen (Council), Rachel (COPA)

Notetaker:

### Old business (See [January notes](#))

- [Public Policy Agenda](#) and [Legislative Agenda](#) (Bryan) – If you have comments or changes to make, please do so by Monday at 12 noon EST. Then, if there is consensus on the documents, they will be sent to Council.
  - Maybe set new Legislative agenda with Congressional session, January 2023.
  - Add comments by noon EST Monday February 21
  
- [NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front - Bryan will be working on this.
  - Bryan will get it out to us
  
- Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups
  - Krista briefed the Military archives section
  
- Section [Outreach Plan](#) to Educate SAA membership about COPP (Jess)
  - Jess is planning to use the Public policy and legislative agendas to update materials
  - Using them as a tool to connect with groups, etc.
  - Krista has updated Brown bag briefing will add to Google docs for group
  - Archival Outlook summary - need to write up, anyone interested? May/June issue (?)
  
- NARA v. Former President
  - CoSA - released position brief on presidential records, importance
  - Archival advocacy - great opportunity, capitalize on front page news

- Ohio's recent "Divisive Concepts" Legislation
  - Reading of new bill, currently stalled
  - Sign onto statement from [Learn from History](#)
  - Bryan will email Jackie and Eric requesting we sign onto it.
  
- AOTUS retirement
  - [CoSA Qualifications Document](#)
    -
  - Spreading the word about the Qualifications Document
    - Reaching out to sections to promote the document and lay the groundwork for mobilizing archivists
    - Inform them that we need to reach out to WH and advocate for AOTUS qualifications
  
- SAA strategic plan
  - Plan is with council
  - Council is meeting today to discuss and finalize.
  - Lots of COPP assignments in new strategic plan

## New Business

- National Humanities Day
  - NHD
    - March 14-15
    - 3 COPP member volunteered to work it
  - Planning for District Visits in Spring (March-April) (Probably virtual–Notes in February for ITL/ArchivesAware).
    - Create training materials, presentations, notes, guides, etc.
    - Lori, Bryan, Gina volunteered
    - List comes up in March, schedule for April
  
- AASLH - [Reframing History Report](#)
  - IMLS funded study public
  - Comes out next week, webinar on topic
  - Bryan will forward link next week
  
- SAA Annual meeting is in Boston (hybrid but In-Person) our meeting will be virtual.
  - COPP will have virtual meeting, possible informal onsite
  
- Continuing New Business

- [Advocacy Guide](#) Updates and Webcasts (hit the ground running on this in January) – Bryan asked for volunteers, to be done by May, Lori, Marilyn, and Bryan will work on this.
  - Webcast - Interviews, ask experts, ideas?, How to, what do we want to do
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)
    - 200 words per key issue:
      - Public Domain -
      - Labor
      - Protecting privacy and individual rights of archival subjects
      - Strengthening federal, state, and municipal records authority
      - Strengthening FOIA
  - Community Project Funding - might not happen as budget looking now
- **Updates from other groups**
    - Council - Council Meeting is on Feb. 18
      - Strategic plan on agenda
    - COPA
      - Planning for the fall - Finding Aid to my soul, storytelling workshop
      - SAA awards notes, due in 10 days
      - Do we have anyone we want to put forward? Suggestions: Barbara Teague, Senate parliamentarian office staff - 4 women that took the official state electoral records during Jan 6
      - <https://osf.io/a4zc8/> - Best Practices for Hiring term position in archives.
      - Nikolel Hannah-Jones of the 1619 project
    - National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
      - NCH Exec Dir. On CSPAN
      - NCH advises member groups to sign on to Learn from History
    - SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness
      - Funding initiative looking at joining forces with museums on a push toward increased IMLS money with America250 as a push

## Committee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (via Webex --<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81122628281>)

February 18, 2022, 3:30 pm EDT (2:30 pm CDT, 1:30 pm MDT, 12:30 pm PDT)

Members Present: Bryan, Krista, Brad, Lori, Kate Barbera (COPA), Jess, Gina, Marilyn, Stephen (Council), Jackie (SAA HQ)

Members Absent: Jack

Notetaker: Jess

### Old business (See [February notes](#))

- [Public Policy Agenda](#) and [Legislative Agenda](#) (Bryan)
  - They are moving on to Council to be voted on at their next meeting
  - Thank you Bryan for shepherding them along!
- [NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front -
  - Lyrasis/NHPRC report brought this up; we'll write a statement to have in the wings
  - **Bryan** is working on this
- Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups
  - None today :)
- COPA/COPP/I&A Session on Advocacy
  - Kate Barbera is here today!
  - Waiting to hear back from the program committee about whether the session has been accepted
  - Have regular meetings scheduled
- Section [Outreach Plan](#) to Educate SAA membership about COPP (Jess)
  - **Jess & Krista** will stick around on the zoom today to chat about next steps
    - **Krista** will find the slide deck she updated
    - **Jess** will send the email out inviting groups to sign up as soon as the public policy and legislative agendas are published
- National Humanities Day



- March 14-15
  - COPP Members Experiences (Jess, Lori,...)
  - Budgeting timing made the asks awkward sometimes (didn't quite have enough info)
  - Would do again! +1 +2
  - Attended a training session and a prep session
  - Split time between NEH and NARA
- Advocacy orgs haven't come up with their funding asks - happens in a coalition with a long consensus process
- NARA numbers are the easiest to determine because less stakeholders
- **Lori + Jess + Bryan** - send Jackie your comments from the NHA report back form
  
- **Planning for Virtual Hill Visits in Spring (April-May) (Probably virtual–Notes in February for ITL/ArchivesAware).**
  - Lori, Gina, and Bryan reworking the [Advocacy Guide](#) to include virtual how-to.
  - Beginning next week (week of 3/21), we'll start advertising this to members as an opportunity.
  - We are waiting on the National Humanities Alliance for their funding-level asks and "Dear Colleague Letters" updates to take with us to the visits
  - We will hold a training session for advocates (a mini-Archives on the Hill), likely in Mid-to-late April.
  - NHA will share phone numbers
  - NHA shared the congressional profile sheets
  - We will have to set up our own meetings
  - We have a template for feedback from the meetings
  - An announcement will go out on In the Loop
  
- **AOTUS retirement**
  - [CoSA Qualifications Document](#)
    - Did CoSA send this along to the presidential office? **Jackie** will check with Barbara on this
  - Spreading the word about the Qualifications Document
  
- **AASLH - [Reframing History Report](#)**
  - Had a 2-hour livestreamed session
  - How history can be made meaningful to a broader audience

## **New Business**

- **Federal Budget passed**
  - NARA, NHPRC, IMLS, NEH all got bumps
  - IMLS looking to support archives more in the future
  - Earmarks - 11 projects got slated for earmarks. Things that NHPRC would have supported if they could.
    - Some people see earmarks as going around NHPRC
  - NHA looking at doing some advocacy around earmarks in the future
  
- **Statement about [Presidential Records Act](#)**
  - Courtney Chartier asked for a statement
  - The last time SAA made a statement it got adopted
  - Looking for a draft by March 25th
  - **Volunteers to write the statement:** Gina ( I added something already), Jess, Lori
  
- **SAA Annual meeting is in Boston (hybrid but In-Person) our meeting will be virtual between 7/11 and 8/12.**
  - How long of a meeting (60/90/120)?
  - When do we want to meet (starting at 11 am EDT and last start time at 6:30 pm EDT)?
    - Will send out a poll for 90 mins time slot
  
- **Continuing New Business**
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)  
200 words per key issue:
    - Public Domain - Marilyn
    - Labor
    - Protecting privacy and individual rights of archival subjects
    - Strengthening federal, state, and municipal records authority - Brad
    - Strengthening FOIA
  - Community Project Funding - might be back on.
    - **Bryan will connect with Jackie** on next steps for this
    - Involves connecting SAA members to staff
  
- **Updates from other groups**
  - Council -- Had a meeting and held the strategic planning session.
    - Council agreed to determine clear plan for improving the experience of members from diverse backgrounds.

- Continued revising Strategic Plan dashboard in light of comments and the open forums.
- Approved a new version of the Museum Archives Guidelines, as revised by the Museum Archives Section and endorsed by the Standards Committee. The revised guidelines better reflect current needs, practices, and challenges for museum archives as well as providing overarching best practices and considerations while acknowledging the complexities of museum archives and deferring to local practices as appropriate. The new guidelines will be available shortly in the SAA Standards Portal. (II.C.)
- Discussed allocating funds designated in the fiscal year 2022 budget to support the initial priorities outlined in the new Work Plan on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (III.B.). The Council will continue discussion via email to determine a final plan as soon as possible. (V.A.)
- Held a strategic planning session focused on the structure and expectations for SAA sections, with particular consideration of the membership engagement experience and the resources needed to best support
- COPA
  - Working on the SAA session/workshop
  - Storytelling workshop - partner with Mikaela Bly
    - Help archivists tell their own stories in an effective way
  - ArchivesAWARE blog
    - Many different perspectives & stories from archivists
    - Get the word out about what our colleagues are doing
    - Work with COPP on a post or series of posts talking about what we're up to
    - Archives on the Hill SAA edition would be a good candidate
    - Bryan will email the group in COPA with some ideas; but others please share ideas too
    - Can/should be pretty short; could be a video
    - COPA can interview you or provide prompts to inspire your writing
- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
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- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness

OTHER

- Mitre Corp. creating a white paper about about the future of NARA (10 years later)
- SAA Offering four education course re diversity free of charge during the month of April

## Committee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (via SAA Zoom --<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89581444293>)

April 15, 2022, 3:30 pm EDT (2:30 pm CDT, 1:30 pm MDT, 12:30 pm PDT)

Members Present: Gina, Lori, Rachel (COPA), Jackie (SAA), Jess, Stephen (Council)

Members Absent:

Notetaker:

### Old business (See [March notes](#))

- **[Public Policy Agenda](#) and [Legislative Agenda](#) (Bryan)**
  - They are moving on to Council to be voted on at their next meeting
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front -**
  - Lyrasis/NHPRC report brought this up; we'll write a statement to have in the wings
  - **Bryan** and Rachel (COPA) have for action
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**
  - No Updates this time around
- **COPA/COPP/RAAC Session on Advocacy (Rachel from COPA)**
  - Proposal accepted but working out logistics of when it will take place around the Annual Meeting.
- **Section [Outreach Plan](#) to Educate SAA membership about COPP (Jess)**
  - After the Legislative and Public Policy Agendas are published on the SAA website, there will be a big push to reach out to SAA component groups.
- **Planning for Virtual Hill Visits in Spring (April-May)**
  - Lori, Gina, and Bryan reworking the [Advocacy Guide](#) to include virtual how-to.
  - Announcements and In the Loop blurb sent out week of April 11.
  - Webinar scheduled for April 25 at 4 pm EDT.
  - We are waiting on the National Humanities Alliance for their funding-level asks and "Dear Colleague Letters" updates to take with us to the visits

- **AASLH - [Reframing History Report](#)**
  - Webinar about the intersection of Reframing History and America250
  - We will draw from this to inform how SAA and the other archives organizations can add to the America250 celebration.
- **Statement about [Presidential Records Act](#) (Gina, Jess, Lori)**
  - Courtney Chartier asked for a statement in a general sense
  - Useful to inform Congressional committees about the view from archives about what is needed.
  - Gina has drafted something and we should all chime in by **MAY 1**

## **New Business**

- **Federal Budget Earmarks**
- **SAA COPP Summer Meeting**
  - JULY 21: 4:30 pm to 6 pm EDT. (4:30 pm to 5:00 pm EDT is joint meeting with COPA; COPA's meeting is 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm EDT).
- **[CASE Act Guidance](#) published by Copyright Office**
  - IPWG will take the lead on getting this information out to SAA membership.
  - We'll offer our help to spread the word.
- **Continuing New Business**
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)  
200 words per key issue:
    - [Public Domain](#) - Marilyn
    - Labor
    - Protecting privacy and individual rights of archival subjects
    - Strengthening federal, state, and municipal records authority - Brad
    - Strengthening FOIA
  - We'll talk about how to get these templates out to members at the May COPP meeting
- **Updates from other groups**
  - Council
    - Council meeting in May 18-20

- Strategic plan dashboard unanimously approved
      - COPP implicated in some activities
      - Jackie is putting together a budget for these activities. Email her if you have particular things you think should be included
      - Collaborative initiatives with Council in FY23-25
- COPA
  - Advocacy workshop is accepted!!! (see above)
- National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
  - Federal Budget Updates -- the Biden Admin. FY2023 Budget Proposal for NARA/NHPRC, NEH, and IMLS are the numbers that NHA will use as targets for advocacy
- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness
  - CoSA working closely with IMLS to discuss a big archives federal funding initiative and wrapping archives into IMLS. The discussions are ongoing and the pace is relatively slow. But progress is being made.
  - Rachel Seale pointed us to some new “divisive concepts” legislation in Rhode Island. The scope of this legislation is expanding to include 1619 project, Critical Race Theory, gender/sexuality topics, and anything that someone with an ahistorical/anti-public-education ax to grind can think of. We will keep an eye out for those that specifically target archives (RI’s proposal has a note about “History shall be taught using the standards, customs, and traditions in use at the time of the historical event.” [snarky side comment -- I sure hope they manually set the type and used cotton rag paper for the part of the textbook talking about Paul Revere’s ride]
    - Jess pointed out that many of our members might be interested in this topic (and others that COPP engages in). This could be the sort of information that would be communicated well via a legislative tracker for our members that highlights legislation pertaining to archives.

## Committee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (via SAA Zoom --<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89818467675>)

May 13, 2022, 3:30 pm EDT (2:30 pm CDT, 1:30 pm MDT, 12:30 pm PDT)

**Members Present:** Jess, Bryan, Lori, Gina, Krista, Marilyn, Jack

**Members Absent:**

**Notetaker:**

### Old business (See [April notes](#))

- **[Public Policy Agenda](#) and [Legislative Agenda](#) (Bryan)**
  - Council is meeting next week.
  - As soon as it's published, we'll move forward with the section outreach plans
  - We'll get people involved over the summer. COPA is framing their meeting as an open house for anyone; the summer is a good time to open doors
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- **Section [Outreach Plan](#) to Educate SAA membership about COPP (Jess)**
  - We will launch communications right after the agendas are approved and posted to the SAA website
  - Once we have sign ups from different sections, Jess will reach out to coordinate
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front** - Lyrasis/NHPRC report brought this up; we'll write a statement to have in the wings
  - Bryan and Rachel (COPA) have started knocking this out and will be done soon.
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**
  - The financial sustainability of regional archival associations - how to bring together RAAC and SAA on this? Which sections might fit to help? What might our role be?
    - Maybe COPP as communicator/connector
    - Get how the profession supports regionals on Council's agenda at some point
    - May fall into work with COPA on small/underfunded organizations



- Marilyn forwarded info on Copyright Office guidance on how to opt out of CASE Act - asked IPWG for guidance on what we should do with this across SAA
- Congressional archivists - congressional papers section - offered up a COPP info session (Lori)
- **COPA/COPP/RAAC Session on Advocacy (Kate from COPA)**
  - Kate will be attending as our liaison in the future
- **SAA Strategic Plan approved.**
  - [Actions and Timelines Dashboard](#) has a lot penciled in for COPP. Review and talk about how to get this all done (and if we can't accomplish it, speak up now to push deadlines).
  - Some of these activities were drafted before the pandemic - some of them may not be completely within scope
  - We would need budget/a vendor to work on the interactive map, etc. (1.2 F)
  - We are building up volunteers who can do visits; learning about how legislation is drafted; we are not drafting our own legislation and seeking our own cosponsors at this time (FY22)
  - Next year we'll have SAA in DC - should have Archives on the Hill 2.0
    - We should start planning this soon. End of July 2023
- **Virtual Hill Visits**
  - Lori, Gina, Jess, and Bryan reworking the [Advocacy Guide](#) to include virtual how-to.
  - Four advocates took us up on the offer and we hosted a webinar (we recorded it and we will send it to SAA for posting to YouTube soon).
  - We heard there was a Dear Colleague letter in the Senate for NHPRC/NARA, but we haven't heard anything about the House.
  - Next time: will send out a poll before starting to schedule
  - Supported one meeting yesterday- 13 min meeting; legislator already supporting
- **Statement about [Presidential Records Act](#) (Gina, Jess, Lori)**
  - Did we all get a chance to chime in?
  - We will close comments at 12pm ET on Monday

## New Business

- **Testimony re: NARA FY 2023 Budget**
  - The House Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee (Appropriations) is accepting testimony about the FY 2023 NARA/NHPRC budget. The National Coalition for History will submit testimony (limited to four pages). If we have anything we want to be sure gets noted (a new concern or a special issue), please send it to Jackie or Bryan by May 20 to forward it to NCH for inclusion. Link to [last year's testimony](#)
  - Anything specific we want to make sure gets in there-
    - Backlog of FOIA requests? Declassification?
    - America 250 plans?
    - Etc.
  
- **Continuing New Business**
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)  
200 words per key issue:
    - [Public Domain](#) - Marilyn
    - Labor
    - Protecting privacy and individual rights of archival subjects
    - [Strengthening federal, state, and municipal records authority](#) - Brad
    - Strengthening FOIA
  - **Please review these templates by May 28.** We'll send to SAA Exec Committee in early June and begin the PR push to get them used.
  - Preserving Judicial Records - would be easy to develop this one from our issue brief
    - JF - will try to draft by May 28
  - [CASE Act Guidance](#) published by Copyright Office
    - Waiting for IPWG to guide SAA on how to communicate this
  - **Tracking Legislation**
    - How to show impact
    - JF interested in building a database and forms for submitting legislation, reporting back on activity, etc.
  
- **Updates from other groups**
  - Council - they meet next week (in person)
  - COPA -
  - National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History

- Controversial letter went out from NCH
  - CoSA statement has more broad support
  - Not worth bringing attention to the letter to critique it
- SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness
  - AOTUS to be nominated in the next couple of weeks
  - We will provide testimony on the nomination

## GmgjhHjdttydjittmfhhhg\*hnnggmjgntmtmghfCommittee on Public Policy

Monthly Meeting (via SAA Zoom --<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81021324011>)

June 17, 2022, 3:30 pm EDT (2:30 pm CDT, 1:30 pm MDT, 12:30 pm PDT)

Members Present: Bryan, Brad, Gina, Jess, Stephen

Members Absent:

Notetaker:

### Old business (See [May notes](#))

- **[Public Policy Agenda](#) and [Legislative Agenda](#) (Bryan)**
  - Council passed these
  - How to move forward with this for section outreach plans (next point)
- **Section [Outreach Plan](#) to Educate SAA membership about COPP (Jess)**
  - Make sure the slide deck is ready to go (this is a template that can be repurposed)
  - Jess and Krista send out notes to SAA groups asking if they want a COPP presentation/orientation.
  - In August, get folks from COPP to divide up the labor of chatting with different groups.
  - This can be evergreen and sent out each quarter, or twice a year, etc. and the COPP word can be spread throughout the year for years to come.
- **[NHPRC Report](#) re concerns of small and diverse archives and thinking about advocacy on this front** - Lyrasis/NHPRC report brought this up; we'll write a statement to have in the wings
  - Bryan and Rachel (COPA) have started knocking this out and will be done before the annual meeting.
- **Updates re partnerships with SAA component groups**
  - Follow up on conversation about financial sustainability of regional archival associations
  - Congressional Papers Section -- COPP Session planning? (Lori)

- **New AOTUS** -- still waiting on announcement.
- **COPA/COPP/RAAC Session on Advocacy (Kate from COPA)**
- **SAA Strategic Plan approved.**
  - [Actions and Timelines Dashboard](#) has a lot penciled in for COPP. Any follow-up thoughts?
- **Advocacy Guide Reworking**
  - Lori, Gina, Jess, and Bryan reworking the [Advocacy Guide](#) to include virtual how-to.
  - Zoom meeting about Advocacy was recorded. We will send it to SAA for posting to YouTube soon.
- **Statement about [Presidential Records Act](#) (Gina, Jess, Lori)**
  - Chiming in Done. Are we ready to send to Courtney Chartier?

## **New Business**

- **House has marked-up appropriations bill and COPP will put out a call to action (NHA;'s call to action)**
- **EPA retiring on-line data archives and there are questions about where the data might go and what the solution is for researchers who need access to this historical data.**
  - NARA might not be involved. If we don't know what is going on, we will encourage SAA to sign on to the American Society for Environmental History letter urging the EPA to rethink this.
- **Archives on the Hill 2.0**
  - Next year we'll have SAA in DC - should have Archives on the Hill 2.0
  - We should start planning this soon. End of July 2023
- **Continuing New Business**
  - Letters and Editorials on Two Key Public Policy Issues (March)  
200 words per key issue:

- [Public Domain](#) - Marilyn
    - Labor
    - Protecting privacy and individual rights of archival subjects
    - [Strengthening federal, state, and municipal records authority - Brad](#)
    - Strengthening FOIA
  - Are these ready to send to SAA Exec. Committee for the SAA Membership to use?
  - Preserving Judicial Records would be another to add.
- **Tracking Legislation**
- **NARA Presidential Library Exhibits**
    - codified turning over the museum and educational programming of Bush Library to the Bush Foundation.
    - This was the model for the Obama Pres. Center that was agreed to a couple years back and will be the model going forward.
- **Updates from other groups**
    - Council - Council notes/updates from May meeting:  
<https://www2.archivists.org/news/2022/saa-council-approves-fy-2023-budget-creates-archival-repatriation-committee>
    - COPA - Planning for Story-telling
    - National Humanities Alliance/National Coalition for History
    - SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness
      - Met with Lee Glazer, NARA Exhibit Coordinator. She leading NARA's America 250 Efforts.

**Commented [1]:** I can start this in September or October 2022

**Committee on Public Policy / Committee on Public Awareness**  
**Monthly Meeting (via SAA Zoom --**  
**July 21, 2022, 3:30 pm EDT (2:30 pm CDT, 1:30 pm MDT, 12:30 pm PDT)**

**Members Present:**

**Members Absent:**

**Notetaker:**

**Introductions**

**COPA 3:30-4:30pm**

**COPA / COPP 4:30 - 5pm**

**Outreach plan overview**

**Update on advocacy workshop**

**COPP 5-6pm**

**Legislative agenda**

**Archives on the Hill**

**Work plan for the year**

**America 250**

**Committee on Public Policy– November 8 2022 Minutes**  
**Present:** Jessie, Lori, Bryan, Krista, Dan, Brad, Dennis, Jess  
**Guests:** Katherine Barbera (COPA)

1. Old Business
  - a. Archives on the Hill Grant (Dennis/Bryan/Lori/Jess)
  - b. Blog on AOTUS hearing (Jess/Shachar)  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U9DhPdeNI5HRw69d0mkolpWFbapVHKWm9I208kaOF0A/edit>
  - c. Archival Outlook article on COPP issues (Interview with a Gov't Archivist?)
  - d. Statement Capsules (Gina) - Set a target date of August 2023; Gina to be Responsible with Brad and Krista Accountable
  - e. Legislative Tracker (Jess)
    - i. Has create [Airtable](#) database
    - ii. [Open States Legislator Bulk Data](#)
2. RACI Chart  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZvhBys4yVhueX\\_bpeRsh2wCxa2H4pzTnPiDovR\\_wHQ/edit#gid=916216399](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZvhBys4yVhueX_bpeRsh2wCxa2H4pzTnPiDovR_wHQ/edit#gid=916216399)
  - a. Explanation and updating of chart
  - b. [Communications and Outreach](#)
  - c. Archives on the Hill
    - i. Accountable - SAA/COSA HQ
    - ii. Informed - SAA Council
    - iii. Foundation funding - Responsible - Bryan & Dennis
    - iv. Workshop - Brad, Lori, Bryan & Jessie
    - v. Day of Plan - Dennis, Bryan & Lori
  - d. [Review of Communications Plan](#)
    - i. Last updated 2020 - Brad & Jess; Krisat consultant
  - e. Declassification "letter to the editor"
    - i. Krista to take lead
  - f. Additional areas:
    - i. Public Policy Agenda
    - ii. Legislative Agenda
    - iii. Judiciary Records Brief
    - iv. Develop Guidelines for SAA in terms of How to go Forward with Policy Advocacy on Archival Workforce Issues
    - v. Statement Capsules
    - vi. Legislative Tracker - Jess & Brad
- ~~3. Other New Business~~
  - ~~a. Prep for House Oversight Committee changes?~~
  - ~~b. Declassification brief → LTTE~~
4. Liaison Reports
  - ~~a. SAA Council~~
  - ~~b. COPA~~



- c. JWG
  - i. AOTUS decision still stalled; possible discharged and brought to Lame Duck session
  - ii. America 250 - Tom Ruller (Archivist State of NY) notes federal involvement is somewhat pulled back; ASLH is really pushing this forward; it would be greta if archivists could step up
- 5. Next meeting: December 13 (can we move the time up an hour?)
- 6. Adjourned 5:50 EST