NAAS February Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
4:00–5:00 p.m. EST

Brief introductions
Attendees: Selena Ortega-Chiolero, Brian Carpenter, Diana Marsh (plus baby Leo!), Sam Meier, Nathan Sowry, Rachel Menyuk, Rose, Eric Hung, Vina Begay, Melissa Stoner, Jonathan Pringle, Lotus Norton-Wisla (via phone!)

1. SAA UPDATES

Repatriation Discussion Item - Selena
- Rachel, Nathan, Rose, Lotus and Selena, with the support of Dominique Luster, met and prepared a document that was presented at the SAA February Council meeting
  - SAA-NAAS Recommendation to Council_Archival Repatriation - Google Docs.pdf
- Rose and Selena attended the Council meeting to present the document which was unanimously supported and commended on. Stephen Curley noted that in moving forward we should be mindful of the definitions we use in this work since many professionals interpret repatriation issues differently. Eric Chan noted that this could somehow work in tandem with current intellectual property work one of the other sections is working on and will get back to Council about any potential crossover. Courtney Chartier appreciated the document’s notations of how the goals addressed the strategic goals, DEIA work plan and protocols. The final decision was to support NAAS’ recommendation to draft a resolution in support of repatriation and to create a task force to carry out the three recommended goals. It was additionally noted that a few NAAS members would probably be asked to participate on the task force.
- Stephen sent a follow-up message asking if we had ideas about budgeting for this work. We can send him and Dominique any ideas.

SAA Leaders Forum - Selena
- SAA provided an opportunity for SAA members to review and comment on the organization’s strategic plan. Selena attended one of their working sessions to ensure the topics addressed by NAAS were implemented. The strategic plan was approved during the February Council meeting with the budget approval to follow which will determine the timeline of completion for the goals outlined in the strategic plan. It was noted that SAA has implemented the DEIA work plan into the strategic plan in an effort to move forward more effectively and thoughtfully for its membership.

SAA Diversity Committee - Selena and Eric
- DEIA Audit Guidelines – Brainstorm session with Jessica Chapel
- Primary agenda item for next month’s meeting is a discussion with Meg Tuomala from the Council DEIA work plan working group to determine priorities
SAA Diversity/NAAS/Membership Collaboration - Selena

- Reviewed NAAS proposal
- Goals discussion
- Reviewing brainstorming space below
- Determining next steps

2. PROJECT UPDATES

Social media

a. Twitter (Brian)
   i. Send Brian info on conferences, events, etc, too!
   ii. Especially looking for announcements on funding opportunities, fellowships, etc., since it’s the season for a lot of those

b. Facebook (Selena)
   i. Reminder to send Selena conferences, interesting events, etc.
   ii. Webinars, trainings, articles get a lot of attention, also opportunities

c. Microsite (Rachel + Rose offered to help as well) [KS out, returning in March; DM out, returning full time in April]
   i. Rachel has edit access

d. Protocols Case Studies (Rose? DM has not received anything!)
   i. Liza Posas very close to done
   ii. Lotus (DM & Katherine both out)
      1. Sam, Eric peer reviewing
      2. Melissa logistics/comms!

Protocols Webinars & Toolkit

- Going back to the Protocols originator group, waiting on Jennifer’s next update
- Heard back from Descriptive Notes/Description Section group

3. NEW GOALS FOR 2021-2022

- Creating resources/webinars/MOOCs for Tribal archivists

- Potential Collaboration/Example: Museums Alaska and First Alaskans Institute (FAI) are collaborating on a cohort program (webinar series) that is being funded by Museums Alaska through an ARPA grant and completely guided by FAI. Cohort will be focused on museum leaders as agents of change.
- IAIA Archives and Research Center for Contemporary Native Arts collaboration (Ryan Flahive) - Selena trying to schedule a March follow-up meeting to continue conversations.
Community archives/why archive?
- What are archives? What is a community archives? Why form them?
- Establish the rest of the series/Opening the conversation
  - including looking at other models→ (incl museums)

- Still plenty of room for recommendations for speakers Who’s doing innovative work well?

- Recommendations for speakers from museum/cult centers?

  Scheduling at IAIA: February at earliest?
  IAIA starts Jan 9, midterms Feb 7-11, Spring Break Mar 14-18

Funding?

- Building resources for museums and archives in Alaska

  • Mellon Pitch
    - (DM Meeting with Patricia Hswe Nov 5 after sending “pitch” Nov 3)
    - “Unlearning Archival Practices” (examples exemplary work + struggles)
    - DM to follow up on Leicester and Glasgow MOOC (no response yet)
    - Jonathan to send a doodle to get a small group together!
    - Who is responsible for this? Funding would probably have to go to SAA. Rather than to an organization of one of NAAS’s members.
    - Certification – need to discuss
    - Meet again

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

Other: Any updates?

- Tribal Archivists Forum

4. ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SAA 2022 Conference - Boston, August 20-27th
- ATALM is accepting sessions for ATALM 2022 https://www.atalm.org/node/533