# Committee on Public Policy Agenda & Minutes October 2022 - June 2023

# Leadership

Name	Institution	Term	Notes
Cavanagh, Shachar	CGTN America News / The Catholic University of America (student)	2022-2023	Early-Career Member Program
Creswell, Marilyn	University of Michigan Law School	2022-2024	
Curley, Stephen	National Native American Boarding School	2022-2023	Council Liaison
Farrell, Jess	Educopia Institute	2021-2024	
Ferrante, Krista	Mitre Corporation Archives	2023-2024	Chair 2022-2023
Houston Brad	City of Milwaukee	2023-2025	Vice Chair 2022-2023
Knoles, Jessie	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2022-2023	Early-career member
Nichols, Gina	US Navy Seabee Museum	2022 - 2025	
Noonan, Dan	The Ohio State University	2022 - 2025	
Price Osafo, Jackie	SAA HQ	ex officio	SAA Liaison
Riley, Dennis	National Park Service	2022 - 2023	
Schwartz, Lori	University of Nebraska at Omaha	2022 - 2025	
Whitledge, Bryan	Central Michigan University	ex officio	National Coalition for History Liaison

# Key Documents

• <u>2022-2023 Teams Meeting</u> (Meeting ID: 261 018 821 63; Passcode: GkQjht)

- <u>Responsible Accountable Consulted Informed (RACI) Matrix</u>
- <u>COPP Outreach Plan 2022</u>
- <u>COPP Communications Plan [DRAFT]</u>

## Agenda/Minutes

## 2023.06.15 - Annual Meeting

**Attendance:** Dan Noonan Brad Houston, Dennis Riley, Jess Farrel, Lori Scwhartz, Brian Whitledge, Krista Ferrante

Regrets:

Guest: none

Notetaker: Dan & Lori

- 1. Welcome new members and thank yous for outgoing members
  - a. We do not have new roster yet
- 2. Old Business
  - a. Archives on the Hill day
    - i. General announcements are out
    - ii. CoSA is planning new announcements
    - iii. Airtable form for nominating self, or someone in pertinent districts
    - iv. SAA is also willing to send to specific members in specific districts
    - v. <u>Targeted letter</u> verbiage
    - vi. Instructional webinar June 29; link shortly
    - vii. Scheduling will begin after July 5.
      - 1. In person only
      - 2. Possibly afterwards follow-up via virtual
    - viii. Working on securing meeting space, likely in Capital
  - b. New AOTUS and NARA engagement
    - i. AOTUS
      - 1. Invitation has been extended to Colleen Shogan to Annual Meeting; possibly Q&A format.
      - 2. CoSA has something else planned with invite to AOTUS.
      - 3. NARA is having some form of an open house during SAA
    - ii. How do we (CoPP) want to respond to the current legal situation with the former POTUS?
      - 1. We've had statements around proper records management?
      - Has Council and/or SAA reached out to CoPP? Not recently in the latest situation. Sentiment is to let NARA take lead on messaging. We tread the line of supporting archivists without being overly political. What about the angle of "stolen records"?
      - 3. Need to understand from Jackie, when is the best time for SAA to reach out, as well as raise SAA media profile.

- 4. Can we get this on Council's Agenda from a strategy point of view? Brad can reach out.
- c. Discussion of SAA advocacy groups and engagement across the organization
  - i. Brad shared <u>Communications Plan</u>; this can be an area for improvement in 2023-2024, especially with Council and SAA Staff.
  - ii. Maintenance of the legislative agenda and Public Policy Agenda in regards to the SAA Strategic Plan will hopefully facilitate our communications outreach to other groups within SAA.
  - iii. Create a clearinghouse of info of how groups within SAA are conducting advocacy and public awareness?
- d. Maintenance of the <u>Legislative Agenda</u> and <u>Public Policy Agenda</u> in regards to the SAA Strategic Plan
  - i. 1.5 to 2 years to review and publish. Instead of trying to re-invent the wheel every two years, have a more rolling call for suggestions; put form out to membership to allow them to have more input creating a more fluid process?
  - ii. Jess could put together a proposed plan, possibly for the next meeting for us to implement within 2023-2024.
  - iii. Existing agendas, go pretty deep into the weeds; therefore we would need a rather prescribed process for proposed change, a template. We need to have an approval process.
  - iv. Is it possible to simplify Agenda documents as "high-level" POV?
- 3. Other Business
  - a. Review work plans
  - b. <u>RACI</u> chart for assignments Jess & Brad willwill review assignments and bring it back to the Committee at the next meeting
  - c. No July Meeting; Informal meet-up at SAA; need to schedule 2023-2024

## 2023.06.09

Canceled in lieu of Annual Meeting

## 2023.05.12

**Attendance:** Dan Noonan, Krista Ferante, Jessie Knoles, Gina Nichols, Marilyn Creswell, Bryan Whitledge

**Regrets:** Jess Farrell, Brad Houston, Dennis Riley **Guest:** None **Notetaker:** Dan

- 4. Old Business
  - Colleen Shogan nomination for AOTUS approved; SAA statement sent out May 11.
  - b. Archives on the Hill

- i. <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J7sPwX940bDV1MUYFiUJSCo107</u> <u>7ozKyO/edit</u>
  - 1. General Announcement: Will be soliciting for participation SAA branded announcement likely May 15
  - 2. Targeted Solicitation: Bryan will be seeking a list from SAA to create list of members in key districts
- ii. Volunteers in place for "1-Pagers" development
- iii. This group likely to meet by end of May, again
- iv. Training session in June
- c. Legislative Tracker
  - i. Jess unable to attend
- d. Communications and Outreach
  - i. Brad unable to attend
- e. Joint Working Group (Bryan)
  - i. Presidential Committee on Arts & Humanities (<u>PCAH</u>): members announced, packed with "celebrities" - no archivists. These are not the doers on the ground, so still talking about how archivists can be involved.
  - ii. NHPRC has been going through a rough time. As of today only 4 of 8 employees, including missing 2 grants program officers. CoSA has been lobbying to have these replaced, but seems to be falling on deaf ears.
  - iii. America 250: making a statement from archivists. Tom Ruller has drafted; will be reviewed and hopefully out to the profession in June.
- 5. New Business
  - a. Annual Meeting June 15, 4:00-5:30pm (EDT)
    - https://societyofamericanarchivists-316.my.webex.com/societyofamericanarchivis ts-316.my/j.php?MTID=mc50f05835762b597e791c5146deb66fa; June 9 monthly meeting canceled
      - i. Krista to check with Jackie to make sure COPA is invited and presidents
      - ii. Krista to begin developing Agenda
  - b. Bryan: Legislators to introduce a <u>bill</u> that any government employee can be fired at at any time. Not likely to go anywhere, but is concerning as part of the growing attacks on governmental workers
  - c. Bryan: Biden administration looking at reclassification Executive Order updates, and has been delayed.

## 2023.04.14

Attendance: Dan Noonan, Dennis Riley, Krista Ferrante, Gina Nichols, Bryan Whitledge, Marilyn Creswell, Jessica Farrell, Lori Schwartz, Jessie Knoles
Regrets: Brad Houston, Shachar Kafka Cavanugh
Guest: None
Notetaker: Dan & Jess

6. Old Business

- a. Archives on the Hill
  - i. Based on Advocacy get together in March, we are doing well
  - ii. NHA is working on printing of materials
  - iii. Need to get on general SAA conference calendar
  - iv. Working w/COSA and SAA on drafting letter to potential partners to also participate
  - v. Developing a message that is current, what can we talk about. Possibly including America 250.
  - vi. No word yet on grant from SAA Foundation; should hear at end of April.
  - vii. Current AotH Tasklist
  - viii. Action items:
    - 1. Get AotH on the SAA program Krista will email Jackie
    - 2. Matching targeted SAA members who with key legislators:
      - a. Senate Labor H <u>https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/labo</u> <u>r-health-and-human-services-education-and-related-agenci</u> <u>es</u>
      - b. Senate FSGG <u>https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/fina</u> <u>ncial-services-and-general-government</u>
      - c. House Finacial Services Subcommittee <u>https://appropriations.house.gov/subcommittees/financial-s</u> <u>ervices-and-general-government/financial-services-subco</u> <u>mmittee-members</u>
      - d. House Labor Subcommittee <u>https://appropriations.house.gov/subcommittees/labor-heal</u> <u>th-and-human-services-education/labor-subcommittee-me</u> <u>mbers</u>
      - e. Need spreadsheet to track (Airtable?)
      - f. Email that suggests "Save the Date" and interest in participating
- b. Legislative Tracker
  - i. <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JUvjiGttbv4u1xGcJ7XvjSM8KkflZP</u> enZYwwdp07sEc/edit for To-dos
  - ii. Krista will check with Brad whether it is ready to share with Council
- c. Communication and Outreach
- 7. New Business
  - a. Joint Advocacy group for SAA Minutes for Meeting 3/30/2023
  - b. Joint Working Group (SAA and external partners)
    - i. America 250 draft statement for the profession
      - 1. AASLH is coordinating at national level
      - 2. At state level state archivists are not necessarily being involved
      - 3. Discussion about framing 250 for broad support
    - ii. DEI statement for the profession

iii. Discussion about Trump misrepresentation of Presidential Records Act

## 2023.03.17

**Attendance:** Dan Noonan, Dennis Riley, Krista Ferrante, Bradley Houston, Gina Nichols, Shachar Kafka Cavanugh, Bryan Whitledge, Marilyn Creswell, Lori Schwartz **Regrets:** Jessica Farrell, Jessie Knoles

#### Guest: None

Notetaker: Krista and Shachar

- 8. Old Business
  - a. Archives on the Hill
    - i. Waiting to hear about foundation funding
    - ii. Will need to consider printing and location to create prints
    - iii. Re-using or cribbing from the NHA legislative profiles and 1-pagers about funding for federal programs that support archives.
    - iv. Some added interest in developing 1-pager; specifically about declassification and the importance of archives in general.
    - v. Activity should begin to ramp up next month; however, it's not too early to begin to draft documents

#### 1. Action Item: Krista will create and share a GoogleDoc

- vi. For folks that are going to participate, we really need to make them aware of the need to prep themselves on their personal legislator in regards to the issues.
- vii. Need to begin recruiting soon
  - 1. Could collect recruitment in AirTable with the ability to link to legislators
    - a. Action Item: Develop form Jess F.
    - b. Action Item: Draft announcement to go with form -Brian? (Krista will reach out)
  - 2. Can we ID specific SAA members that are represented by House/Senate key committees?
    - a. Carlos Salgado at SAA HQ could help identify members based on addresses in SAA's membership management tool.
  - 3. Bryan will work with Jackie to get an announcement out via SAA HQ notes to put it on people's radars in March/April.
- viii. Will the SAA Foundation money allow for an intern again this time for assisting with scheduling?
  - 1. If SAA Foundation grant funding is awarded to this effort, then yes, it can be used for an intern to handle scheduling.
- b. Legislative Tracker
  - i. <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JUvjiGttbv4u1xGcJ7XvjSM8KkflZP</u> enZYwwdp07sEc/edit for To-dos
    - 1. Brad began to do US Reps data, but will need some clean-up

#### 2. Action Item: Will be reshared with COPP List - Jess F/Brad

- ii. SAA Agendas/Advocacy Priorities
- iii. Resources about different statements to link to
  - <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VsHJcjqYAACrOBHIF\_U</u> <u>A6E1TkOBKTErao7Fg6Z2rp-w/edit#gid=0</u> for statements up to 2017
- c. Communication and Outreach
  - i. Communications Plan
    - 1. Brad started <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/139wKYJxPzHeaeGX\_nVI2</u> <u>cd7fdMrU7Fp6xKUuDoP8UA/edit?usp=sharing</u>
    - 2. Need more reliable communication with membership and council
    - 3. Need to add minutes to the microsite
  - ii. Declass "Letter to the Editor" <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/11qzE5VAf4tNo9YTwHJb\_Qke0jqW</u> <u>cmoFp0XL0z3f4Hso/edit?usp=sharing\_eil\_m&invite=COnN7N4M&ts=640</u> <u>b8898</u>

#### 1. Action Item: Edit and Send to SAA HQ

- iii. Classified Documents statement response
  - 1. <u>Statement</u> was published February 1
- 9. New Business
  - a. The White House proposed budgets for federal agencies including NARA, NEH, IMLS, etc. was released this week. An analysis of the funding will be available soon and the link to it will be sent to the COPP list. In short, there are modest increases that are essentially for addressing increases in salaries due to inflation. NHPRC was hit with a decrease.
  - b. JWG meeting (Bryan and Krista):
    - i. AOTUS discussions were had
    - ii. Archives on the Hill COSA will make sure that it is in the annual meeting program
    - iii. How to depoliticize archives
    - iv. Civics education bills How can archives participate
- 10. NHPRC difficulty filling their empty position. If you know any ways to surface how to support NHPRC, please chime in on the COPP list serv. CoSA has sent a letter to NHPRC agenda-setters in support of filling the position.
- 11. Next Meeting 4/14 at 12pm Eastern

### 2023.02.10

Attendance: Dan Noonan, Dennis Riley, Krista Ferrante, Jessica Farrell, Bradley Houston, Gina Nichols Regrets: Marilyn Creswell Guest: None

#### Notetaker: Dan

#### 12. Old Business

- a. Archives on the Hill
  - i. Some added interest in developing 1-pager; specifically about declassification
  - ii. Activity should begin to ramp up next month; however, it's not too early to begin to draft documents
    - 1. Action Item: Krista will create and share a GoogleDoc
  - iii. For folks that are going to participate, we really need to make them aware of the need to prep themselves on their personal legislator in regards to the issues.
  - iv. Need to begin recruiting soon
    - 1. Could collect recruitment in AirTable with the ability to link to legislators
      - a. Action Item: Develop form Jess F.
      - b. Action Item: Draft announcement to go with form -Brian? (Krista will reach out)
    - 2. Can we ID specific SAA members that are represented by House/Senate key committees?
  - v. Will the SAA Foundation money allow for an intern again this time for assisting with scheduling?
  - vi. Has this been added to the SAA program schedule?
    - 1. Action Item: Krista will reach out to Brian, SAA, and Program Committee
- b. Legislative Tracker
  - i. <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JUvjiGttbv4u1xGcJ7XvjSM8KkflZP</u> enZYwwdp07sEc/edit for To-dos
    - 1. Brad began to do US Reps data, but will need some clean-up
    - 2. Action Item: Will be reshared with COPP List Jess F/Brad
  - ii. SAA Agendas/Advocacy Priorities
  - iii. Resources about different statements to link to
    - <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VsHJcjqYAACrOBHIF\_U</u> <u>A6E1TkOBKTErao7Fg6Z2rp-w/edit#gid=0</u> for statements up to 2017
- c. Communication and Outreach
  - i. Communications Plan
    - 1. Brad will work on it this month
  - ii. Declass "Letter to the Editor"

#### 1. Action Item: Krista will draft in GoogleDoc

- iii. Classified Documents statement response
  - 1. <u>Statement</u> was published February 1
- 13. New Business
  - a. JWG meeting (Bryan and Krista): No updates as the JWG will meet next week

- b. AOTUS nom blog post: Nomination status still unknown; Jess F has begun to draft
- c. Classified Docs issue followup? Not at the moment
- 14. Next Meeting

## 2023.01.10

Attendance: Dan, Brad, Krista, Jessie, Gina, Jess, Lori , Marilyn Regrets: Guest: Bryan, Kate Notetaker: Brad

#### 15. Old Business

- a. Archives on the Hill
  - i. Grant
  - ii. Planning– Bryan doing outreach to AAM, AHA, ALA– looking for help/support–working with Joy/Jackie to get the official imprimatur– also reviewing the docs from 2018– calling attention to OMB circular on e-recs in particular– March is when stuff will pick up (handling of classified info as a topic? Overclassification?
- b. Legislative Tracker
  - i. <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JUvjiGttbv4u1xGcJ7XvjSM8KkflZP</u> enZYwwdp07sEc/edit for To-dos
  - ii. Needs Legislator Data (Brad has started this but needs help)
    - 1. <u>https://openstates.org/data/legislator-csv/</u>
  - iii. SAA Agendas/Advocacy Priorities
  - iv. Resources about different statements to link to
    - <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VsHJcjqYAACrOBHIF\_U</u> <u>A6E1TkOBKTErao7Fg6Z2rp-w/edit#gid=0</u> for statements up to 2017
- c. Communication and Outreach
  - i. Brad will hopefully work on the Communications Plan review next week (Jess offers to help! Yay!)
  - ii. Krista/Gina will work on a declass LTTE
  - iii. Legislative Agenda/Public Policy Agenda– updated recently, so possibly worth organizing as a 23-25 session document (Bryan's thoughts)

iv.

- 16. New Business
  - a. JWG meeting (Bryan and Krista)-- lot of discussion of Omnibus and staffing difficulties with NHPRC- some CoSA folks looking at this

- i. Omnibus DOES have a lot of History/Archives stuff– NHPRC went up in absolute numbers but they have to admin \$24M in earmarks– CoSA wants to fill vacant positions– SAA should send a letter too
- ii. Letter sent to IMLS, NEH, NEA advocating for archivists on President's Commission on Arts and Humanities
- iii. NAGARA looking at Weaponization of Archives– Toolkit for neutral way to talk about archives/records
- iv. Dr. Colleen Shogan has been renominated for AOTUS
- v. Lori notes \$2M appropriation for Legislative Papers processing– they have to set policies so we don't know who's eligible
- AOTUS nom blog post– Jess looking to have a draft this week– the new senate has to rehear it but new committee makeup (https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/about) is 8D-7R so she should pass through– but it's likely to be a mess in the meantime because of the new ranking member
  - i. Sending it out to this group to decide where to publish it (SAA outlet? Somewhere else? Focus on the questions that were asked– trying to be as objective as possible)
- 17. Next Meeting February 10, 2023 @ 12:00pm EST, 11:00am CST; 10:00am MST; 9:00am PST
  - a. Need to update meeting invite -Now 2/10? @12 EST/9 PST

## 2022.12.13

Attendance: Dan, Gina, Lori, Krista, Bryan, Jess, Dennis Regrets: Jessie, Kate, Shachar, Brad, Marilyn Guest: Notetaker: Dan

- 1. Old Business
  - a. Archives on the Hill Grant
    - i. Submitted SAA Foundation grant app in November
    - ii. Expected timeline late December or early January decision
  - b. Archives on the Hill Planning efforts
    - i. Small group (including NAGARA, CoSA, some retired folks) have met to begin planning
    - ii. Revisions to documents in January (training and leave-behinds)
    - iii. Goal setting
    - iv. March will hit ground running to build communications and person network
    - v. National Humanities Alliance will help with planning, especially in post-pandemic strategies in DC
    - vi. Bryan to get out notes soon
  - c. Legislative Tracker

- i. Has shared link to prototype in <u>Airtable</u> with joint working group
- ii. May want to reach out to Meg Phillips at NARA to see what they may be doing
- iii. What other org/resources? CoSA, etc.
- d. Communication and Outreach
  - i. Blog / <u>write up</u> of AOTUS hearing
    - 1. May or may not move forward
    - 2. Jess will try to have draft ready by year to COPA
  - ii. Statement capsules (Gina, Brad, Krista)
    - 1. Have not had chance to meet
    - 2. Gina has created a spreadsheet eventually to share via GoogleDocs <u>SAA\_issue summaries - Google Sheets</u>
  - iii. Update of communications plan
    - 1. Brad to take lead will report back next time
  - iv. Declassification letter to the editor
    - 1. On Krista's "To Do" list; first entry for the "Statement Capsules"
  - v. Additional
    - 1. Public Policy Agenda nothing to report at this time
    - 2. Legislative Agenda nothing to report at this time
    - 3. Judiciary Records Brief nothing to report at this time
    - 4. Develop Guidelines for SAA in terms of How to go Forward with Policy Advocacy on Archival Workforce Issues
      - a. Results are available from A-Census
      - b. Issues to consider
        - i. Term positions
        - ii. Pay range publication/transparency
        - iii. Paid graduate internships
        - iv. Federal workforce Schedule F position status
          - 1. <u>https://www.govexec.com/workforce/2022/0</u> <u>9/house-has-approved-bill-prevent-future-sc</u> <u>hedules-f/377219/</u>
          - 2. But factions still trying to make it happen
        - v. Archival Workers Collective put together an unconference that will hopefully give some space to helping figure out what the best advocacy is in this area for SAA to prioritize
- e. Liaison Reports
  - i. Nothing to report
  - ii. Observed not a lot of activity on SAA Lists right now
  - iii. Krista & Bryan met with joint group
    - 1. NAGARA looking into framing of vulnerability of government records on social media
    - Discussed the \$60M for proposal for NARA to address backlog for veterans records; now buried in spending bill for Defense; just an

authorization, not actual funding (yet). No need to mobilize constituents at this time.

- iv. What is the difference between Issues & Advocacy Section and the role of COPP?
  - 1. I&A may be more educationally focused as a section
    - a. Elected leadership by constituents
    - b. COPP appointed by SAA Leadership focused on policy
    - c. There is joint meeting twice a year with COPA, COPP, I&A and RAC
  - 2. Maybe we should reach out
- 2. New Business
- 3. Next Meeting January 10, 2023 5:00pm EST, 4:00pm CST; 3:00pm MST; 2:00pm PST
  - a. Any chance we can move the meeting up an hour?
  - b. Moved up an hour: 4:00pm EST; 3:00pm CST; 2:00pm MST & 1:00pm PST

## 2022.11.08

Attendance: Brad, Dennis, Gina, Jess, Jessie, and Krista Regrets: Gina, Marilyn and Shachar Guest: Bryan Whitledge(JWG), Kate Barbera (COPA) Notetaker: Brad

- 1. Old Business
  - a. Archives on the Hill Grant (Dennis/Bryan/Lori/Jess)
  - b. Blog on AOTUS hearing (Jess/Shachar) DID NOT DISCUSS <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U9DhPdeNI5HRw69d0mkoIpWFbapVHK</u> <u>Wm9I208kaOF0A/edit</u>
  - c. Statement Capsules (Gina) Set a target date of August 2023; Gina to be Responsible with Brad and Krista Accountable
  - d. Legislative Tracker (Jess)
    - i. Has create <u>Airtable</u> database
    - ii. Documentation and data entry to do's: 🗉 SAA COPP Database
    - iii. Open States Legislator Bulk Data
- 2. RACI Chart
- 3. Explanation and updating of chart
  - a. Communications and Outreach
    - b. 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
    - c. Review of Communications Plan
      - i. Last updated 2020 Brad & Jess; Krisat consultant

- d. Declassification "letter to the editor"
  - i. Krista to take lead
- e. 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
- 4. Liaison Reports
  - a. 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; AASLH is really pushing this forward; it would be great if archivists could step up
- 5. Next meeting: December 13, 2022 5:00pm EST, 4:00pm CST; 3:00pm MST; 2:00pm PST (can we move the time up an hour?)
- 6. Adjourned 5:50pm EST

## 2022.10.11

Attendance: Brad, Dennis, Gina, Jessie, Krista, Shachar Regrets: Dan Guest: Bryan Whitledge(JWG), Kate Barbera (COPA) Notetaker: Brad

- 1. Discussion of Action Items for the year:
  - a. Archivist on the Hill 7/25/23
    - i. In conjunction with annual meeting, joint meeting with CoSA– Nobody really knows what it will take post 1/6 to get people up on the hill– JWG is looking to figure this out–Goal is to bring archivists to get face time with legislative assistants
    - ii. No influence over policy but building relationships– let people know what an archivist is and what we do (and why they should care)
    - iii. Dennis reports as "modest success" from last time- several dozen archivists doing constituent visits-great opportunity to get critical mass of archivists engaged in finding their voice
    - iv. Downside: doing it during the recess can perplex some of the staffers– they really expect to be approached when legislation is actually happening (or we're asking for \$\$)

- v. Need to think about how we can get SAA to not lose the momentum after we do this- how do we follow up after the initial visit? Need to stay engaged! Focusing it around a particular legislative issue (funding for NARA? IMLS? NHPRC? What?) Maybe getting people to commit to semi-regularly give offices a call reminding them of pertinent issues
- vi. **Dennis and Bryan are going to lead on this; Lori will assist; Jess will help with grant-writing** Dennis points out that the issue materials haven't changed that much and are available from our own previous efforts and the National Humanities Alliance. Crib from our video training script from 2022.
- vii. Of note: SAA Foundation can offer grants to SAA itself– we can apply to offset costs for prep materials etc– possibly hiring a one-time scheduler or intern? Bryan will submit letter of interest on behalf of this group
- viii. CoSA is on board but SAA is mostly leading it– not a lot to DO but important to set the stage; after we see a national humanities alliance day we'll have a better idea– need to plan for space, training, etc.-- from last time
- ix. Everyone other than Dennis who's done this before is retired– but Dennis is ready to do everyone else's part, right? RIGHT??
- x. If you're going to DC and you're a member of COPP, expect to at minimum talk to a legislator.
- b. America 250
  - i. Is there an action for us? There may be funding here on a state level-outreach opportunities? NARA will have 4 exhibits, similar to the ones in 1976- Bryan suggests the need to seize the moment to change the narrative (AASLH? Local genealogical societies tools? Members willing to lead small workshops?)--Dennis asks if this is a public policy or public awareness issue? Krista and Kate will have a discussion to figure it out
  - ii. Is SAA an official partner org of A250? It doesn't appear so. Something to ask about. https://www.america250.org/about/partners/
- c. Blog Reflection on the hearing of the AOTUS
  - i. Jess had talked about putting something like this together– how can we help? Looking for an accountability buddy– what people care about as it relates to Archives (or at least what pols care about)
  - ii. Dennis is happy to help with accountability though probably can't put a name to it because of his day job; Shachar will assist Jess to put something together; See <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U9DhPdeNI5HRw69d0mkolpW</u> FbapVHKWm9I208kaOF0A/edit
  - iii. ArchivesAware blog? Off the Record? Jess will have a draft by end of week

Legislative Tracker?

- d. Something from COPP for Archival Outlook– how government archives work as a response to TFG's statements on Archives– contact Julia Pillard for getting this in there
  - i. Talking to someone at NARA about what this job is actually like? Retiree perhaps?
- e. Review 21-22 RACI chart to see what we need to carry forward (Brad)
- 2. Statements?
  - a. Idea to take previous issue briefs/statements into media-sized versions for quick use by SAA. **Gina will work on this.**
  - b. Sunshine Week is March 13-19, 2023
  - c. FOIA
  - d. Protection of Federal employees
  - e. Declassification
- 3. Joint Working Group Update
  - a. PCAH: President's Cmte on Arts and Humanities. Arts and Humanities Month is October (per Biden). 25 open seats for non-governmental employees. Chance to get an archivist or two appointed. SAA/COSA/NAGARA are working on a statement.
  - b. Archivist on the Hill
  - c. AOTUS nomination: we'll see...
  - d. Federal Budget: no updates
  - e. Joint Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access Statement
- 4. Next meeting: 5pm ET (4 CT) Tuesday, November 8, 2022
- 5. From COPA: Ask an Archivist is all day Oct. 12 on Twitter and Instagram: please participate.