Committee on Public Policy
Business Meeting
Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting
Austin, Texas
August 3, 2019

Present: Krista Ferrante, Bryan Whitledge, Wendy Hagenmaier, Audra Eagle Yun, Meredith Evans, Eira Tansey, Sarah Quigley, Dennis Riley, Daria Labinsky, Sam Winn, Aprille McKay

Absent: Brad Houston, Logan Lazalde, Virginia Millington, Kathleen Roe, Rachel Greggs

Notetakers: Sarah and Bryan

1. 8:00-8:15   Welcome, introductions, ice breaker
2. 8:15-8:30   General updates
   a. Council:
      i. Statement canceling AA brown bag lunch
      ii. Approved resource kit developed by Tragedy Response Task Force
      iii. Approved Accessibility and Disability section
      iv. Approved joint RBMS public services metrics
      v. Revised criteria for selection of SAA fellows
      vi. Approved name change for Collection Management Tools Section, now Collection Management Section
      vii. Question from COPP re: DNA as a public record brief on Council's agenda -- Council says not on the agenda for Monday, Aug. 5. It is now on the to-do list to get the ball rolling again. SQ will email Audra and Meredith
   b. Early career professional - Logan Lazalde (unable to attend this year). This is COPP's first early career professional and we will work this year to define the position.
      i. Possible task could relate to legislative scorecards and a toolkit to guide SAA members in creating their own legislative scorecards.
   c. Congressional Papers Statement
      i. Sarah will reach out to new section chair to discuss a joint COPP-CPS solution to the statement.

d. Joint Task Force - last call on July 16. The revised joint statement on government e-mail going through revisions.
    i. NHPRC authorization bill is stalled - no news.
    ii. House Appropriations allocated $7 million to NHPRC
e. Feedback from Brad Houston re: ICE statement and reaction by some government archivists (concern that SAA conflated transparency issues with records mgmt issues)
    i. We do not have full information about how information was passed along to various people who felt that SAA conflated transparency issues with records management issues
    ii. We seek to be more clear with our constituency about how COPP/SAA develops statements to avoid such confusion
f. IPWG advocacy agenda item: CASE Act, re: making small copyright claims in court. Now if you want to sue someone for infringement, you have to first register the copyright first. If it was unregistered at the time of infringement, you can only get actual damages. Ineffective to sue. Costs ~700k to file a suit. This act would allow for filing a small claims procedure with a limit of 30k per claim and would be for both unregistered and registered copyright. In support of a real problem, which is that small time copyright owners don't have a way to address infringement. But for archivists could have ramifications for re: copyright trolls and digitized material put online as part of risk management approach. Broad bipartisan support and already passed Senate committee. IPWG is putting together a brief. First proposed in 2017 with no movement. Suddenly moving very quickly.
    i. Not appealable to federal court. Like binding arbitration. Does not apply to government entities or state universities
    ii. Plaintiff must send notice
    iii. Does not define due diligence for finding copyright owner
    iv. Tribunal within Library of Congress
    v. IPWG is thinking about how to make it better. Could notice procedures be stronger? Could it be only for registered works? Could there be an exception for archives? How do we put in protections that make it

tolerable for us? Do we want to oppose whole thing or make suggestions for improvements?

      vi.   ALA, ACRL, ARL put out letter opposed. SAA was not asked.

     vii.   Did NCH know about this? We didn't hear from Lee. [Should we send Lee a doc with the kinds of info we need and are looking for? What are we getting for our dues money? COPP can propose alternatives, like an advocacy consultant and/or legislative tracker.] Talk to Nancy, first step to reach out to Lee and ask why we didn't hear from him, is this in scope for him, etc.?

   g.   Will likely have two vacancies on IPWG this year. Any recommendations? Encourage them to apply. Would love to have someone with policy expertise.

3. 8:30-8:45   Pre-conference workshop report/de-brief

   a.   Went really well

   b.   Created a lot of information and resources that we hope to reuse; add an addendum to the Archives, Public Policy, and You document

   c.   16 attendees from all over

   d.   By the end of the day, attendees demonstrated growth and more comfort with concepts, all were filling out action plans

   e.   Interactive elements really worked

   f.   Talk of turning this into more, including some web based stuff. Not everything will translate well to the web.

   g.   Bryan will use a portion for Michigan archives group conference

   h.   SAA retains intellectual property but open for use for other groups (specially negotiated); not quite sure yet how it will be shared

4. 8:45-9:00   Brown bag final updates, questions, etc.

   a.   Proposed agenda:

      i.   Handout includes public policy agenda, part of strategic plan, information brief examples, and template for requesting SAA take action

      ii.   Intro and ice breaker

     iii.   What COPP does

     iv.   How to work with COPP

      v.   Space in the agenda for people to share their perspectives about working with COPP

      vi.   Break outs where people work through filling out the request template

5. **9:00-9:30**   Microsite updates and metadata brainstorming
   a. Updates have been made.
   b. Left out history piece. Sam may cover for brown bag and can repurpose for website.
   c. Statement metadata. How do people want to be able to search for them?
      i. Wendy made a spreadsheet and added a few tags based on the public policy agenda.
      ii. Project for new members/early career professional who need to get familiar with past statements. Brad former webmaster, possibly a good person to get involved.
      iii. Tagging will help with items that wouldn't be found with keywords
      iv. Is this sustainable?
      v. What feedback does Nancy have? Other stakeholders who struggle to find this info? Possibly ask at brown bag if people can find previous statements b/c form demands findability.
      vi. Next step: get feedback from Nancy. Then decide if tagging is the way to go and how to facilitate/sustain that.
      vii. If each statement is tagged with policy agenda category, would be more findable.
      viii. Page with statements by year, can only ctrl + f titles, not content
      ix. Provenance is not clear. Can tag with original authors. In our notes, but notes aren't searchable. "Research provided by" or "Research assistance by" or "Consulted:" or "Contributions by:"
      x. Can COPP have admin rights to that page so we can help with organization? Audra is supportive. Reach out to Matt. Some additional faceting or sorting would be really helpful.

6. **9:30-10:00**   Review work plan items due fall 2019, including preliminary RACI
   a. Continuing through Fall 2019
      i. Candidate Questions
      ii. Position statements / Issue Briefs
      iii. Congressional Papers Statement Reconciliation
      iv. Any others Due spring 2020 that could be moved up.

    b. Sarah will send around a RACI chart in the next month.

7. 10:00-10:30   Brainstorm questions for 2020 candidates re: records and archives

    a. Don't forget to be prepared for questions/criteria re: new AOTUS and also a list of recommendations

    b. Check ALA, AMA etc. for lists of questions

    c. Would we send out a press release when we send out questions. Journalists would be interested and may amplify our questions and make it more likely that they'll get answers

    d. Arguments for sending to more than 4 candidates: get traction with candidates who want their voices heard and may amplify with other candidates

    e. What is the purpose of the responses? To help inform members of candidate positions on issues that are important to us. If we wait until final four, many of our members may have already voted.

    f. May get better answers when more people are still competing

    g. Related to the idea that COPP can be a resource for people's voting records. Especially if candidates don't respond.

    h. Can put together dossiers of candidate responses, voting record, legislation they've sponsored

    i. Many candidates have been subject to FRA and also state records act.

    j. What is their position if they aren't subject to any records legislation?

    k. Ask when records have been meaningful to them? As a way to do a little PR for SAA.

    l. Also send to Trump camp and GOP opponent

    m. Libertarians, Greens, etc.?

    n. Resending after conventions when nominees are in place?

    o. When does the PRA kick in? When sworn in? What happens with transition records is a massive issue and we may want to ask questions about that (E.g. what laws cover records between the end of FEC coverage and PRA/NARA scheduling?). If you're not subject to the PRA, but are getting intelligence briefings, then what? Mueller Report highlights issues with records keeping during transition. A lot may be in the previous president's records b/c of how administrations work together during transition. Also part of agency records.

        i.   We could send a formal question/request to Federal Elections Commission. What is the scope of records that need to be reported? How are they preserved? At what point does a campaign no longer count as a campaign? (Mail below for opinion from general counsel)

             1.   Federal Election Commission 1050 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20463

p.   One possible issue that we haven't discussed much: Consumer ownership of data. CA consumer data law. Privacy, right to be forgotten, GDPR. Electronic Frontier Foundation

q.   Congress and the judiciary subject to records law. What do candidates think about that? Would you use your position to advocacy for such a law? What are your plans for your records? Are you committed to sending them to a place where they can be publicly accessible? [Put some fire under the congressional records statement.]

r.   Next steps: Sarah will send email when back in the office to divide up candidates, identify contacts, refine questions. Eira will share advice from friend re: contacting campaigns

8.   10:30-11:00   Meet with COPA

   a.   Updates

       i.   From COPA: Storytelling workshop and *Finding Aid to My Soul*. Hoping it is an annual event that helps inspire archivists to tell their stories of what they do and why it is important.

       ii.   COPA nominated Kitchen Sisters for Jameson Award and the Kitchen Sisters won. They are here and will be at the COPA table near the registration.

             1.   COPA championed the nomination and COPP is encouraged to champion recognition awards nominees.

      iii.   *Archives in Context* podcast folks will be at the COPA table doing on the spot interviews, including elevator and escalator speeches. Goal to get more *Archives in Context* content including "archivists on the street" type interviews.

             1.   COPP would be interested if the podcast or another venue is appropriate to bring COPP-related topics to a larger audience.

             2.   *Archives Aware* blog is another venue

      iv.   COPP hosted a state and local advocacy workshop (Thursday) and on Sunday, COPP is hosting a brown-bag lunch forum about COPP and the history and how to get engaged.

v. COPA is looking to refresh the microsite (opportunities for collaboration with COPP)
    vi. COPA is looking to create a PR advocacy toolkit as well as some press releases and hoping the COPP can offer some guidance.
    vii. COPA will have an early-career member this year - there is an opportunity for cross-pollination of their duties so they can get a flavor of the work of other committees.
  b. Brainstorm ideas for "evergreen" press releases/statements
    i. COPP wrote a workplan with some rough due dates for things. Included in this is, pending COPA agreement, the creation of some evergreen press releases by Fall 2020.
    ii. Candidate questions for the Presidential election candidates - COPP talked about creating a press release that would be a joint COPA/COPP work.
    iii. Remember to draw upon the resources of SAA staff to help with PR efforts.
    iv. The generation of a statement by COPP (and all of the nitty-gritty involved) could make for a nice blog or post put out by COPA to demonstrate all of the value the COPP and COPA bring to the organization.