

Committee on Public Policy
Monthly Conference Call
Agenda
May 13, 2020

Present: Kathleen, Bryan, Sarah, Brad, Eira, Virginia, Nick, Krista, Logan, Sam

Absent: Nancy, Audra

1. Volunteer to take notes: Kathleen

2. Work plan updates

- a. To acknowledge and applaud any work accomplished since our April meeting; no updates required given item 3.
 - i. Communications Plan draft sent to Subgroup members [Logan, Kathleen, Bryan] (BW)
 - ii. Judiciary records issue brief working group continues to meet {Krista, Eira, people from Judiciary records panel at SAA last year] Modeled on net neutrality issue brief. Trying to be ambitious but cognizant of impact of covid 19 delays at work. Goal is to have a draft finished by late June for circulation to COPP for potential review by Council at their August meeting (Eira)
 - iii. Additions to advocacy guidelines sent to Nancy. Likely not her first priority at the moment but Nancy will edit and post when she's able.
 - iv. Assessment document feedback under review by Virginia and Sam; will be making changes to share.
 - v. SAA has found a contact with the Biden Campaign and has resubmitted the questions we developed for presidential candidates.
- b. **Review work plan in light of COVID-19:** In light of challenges and financial ramifications for SAA, individual institutions, part of workplan will have to change. Discussed last month how legislative advocacy plans will change. Re. larger workplan, are there goals/activities to change/eliminate
 - i. Committee governance: Virginia and Sam will continue to work on this if COPP feels it is useful. Timeline may need to adjust. Concerns expressed about the intensity of work this might involve, and what valuable information could be in fact accumulated. Virginia and Sam will sketch out minimally intrusive recommendations on what could be done.
 - ii. Communication and outreach: Default extension of all deadlines to provide breathing room, especially so can include incoming members? Plan is useful, subgroup will be reviewing and hopefully ready before/by June 21 (technically start of summer.)
 - iii. Collaboration with COPA on evergreen archival issues: Fall 2020 as viable deadline for now.

- iv. Partnerships with allied groups: (Joint task force, NCH) Had hoped for mapping of joint areas of collaborations with COPA at annual meeting--may need rethinking of how to approach if not done "live" at annual meeting, adjustment of timeline. Discussion of relationships and inreach with other SAA groups with related responsibilities: again something that may be best to pursue during coming year, especially if things continue to demand online contact predominantly.
- v. Statement and issue briefs: a few worth revisiting have been identified. Defer scheduling those briefs, identify those worth working on in summer/fall.
- vi. Legislative advocacy agenda: next review/revision is scheduled for 2021. Some suggestions/questions have been sketched out; Quite a bit up in the air regarding SAA's capacity to host workshops/education sessions on advocacy and to do advocacy in the near future. Need to extend deadline on this until things are more certain on what directions can be taken or are needed. May need to focus on trying to see that archives are included in forthcoming legislation on recovery.

Sarah will put some thought time into how to convey these changes and concerns to SAA leadership, Nancy.

3. Annual meeting/business meeting

- a. Thoughts on business meeting focus, given that it will now be virtual: how can it be productive given that type of work regularly done at COPP business meeting is best done "face to face". How long timewise?
- b. Perhaps have meeting like our monthly meetings? Continue to think about this and send ideas to Sarah/listserv; may need more information about what the plans are for the conference overall.
 - i. Suggestion: maybe work on RACI chart and incorporate new members? Video call would be good in this instance.

4. Updates from other groups:

- a. **Council:** meeting at the same time as our call.
- b. **COPA** - Webinar on how archivists can shine light on collections despite current conditions--good attendance and feedback; press release submitted to SAA office on how archivists are documenting covid 19 experience. Will be distributed by SAA office.
- c. **SAA/CoSA/NAGARA Joint Working Group:** updates but no discussion of governance given a number of members not present.