

Society of American Archivists
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AWARENESS
Zoom Call 04/09/2021, 2:00pm–3:00pm CT

Agenda

- I. Roll Call
 - Present - Vince Lee, Kristianna Chanda, Rachael Woody, Teresa Brinati, Chris Burns, Rachel Winston, Rachel Seale, Anna Trammell, Lynn Cowles
 - Not Present - Lee Miller, Kate Barbera,
- II. [March Minutes](#) - Rachael Woody moved to approve, Chris Burns seconded
- III. Activities at *ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2021*
 - A. July TBD: Scheduling 60- to 90-minute COPA Meeting (All)
Felicia Owens will be reaching out on scheduling COPA business meeting in July.
 - B. Monday, August 2, time TBD: Storytelling Workshop (Chris Burns, Teresa Brinati)
Working with Micaela Blei again on a workshop and storytelling event. Chris will pull together a small group to work with Micaela to plan the workshop (Chris, Teresa, Kate, Rachel S.)
 - C. Tuesday, August 3, 11:00am CT - 1:00pm CT: COPA+COPP Advocacy Mini-Workshop (Katherine Barbera, Rachael Cristine Woody, Rachel Seale, Vince Lee)
Next steps are to reach out to COPP for representation, COPP and I&A for ideas, and to get this group together again for further planning.
 - D. Any other activities?
Open house for COPA with pre-recorded clips of COPA members with information about what we do and our individual roles. Clear instructions for how people can contribute (blog posts, stories, Why I Love Being An Archivist!). Vince will set up a call. (Rachael W., Anna)
- IV. *ArchivesAWARE!* Blog (Lee Miller)
 - A. [Calendar](#)
 - B. Other follow-ups
Vince commented that March has been a busy month and congratulated and thanked COPA members for their recent contributions.
- V. American Archives Month - October
 - A. A Finding Aid to My Soul virtual event
What date? Was October 1, which is a Friday this year. Leaning toward a Tuesday-Thursday in the first full week of October (10/5-10/7) sometime between 1 and 4 EST. October 6.
 - B. #AskAnArchivist Day [proposed date + pursuing potential partners]
Second week in October? Still on a Wednesday?
Public historians, National Coalition for History, other history organizations (Rachel S. can reach out)
Theme for twitter this year might be - bring your best advocacy and outreach this year - crowdsourcing of content this year.

Instagram takeover on askanarchivist day.
October 13.

VI. Standing Updates

A. Council Report (Rachel Winston)

Minutes from the last Council meeting are on the website.

Let Rachel know if there are issues to bring to Council.

Council is considering topics for member forums. Let Rachel know if you have any ideas for this.

B. COPP (Sam Winn)

No one on the call from COPP

C. Joint Working Group

1. CoSA/NAGARA/SAA (Vince)

Last met on March 9. Federal budget - \$135 million budget for NEH in federal recovery act. Not sure what President Biden's budget will include for relevant agencies. America's Libraries Act - line in the act that talks about state archives, wondering if it could include language about local archives. Bill that's been filed to authorize \$1 billion for civics education day. Advocacy day - advocacy for NARA and NHPRC. NCH and NHA - benefits of membership, RAAC used to maintain a membership but many regionals didn't see the benefit. RAAC is reconsidering. Archivist of the United States qualifications document, want to be ready in advance of the next transition, whenever that might be.

2. COPP/COPA/RAAC/I&A (Vince)

No meeting planned yet.

VII. Any Other Business

Conversation about some members feeling extra stretched this year for various reasons and agreement among COPA members that there is flexibility to participate at varying levels as you are able and your schedule permits.

Next Call: May 5, 2021 3:00pm CT/4:00pm ET

Notetaker: Chris Burns