

**Society of American Archivists**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AWARENESS**  
**Zoom Call 08/25/2021, 1:30 - 2:30 pm CT**

**Minutes**

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Rachel Seale, Katherine Barbera, Angie Piccolo, Claudia Willet, Kristianna Chanda, Vince Lee, Rachel Winston, Rebecca Goldman, Abigail Christian, Sidney Louie, Bryan Whitley, Lynn Cowles, Ericka Dudley
  
- II. [July Business meeting minutes](#)
  - A. Approved by Lynn and seconded by Rachel S.
  
- III. Annual report due September (Vince) [moved to top due to schedule conflict]
  - A. Vince is the outgoing chair of COPA
  - B. Vince is putting together the report for COPA's activities from 2020/2021
  - C. Send any activities that you feel should be included in the report to Vince
  - D. The report is due September 1
  
- IV. Introductions
  - A. Welcome to our new committee members!
    1. Ericka Dudley
      - a) New early career member, currently attending Clayton State in Georgia
    2. Rebecca Goldman
      - a) New member, independent archivist, SAA member for 10 years
    3. Angiola Piccolo
      - a) New member, member of SAA for 2-3 years, Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico
    4. Claudia Willett
      - a) New member, Arizona State University Library, SAA member for 5 years
  - B. Quick intros from everyone else: name, affiliation, & favorite thing about COPA
  
- V. 2021/2022 Work plan draft (Rachel)
  - A. Currently in process; Rachel S. is working on a draft
  - B. Rachel S. and Kate will work on it together and then get feedback from Teresa. Then it will go to COPA for feedback before submission.
  - C. Due in September or October
  
- VI. Activities at *ARCHIVES\*RECORDS 2021* feedback
  - A. What worked? What needs work?
    1. Open house format for the business meeting was a success
      - a) Desire to repeat this format in the future
    2. Joint workshop hosted with COPP, I&A, RAAC, and PLASC was successful
      - a) 225 registrants and 200+ attendees
      - b) Feedback from the audience was positive
      - c) Interest in offering another workshop in the future

3. The conversation lounge facilitated by Chris Burns (outgoing two-term member of COPA) was a success
4. The storytelling workshop was a hit; Michaela Blei hosted and did a fantastic job
  - a) 40+ registrants

VII. *ArchivesAWARE!* Blog updates

- A. Thank you to Lee Miller
  1. Lee is stepping down as editor for the blog and as a member of COPA
- B. New editor - Kristi Chanda
- C. [Calendar](#)
- D. Kristi will be sending out details about a new article for the blog on the COPA list; all members are welcome to participate in this one; more information soon.

VIII. American Archives Month - October

- A. A Finding Aid to My Soul virtual event (Chris, Teresa, all)
  - a. October 6, 2021 at 12PM
  - b. Scheduling it for the daytime this year to increase participation
- B. #AskAnArchivist Day (Rachel Seale) -[notes](#) from latest meeting (see end of document for upcoming to do list)
  - a. October 13, 2021
  - b. <https://www2.archivists.org/initiatives/askanarchivist-day>
  - c. Kristi is managing the Twitter shifts so she will send out a call; all members are welcome to take a shift
  - d. Bryan W. is working with the PBS TV show Finding My Roots TV to have them tweet out about Ask an Archivist Day!
  - e. Please add your institutions to the Twitter list if you plan to participate <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1381676273911627779>
    - i. Encourage others to sign up to the twitter list if they are participating
      1. There are only 2 members currently
  - f. Rachael W. and Kate are doing video interviews with archivists for ArchivesAWARE

IX. [NHPRC Report](#) - COPA recommendations (Rachel)

- A. Link to report:  
<https://www.lyrasis.org/Leadership/Documents/NHPRC-Consulting-Survey-Report.pdf>
- B. COPA and COPP will be working jointly to provide recommendations regarding this report
  1. Rachel S., Kate, Rachael W., and Lynn volunteered previously to help out from COPA
  2. COPP has 3-4 people who volunteered to work on this too
  3. COPA and COPP will meet separately to discuss and then present their recommendations in a shared google doc to start coordinating things into a single set of recommendations
- C. The original recommended deadline was September 15 but this will be pushed back until later in the fall.
  1. No decision made on the deadline yet
- D. SAA does not have a statement supporting small archives
  1. this is a possible product that could come out of this effort

X. Standing Updates

A. Council Report (Rachel Winston)

1. There will be an open forum this fall for members to look at the DEIA work plan before it moves to council for full approval
  - a) Council is taking another look at the strategic plan to make it as effective as possible and the DEIA work plan as effective as possible
  - b) More details will come later

B. COPP (Bryan Whitledge)

1. COPP has their first meeting for this term on August 27
2. Agenda
  - a) SAA's public policy agenda (support for archives funding, legislative agenda such as funding for NHPRC)

C. Joint Working Group

1. CoSA/NAGARA/SAA/ALA (Rachel)
  - a) No updates
  - b) Next meeting is on August 26
  - c) These meetings are once a month
2. COPP/COPA/RAAC/I&A (Kate)
  - a) No updates
  - b) These meetings are twice a year

XI. Any Other Business

A. COPA documents on Google drive (Rachel)

1. COPA documents are currently scattered in a few different places in Google Drive.
2. Moving forward, please use the "COPA Documents" folder in Google Drive for all COPA documentation

**Next Call: tbd**

**Notetaker: Ok to go in alphabetical order? Katherine Barbera**