

**Society of American Archivists  
Committee on Public Awareness  
Conference Call 07/10/19, 2:00pm–3:00pm ET**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Caryn Radick (chair), Teresa Brinati (SAA staff liaison/recorder), Sami Norling, Nick Pavlik, Sarah Quigley (COPP Chair), Rachael Woody.

**Absent:** Chris Burns, Vince Lee, Rachel Seale, Brenda Gunn (Council Liaison), Nancy Beaumont.

**June [meeting minutes](#)**

No changes.

**ARCHIVES\*RECORDS 2019 in Austin**

- Info Table in registration area with Elevator Speech jigsaw puzzle + “Office Hours” –If your schedule shifts, update the schedule as needed.

**TO DO #1:** Please sign up [here](#) if you are available in Austin to staff the COPA info table.

- COPA Meeting is Saturday, August 3, from 8:30am–11:00am. Kate Barbera is a new member of COPA and she will be attending the meeting. Although incoming chair Nick is unable to attend the Austin conference, Caryn will work with him offline to ramp him up. COPA and COPP will meet at 10:30am. Please come with ideas on how COPA and COPP can work together in the forthcoming year. For remote participation, call or skyping in on our own devices is a possibility. No phone line will be provided by SAA. Rachael W. can contribute some tools for facilitating remote participation. Sami and Nick will check their schedules and let Caryn know about their availability for remote participation.

**TO DO #2:** Please come with ideas on how COPA and COPP can work together in the forthcoming year.

- A free “Storytelling Workshop” with two-time Moth GrandSLAM winner Micaela Blei will be held Saturday, August 3, 1:00pm–3:00pm. There are already 16 registrants for the workshops. COPA members encouraged to attend.

**TO DO #3:** [Consider registering for the free “Storytelling Workshop.”](#)

- [Session 207](#) – “Are you ArchivesAWARE? Teaming Up with SAA's Committee on Public Awareness to Create a Stronger Archives Community” will be held on Sunday, August 4, 1:30pm–2:30pm. Caryn, Chris, Vince, Nick, Rachel have had a conference call to address how the hour will unfold and will continue to plot how best to spend this time.
- [“A Finding Aid to My Soul”](#) storytelling event to be hosted by Micaela Blei on Sunday, August 4, 8:00pm–10:00pm. Caryn/Chris/Teresa worked with Micaela on messaging and promoting the opportunity to pitch a story for presenting at the event. 24 pitches received! Caryn/Chris/Micaela evaluated the pitches and 10 people were invited by Caryn to be storytellers at the event. 7 of the 10 have confirmed to date. Micaela will work with these individuals on their stories. SAA will be in touch with those who did not make the cut later this week.

**TO DO #4:** If in Austin, please plan on attending [“A Finding Aid to My Soul.”](#)

- Just a reminder that the Kitchen Sisters (Davia Nelson and Nikki Silva) are receiving the J. Franklin Jameson Archival Advocacy Award from SAA, thanks to the nomination prepared by COPA. The award will be given out during the opening plenary on Saturday, August 3, at 5:00pm. The Sisters will be in Austin to receive the award!

### **COPA Membership/ Early Career Member position for COPA**

An impressive 31 volunteers for the position! Nick and Vince are going to evaluate the prospects and send recommendations to SAA staffer Felicia Owens.

### **Microsite**

We did not tackle the goal of assessing and refreshing the microsite this year., but should be considered for next year.

**TO DO #5: Prioritize refreshing the microsite for next year.**

### **ArchivesAWARE! Blog**

Rachel sent an update. Please get in touch with her regarding any posts you are interested in doing. [Calendar](#)

Nick has used Rev Transcription using the account that Nancy set up for SAA. You can upload an audio or video recording for transcription and/or closed captioning. Nick's recording was only 32 minutes long and the turnaround is 24 hours (although Nick got it back in 6 hours!). The transcription is available in various formats. In terms of quality, it is by no means perfect but it is adequate. Clean up and editing will be required. In addition, formatting is also required so that it is consistent with the blog format. The cost is \$1 per recording minute (in this case, \$32). In Nick's assessment, Rev is sufficient for the blog's needs. Rev also has an app for a mobile device. Even so, if you have suggestions for another service, just bring it to Nick's attention.

### **Standing Updates**

- CoSA/NAGARA/SAA (Caryn)
- COPP/COPA/RAAC/I& A (Vince)
- Council (Nancy and Brenda)
- COPP (Sarah): Getting ready for Austin meeting, working on agenda for business meeting, and preparing for Brown Bag lunch discussion. Drafted a statement on ICE records for the Council. Working on letter to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* on government records and the public.

**Next meeting: ARCHIVES\*RECORDS 2019, Austin, Sat. August 3, 2019, 8:30am–11:00am!**