

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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Chicago, Illinois**

**Committee on Public Policy: Annual Report  
(Prepared by Sarah Quigley, Chair)**

**During the 2017-2018 term, the Committee on Public Policy (COPP) worked on the following issues:**

- In response to reports that senior White House officials were improperly using non-governmental email accounts to conduct official business, drafted a statement regarding “Use of Non-government Email Accounts for the Conduct of Public Business,” which points back to the CoSA/NAGARA/SAA Joint Statement on Conducting Public Business in Nongovernment Email Accounts from 2015 (approved by Council October 2017).
- Drafted a comment in response to the Open Government Partnership call for comments on the U.S. federal government’s Third Open Government National Action Plan (NAP3) (submitted by SAA October 2017).
- Revised and updated SAA's Public Policy Agenda according to the customary two-year revision schedule (adopted by Council November 2017).
- Submitted an issue brief on Federal Classified Information and Controlled Unclassified Information to address the need for the federal government to continue its efforts at reducing the overall quantity of classified or restricted information to ensure timely access to records and overall governmental accountability and transparency (approved by Council November 2017).
- Submitted a revised version of the issue brief on Police Mobile Camera Footage as a Public Record following feedback on the original draft from membership (approved by Council November 2017).
- Drafted letter to FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai to “express our alarm at the Federal Communications Commission’s plan to dismantle network neutrality regulations on Internet service providers” (sent by SAA December 2017).
- Drafted a new Legislative Agenda and Action Plan to supplement SAA's Public Policy Agenda and guide both the organization's and membership's advocacy efforts in regards to specific legislation (adopted by Council January 2018).
- Submitted issue brief on Congressional Records as public records following two years of drafting, comments from relevant component groups, and revisions (revised and approved as a position statement by Council July 2018).

- Drafted issue brief on Net Neutrality stating SAA's support for legislative proposals that designate Internet providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 (revised and approved by Council June 2018).
- Drafted letter opposing the nomination of Gina Haspel to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (sent by SAA April 2017).
- Offered comment and feedback to Council drafted addition to SAA's existing statement on the Census (March 2018).

**The committee also completed or contributed to the following initiatives:**

- Completed a revision of the procedures for requesting advocacy action from SAA, including a procedure map, to clarify for membership the variety of routes for requesting action from SAA and the specific role of COPP within that process (approved by Council November 2017).
- Chair Dennis Riley and Member Kathleen Roe served on planning committee for Archives on the Hill.

**In the coming year, COPP will focus on the following issues:**

- Following up on Archives on the Hill
- Identifying opportunities to collaborate and strengthen relationships with other component groups who do advocacy work
- Planning for our first mid-year meeting
- Operationalizing advocacy work within COPP (e.g. developing dissemination plans for statements, etc.)

**Membership:**

- Chair: Dennis Riley
- Vice Chair: Barbara Teague, resigned end of 2017
- Vice Chair: Sarah Quigley, appointed January 2018
- Council Liaison: Bergis Jules
- Jim Cross
- Wendy Hagenmaier
- Kathleen Roe
- Ron Stafford, Intern
- Samantha Winn