

**SAA Committee on Public Policy  
Conference Call  
March 8, 2016**

**Meeting Notes**

1. Issue Brief Update
  - a. Police Mobile Cameras
    - Drafting subgroup will take section comments and submit a redraft to the full committee for consideration
    - The goal is to submit this to Council for its May meeting (i.e. have it done NLT first week in April)
  - b. Declassification
    - Drafting subgroup will circulate more background on the recommendations regarding the NDC interagency advisory board
    - There was no objection to retaining this recommendation, but members felt it would be helpful to more clearly understand the issues involved.
    - There were no objections to seeking input from external stakeholders at this stage, after which the intent is to share with SAA component groups.
  - c. Federal Grant Funding
    - Drafting subgroup will clean it up the draft week to ready it for Council consideration.
    - There was general agreement that this did not have to be submitted to specific component groups and could go straight to Council since the subject matter was broadly relevant to all sections and did not touch upon the specific expertise of a particular group
    - There was also general agreement that getting this done sooner rather than later was important
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  - d. Congressional Records
    - Draft still circulating and will revisit in late March or sometime in April
2. SAA 2017
  - a. COPP meeting
    - Scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and will run concurrently with several section meetings
  - b. Advocacy Forum
    - Scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 12:15-1:30pm
    - Coordinators are still arranging panelists
  - c. Advocacy & Outreach table
    - Provide an opportunity to engage SAA members and raise awareness as to what the organization does, and specifically COPP, COPA and I&A, regarding outreach & advocacy

- Table will be near the registration desks (i.e. heavy traffic) along with the other usual groups (i.e. ALI, ACA)
- The intent is not to staff this full-time, but as our respective schedules allow. A schedule of slots will be circulated once the program goes live on Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can plan accordingly
- Also need to think about what sort of handouts or takeaways we want to have on hand [this may depend on the appropriations & NHPRC state of play]

### 3. COPP Transparency

- a. Use of the SAA Leader listserv and the “Off the Record” blog was discussed, though no concrete commitment or decisions in this regard was made.
  - Need to develop standard practice/procedure as to when and how to use these channels of communication
- b. Use “In the Loop” to link out to the COPP microsite.
  - Set up a meeting agenda/notes section and prepare summary, anonymized notes, circulate them to the full committee for approval, and then post them whenever there is (either via email or conference call) a substantive discussion or committee has reached some decision.
- c. Regular contact with members who submit issues for our consideration
  - Designate committee members as POC for specific issue briefs and requests for action to shepherd proposals through committee deliberations and communicate with SAA members seeking COPP action.
- d. Continue to raise awareness with members and encourage/empower them to take action as individuals, though need to discuss how.

### 4. Federal Budget/Appropriations & NHPRC/NEH/IMLS Funding

- a. Reference Documents
  - These will be posted to the microsite
- b. Next steps
  - General agreement that COPP should focus on NHPRC, since IMLS and NEH have larger constituencies. That being said, we will support efforts aimed at funding and re-authorization of all three.
  - Drafting subgroup will work on talking points for NHPRC for an anticipated action alert, which will be TBD.
  - Aim for NHPRC talking points is for NLT than April 1<sup>st</sup> since it appears the administration’s budget document will be sent to Congress on March 16<sup>th</sup>. OMB has apparently already informed agencies of their bottom line budget figure and it will be up to the agencies to figure out program cuts.
  - Will check with NCH and others as to obtaining funding data. Otherwise COPP will discuss how to proceed.
  - COPA is gearing up its effort to collect stories from members re federal grant funded projects
  - Council is drafting a statement re NEH.

### 5. Other Business

- NJ State Archives – No news as to possible move [Subsequently, it was announced that the archives would not be temporarily relocated]
- Indiana State Archives – While several sections are circulating a request, it has not been received by COPP, Council, or SAA staff. CoSA has sent a letter. [Subsequently, draft letter submitted and approved by Executive Committee]