

**SAA Committee on Public Policy
Conference Call
October 23, 2017**

Meeting Notes

Issue Briefs

Congressional records: In light of CPS comments, some discussion as to whether a brief or straightforward statement was the way to go. Discussed whether we need to continue engaging CPS and consensus is that COPP should tweak its recommendations but can submit the draft to Council largely as is.

Net neutrality / digital divide: Will begin developing a draft for discussion at a future date.

Other topics: A statement or brief on judicial records will be developed along the lines of the Congressional records.

RAO Metrics

COPP members should review metrics and consider which ones might prove useful in legislative advocacy.

3rd National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership

No real discussion.

Legislative Advocacy

Discussed general goal of developing a legislative agenda with 5-7 issues from which we can pick the 2-3 times to use in DC in August.

Preference if for SAA to set out the agenda rather than relying on another entity.

While moving specific legislation may be unrealistic given the dysfunction in Congress, it is important to begin having conversations with legislators and develop the contacts and relationships so that there is a possibility of future legislation gaining traction.

Regarding funding, need to focus on expanding resources rather than simply maintaining the status quo.
Regarding records management, suggest focusing on agency compliance.

Also discussed on to use work of I&A legislative research teams. This will become more apparent when the legislative agenda is set.

Goal is to have legislative agenda to Council by its Jan/Feb meeting.

Discussed in general terms the SAA-CoSA-NAGARA-RAAC coordinating committee for the August Hill visits. Initial phone call for this group is scheduled for 11/1. Will need to coordinate the focused August advocacy through this group, however, we also need to consider how to engage/encourage the wider membership to participate as well. Need to also consider how we capture info/read-outs post-Hill visits.

Other Business

Joint Advocacy Call (I&A, COPP, COPA, RAAC):

I&A & RAAC is interested in holding a 3rd annual advocacy forum.

COPA is interested in having media training session at annual meeting.

Diversity & Advocacy

Issue of diversity within SAA advocacy and on COPP was raised and discussed.