Committee on Public Policy Conference Call February 23, 2018

Meeting Notes

Thoughts for next year

- Between now and August, focus will be ensuring the success of the Hill Visit event but need to consider what our priorities should be as after that.
- While COPP has done a great job of producing issue briefs need to develop a process for moving forward on identified issues. Need to get beyond writing and starting to move things.
- Council seems to change its focus depending on who is on the group..
- Need for further calrify of relationship and roles with I&A (e.g., gathering Congressional information) and other groups (e.g., RAAC).
- Could continue to pursue partnership with Metrics group to gather and create important background to share with legislators.
- Question of congressional and judicial records has come up frequently, but last year COPP didn't have the energy to move on them; perhaps COPP could revisit in August and make a decision.
- Also discussed scheduling mid-year, in-person meeting

Net neutrality brief

Still gathering information for draft which will be completed in the coming week and send out for COPP members' comments.

Discussion of Congressional papers brief

- One consideration is that the current version does not include feedback from Congressional Papers Section. Need to be transparent about receiving it and choosing not to include it in the brief.
- COPP considered the feedback and decided not to include all of it. Seemed to be some concern that NARA would take over everything and NARA doesn't have the capacity to take it on. This may be at the heart of the issue. May be concerned about losing records out of private repositories. If that's the issue and it's not sufficiently addressed.

- May also be unclear (or difference of opinion) on whether private repositories then have to administer under the relevant US law.
- Will attempt to clarify this further.

Joint SAA/COSA/NAGARA/RAAC conference call

Much of call was regarding federal funding issues. FY18 will probably get continuing resolution; unlikely that any FY 19 appropriations will be hashed out before mid-term elections.