

**SAA Committee on Public Policy
Conference Call
June 26 2018
Meeting Notes**

SAA-COSA-NAGARA-RAAC Joint Advocacy Working Group Conference Call

- Planning for Archives on the Hill is proceeding
- SAA reissued invitations to SAA members and has received favorable responses
- NHPRC and IMLS reauthorizations likely not going forward until next session
- Senators and staff are likely to be in town in August since Congress will not adjourn for summer recess
- Next meeting is July 10
- Congressional Papers Section also planning an advocacy day on the Hill on the Monday of SAA and there appears to be some confusion among the members between the two events. While CPS will be focused specifically on congressional records, it would be helpful to know who they're talking to and what their talking points are.

IMLS Coalition Conference Call

- So far focused on the basics of what a mutually supportive coalition would look like and the ground rules for participation
- Possible directions include: sharing policy knowledge, be at the table as peers, promoting calls-to-action to members/constituents, researching and publishing to inform policy, media outreach
- ALA is not participating at this time
- The point of the coalition is to put calls to action in front of other organizations' members
- There was recognition and discussion about understanding that there may be times or issues to which an organization may not be able to respond
- There was additional conversation about making sure everyone is on the same page regarding what we're asking for on behalf of the IMLS.
- There is no current intention to require financial contributions or plan funded activities. The only "budget" in mind at the moment involves time and effort to whatever each organization can contribute.
- Every Library offered to create and manage a webpage for coalition communications
- Some concern that IMLS may not be aware that the coalition is forming..
- SAA' ought to approach this strategically to ensure the archival equities remain focused.

Legislative Agenda

- IPWG has been asked to share their legislative priorities so there is a better sense of how COPP can be of help next year

- The white paper on federal funding is on hold at least until after the hill visits. Will revisit this issue in the fall.
- The Net Neutrality brief is out for vote (subsequently approved).
- Discussion focused on using this brief to test dissemination strategies and develop advocacy templates
- This also highlighted issues of communication between COPP and COPA and possible avenues to improve this were discussed.
- There was acknowledgment that the legislative agenda for 2018 is more like the agenda for 2018-2019 and work will carry over into next year
- Discussion also focused on how to embed much of the legislative agenda into the upcoming strategic plan.