

# **Society of American Archivists Cultural Property Working Group: Annual Report**

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**Officers:**

- Jennifer O’Neal, Co-Chair
- Kelvin White, Co-Chair

**Report from Annual Meeting:**

*Number of attendees:* 9

*Appointment Results:*

- Kim Christen, Member
- Douglas Cox, Member
- Patrick Stawski, Member

*Summary of meeting activities:* Meeting Minutes Attached (by Jennifer O’Neal)

**Completed projects/activities:**

- Selection of new members: Successfully selected three new members. Each began serving in late Spring 2013/Summer 2013.
- Outreach and Social Media Initiative: Spearheaded by Marisol, the CHWG began an outreach and social media initiative to reach out to SAA members and beyond to inform individuals of our purpose and share important news regarding various cultural heritage issues. We established a Facebook page, Twitter account, and will shortly also begin a blog to highlight specific issues and to keep the membership updated on cultural heritage news and issues.
- Attendance at various conferences and gathering regarding cultural heritage (see attached CHWG Members Activity report compiled by Jennifer O’Neal)

**Ongoing projects/activities:**

- Website, Social Media and Networking Initiative: The group will continue to develop and provide a strong website as a Resource Page as a go-to place for resource information for SAA members and non-members about archives and cultural heritage issues. In addition, the group will also continue to develop an active social media initiative to share cultural heritage news and issues.

- A Culture Heritage Bibliography that focuses on archival aspects of this topic and that is organized by topic. The Bibliography will include - to the extent possible - already existing case studies. At this point this will not be an annotated bibliography.
- A Guide to Case Studies that points to existing studies and adds to these as appropriate.
- Reconsideration of the Cultural Framework as a way to organize information shared by the Working Group
- Identification of gaps in the SAA Glossary with respect to terms important to cultural heritage sensitivity and responsibility.
- Statement on Cultural Property and possible guidelines. It is possible that a statement now being prepared by IFLA's Indigenous Matters Special Interest Group will serve this purpose.

**New projects/activities:**

- Developing and discussing the main issues concerning cultural heritage in reference to archives. Based on these discussions, this in turn will determine the main focus of projects for the group. In addition, the group will also be exploring what are the main venues for discussing cultural heritage issues so that the members can attend these gatherings and conferences to represent SAA.
- Contributions to publications regarding cultural heritage.

**Strategic Priority - Diversity initiatives:**

Continued work representing a variety of diverse cultures and groups regarding cultural heritage issues. As well as any new strategic initiatives developed for the upcoming fiscal years. The groups investigative work this year will reveal major issues and priorities that they will bring to the attention of the SAA Council.

**Questions/concerns for Council attention:**

None.