**Committee on Public Policy**

**Monthly Conference Call**

**Agenda**

**May 30, 2019**

Present: Members: Bryan Whitledge, Rachel Greggs, Virginia Millington, Audra Eagle Yun, Sarah Quigley, Wendy Hagenmeier, Eira Tansey, Samantha Winn, Kathleen Roe, Caryn Radick (COPA chair), Nancy Beaumont (SAA executive director)

Absent: Daria Labinsky

1. Volunteer to take notes: Kathleen
2. Council Meeting updates

* Audra reported that she updated Council on COPP Congressional Records Section discussions.
* Audra reported Council decision that instead of interns to have early career members be appointed to one year to committees so they can have meaningful experiences. Sarah indicated she and Sam wanted to take the coming year to define how an internship relationship would work. Appointments will be made beginning for August 2019 year; to be discussed with each committee’s chairs.
* Audra reported COPP workplan reviewed by Council and no concerns for COPP.
* Strategic plan review by Council – finalized version will be shared later. Draft revisions to Public policy agenda and legislative agenda approved. On Item 4: assess AOH experience scheduled for Spring 2020; Nancy suggested it might be useful to move forward to Fall 2019. Will move this forward, put on RACI to discuss at business meeting.
* Council approved live-streaming 18 sessions for the Austin meeting. Audio plus live capture of slides for all meeting attendees. (see Council meeting report out for details).
* Council adopted a budget with a net-loss for the upcoming fiscal year. Reflects need to position SAA for future.

1. Work Plan next steps
   1. Items due by annual meeting:

* Onboarding documents  (Sarah and Eira): Eira has begun identifying documents. Sarah will contact with her about this offline. Bryan suggested need to consider what would help a one-year early career appointee as well. Rachel offered to review anything developed to provide an intern’s perspective.
* Brown bag lunch forum (Eira and Sam) [see item 5 below]
* Review and update microsite (Wendy, Bryan): Wendy suggested need for scoping discussion on what needs to be addressed. Sarah indicated it came from planning meeting and concerns about navigation for policy documents, searchability, etc., and maybe an informal “audit” of the site, include increased transparency. Maybe get initial feedback from committee members on potential improvements.
* Pre-conference workshop (Everyone but Sarah) [see item 5]

1. Net Neutrality Bill
   1. Sarah is super behind and has not completed her action items from last month. Still time to get the letter to Congress and membership together.
2. Annual Meeting

* Workshop: Bryan reported that need to get slideshow and reading list finished. Draft circulating for comment. Considering adding an appendix to the Advocacy Guide for state and local advocacy. Need attendance update by early July.
* Brown bag: Eira has solicited suggestions from a colleague on “what would someone attending this want to know”. Framework in place, developing a handout.
* COPP Business meeting: Saturday morning; will have opportunity to co-meet with COPA. Sarah asked for suggestions from the group for how meeting time will be used. COPP appointees for coming year: Krista Ferrante (Mitre Corporation), Brad Houston (Milwaukee City Archives). Rotating off: Daria Labinsky; Wendy Hagenmeier. Sarah remains as chair, Sam remains as vice-chair.

1. Updates from other groups

* SAA/CoSA/NAGARA Joint Task Force on Issues and Awareness: No new update since last meeting minutes posted.
* COPA: Caryn Radick reported that COPA and SNAP had a twitterchat about the invisibility of archival labor. Focus on annual meeting: Storytelling event and there will be a storytelling workshop from which people will be selected; Caryn rotating off as chair, Nik Pavlik becomes chair.
* Joint advocacy conference call: biannual cal.l Courtney Dean from I&A section, Caryn Radick from COPA, Sarah for COPP. Discussed ideas for collaboration next year. Sarah will share minutes.
* Nancy noted that Wendy Hagenmeier has received the Mark Greene Emerging Leadership Award.

1. NHPRC Reauthorization--next steps (Nancy): Nancy shared info that NHPRC reauthorization bill has been introduced. Nancy and Barbara Teague discussed what message needs to be. Hoping to get a “dear colleague” letter initiated so we have a specific action to ask our members to take. Nancy will check with Lee White about NCH role and what role Association of Documentary Editors will take. Bryan asked when NEH action will be needed. Lee White may be able to provide further insight.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.