

I&A Steering Committee
2015 October 14
Conference Call

Last Meeting Follow-up:

- 1) Website (Laurel). Minutes from the August SAA meeting and September conference call are posted.
- 2) Blog (Christine). Everyone signed up for the “Introducing the Steering Committee” blog posts; we’re ready to write them and post in November.
- 3) Surveys (Wendy). Affinity group survey was done. Dues increase was discussed among Steering group and with Lisa.
- 4) Project ARCC. Wendy will check in with Casey.
- 5) Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development. We endorsed it to SAA; SAA signed on. [<http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/1115-VII-A-ExecComm.pdf>]

New Business:

- A. Wendy summarized her October 1 discussion with SAA leaders about the I&A Roundtable. We focused our follow-up discussion on the following topics:
 - 1) I&A Research Teams (Wendy will set up sign-ups).
 - a) A pilot project with wide membership participation.
 - b) Three types of research teams were suggested: Legislators Research Teams, News Monitoring & Awareness Teams (agile and flexible), and Key Archives Topics Teams (in depth and ongoing research).
 - c) We decided to start with (1) Legislators Research Teams (each team will be led by a steering committee member, doing in-depth research about a legislator. SAA will supply names; for SAA advocacy efforts); and (2) News Monitoring & Awareness Research Teams (each team will be led by a steering committee member, with each topic defined by the group leader, and focusing on issues from general news media, other professional organizations, etc.).
 - 2) I&A Polls
 - a) Use a simple majority of I&A membership to prompt an action.
 - b) Work together with other SAA affinity groups.
 - c) Clarify who will have standing to respond to the poll.
- B. I&A Web Presence
 - a) Name: issuesandadvocacy.wordpress.com
 - b) Christine set up the site by the end of October, shared the draft with the steering committee, and revised it.
- C. Illinois Museums situation—the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) will assist I&A in crafting a statement for SAA review.
- D. “Archivists on the Issues” blog posts—everyone is encouraged to contribute posts to Christine.