

## COPA Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2025 12pm MST

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Try this link: <https://meet.google.com/vdt-ixcv-bts>

Note Taker:

- Julia Pillard

Present:

- Selena Ortega-Chiolero
- Elizabeth Rivera
- Felicity Knox
- Angie Piccolo
- Sidney Louie
- Claudia F. Willett

Agenda:

- I. Council Update - Council is seeking feedback on questions below on assigned tasks.
  - A. Allison is hosting a Connect training later this month. Please join if that is something you're interested in learning more!
  - B. Do you think the goal is still relevant (should we still try to accomplish this, or should it be replaced with something else)?
  - C. Have you encountered significant challenges or barriers in executing the plan?
  - D. As the Council drafts a new strategic plan, what new goals do you think should be added?
  - E. The goal is to ensure that assignments are reasonable and accurate to the group.
  - F. **Action Item:** Provide a single, written response from the group. Angie has volunteered, will share with everyone for review by end of week.
  - G. Strategic Plan tasks
    1. **ACTION ITEM:** Evaluate data and come up with what data COPA would like pulled from [A\\*CENSUS II](#)
    2. **Strategic Plan Task Assignments (COPA)**
      - 1.1 Media Training (2 cohorts should be completed by FY 25) –  
CW: Council has deprioritized/defunded this ask.  
Remove from task list
      - 1.2.E Use early A\*CENSUS II data to craft messages re: funding for archives/archivists for several uses, including with policy makers, HR and other administrators, and funding agencies. (work with COPP, and CORDA)  
Proceed forward.  
COPP got some legislation put in front of Congress to protect archives - working with COPP on some of this to develop ideation.

COPP success: [Sens. Markey, Hirono and Rep. Adams Introduce Legislation to Promote Conservation and Preservation of Government and Historic Records](#)

### 1.2.G Develop Resources for Internal Advocacy for niche areas of the profession (Work with Staff)

What does “niche areas” mean? Provide a shared understanding of the direction and a way to regulate this.

- “Advocacy for smaller or under-recognized archives/groups that may need specialized or targeted resources for advocacy efforts.”

We began discussing how to share this information and generating questions we have about data and how it was collected

3. [Google doc to collaborate on ideas for blog post](#)
4. Outlook also a potential place for dissemination and discussion
5. **ACTION ITEM:** Develop a plan for telling stories around Funding from the A\*CENSUS data for two audiences: internal and external.
  - a) Find data pieces that are good for the discussion of funding.
  - b) Develop some ideas about how this data can be presented to the different audiences.

## II. ArchivesAWARE Updates

A. Future plans are to spotlight regional archivists organizations, resources (teaching with primary docs) archivist toolkit, and how archivists engage

1. [Google doc to collaborate on other ideas](#)
  - a) Directing archivists towards community resources online and elsewhere.
  - b) **ONGOING ACTION ITEM:** Continue adding to the list of ideas for blog posts.
2. CORDA Love Data week in February  
[International Love Data Week February 10-14](#)
  - Collaborate with CORDA on posts
  - Ashley Thomas head of Love Data week for the Committee and is just starting planning
  - Theme: Whose data is it anyway?
    - CORDA pulls “fun facts” from dataverse.
  - Piggybacking off Love Data Week, panel in February to talk generally about data and archives (15 minute(s) talks)
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Felicity to reach out to Ashley Thomas.

## III. Storytelling/Finding Aid to My Soul Updates

## IV. Other

A. [SAA Council | Society of American Archivists](#)

### **Feedback to Council from COPA regarding the assigned tasks in the SAA Strategic Plan**

a. Do you think the goal is still relevant (should we still try to accomplish this, or should it be replaced with something else)?

Tasks 1.2E (A\*Census II Data) and 1.2.G (Develop Resources for Internal Advocacy) are still relevant and can be accomplished. We are working with COPP and CORDA to develop messages directed at different audiences concerning funding. Additionally, we have received clarification for task 1.2.G. regarding the definition of "niche" areas of the profession. Task 1.1 (Media Training) was deprioritized and defunded by Council, therefore the task is no longer relevant and COPA believes that our efforts are of better use elsewhere.

b. Have you encountered significant challenges or barriers in executing the plan?

A significant challenge to executing Task 1.1 (Media Training) was the lack of clarification and direction from Council. We were unaware that the funding had been pulled back which impacted moving forward with the task. Additionally, we still need clarification for Task 1.2.G. regarding what types of resources Council is looking for.

c. As the Council drafts a new strategic plan, what new goals do you think should be added?

Tasks assigned to COPA:

1.1 Media Training (2 cohorts should be completed by FY 25)

1.2.E Use early A\*CENSUS II data to craft messages re: funding for archives/archivists for several uses, including with policy makers, HR and other administrators, and funding agencies. (work with COPP, and CORDA)

1.2.G Develop Resources for Internal Advocacy for \*niche areas of the profession (Work with Staff) \* Council clarified that niche means "advocacy for smaller or under-recognized archives/groups that may need specialized or targeted resources for advocacy efforts."