

CORDA Call Meeting Agenda
July 19, 2019 (via BlueJeans)

MINUTES

Conference call commenced at 1:00 pm EDT

Present:

Paul Conway (University of Michigan)
Sarah Buchanan (University of Missouri Columbia)
Courtney Dean (University of California Los Angeles)
Amanda Hawk (Louisiana State University)
Chris Marino (University of California Berkeley)
Dennis Meissner (retired)
Sarah Pratt (Simmons GLSIS)
Erin Passehl Stoddart (University of Oregon)
Ricky Punzalan (University of Maryland) – SAA Council liaison

Regrets:

Jennifer Gunter King (Emory University)
Cristina Horak (Federal Reserve, Dallas)
Nancy Beaumont (SAA) - ex officio

1. Approve Minutes from 14 June 2019 Meeting
 - a. We need to post the June and July minutes to the CORDA public site before Austin
2. Updates/Announcements
 - a. Welcome new CORDA member Sarah Pratt from Simmons University!
 - b. SAA Research Forum proposal accepted. 15-20 min presentation; 10 min Q&A; Friday afternoon, August 1.
 - c. Paul is drafting a paper for publication (and early presentation at the SAA research forum) on the distinctions between scholarly research and evaluation/assessment. CORDA will have an opportunity to review and enhance the draft article after the SAA meeting.
 - d. Task Force on the A*Census 2 will meet in Austin. CORDA will reach out.
3. Outreach actions
 - a. The official CORDA email address is: corda@archivists.org
 - b. CORDA approved outreach letters requesting information about data gathering and reporting activities.
 - c. Dennis and Courtney will finish and send letters to representatives of RAAC.
 - d. Amanda and Cristina will finish and send letters to representatives of SAA sections, committees, and task forces.
4. Repository Research
 - a. Discuss strengths and weaknesses of Dataverse Project as model for SAA Data Repository. <https://dataverse.org/>

- b. CODA discussed questions raised by Dataverse Implementations at Toronto (Scholars Portal), Harvard, UT Austin, and UNC Chapel Hill.
 - c. The major advantages of Dataverse are: open source, open APIs, great technical documentation, international implementation at scale across 46 instances, and flexibility in terms of resources deposited and access options over time.
 - d. Some of the challenges of implementation include locating a host site, estimating storage needs and costs over time, technical management, understanding analytics, and the wide range of policies and procedures that must be developed.
 - e. The Committee decided to continue the conversation about implementation challenges and opportunities in Austin.
5. Scope of Repository and CODA support for research activities
- a. CODA members brainstormed on the scope fo the data and associated documents that might be assembled in a repository, recognizing a range of options from comprehensive to selective.
 - b. CODA members began a discussion on the expectations that CODA will foster new research, evaluation, and assessment. Discussion tabled until Austin.
6. CODA Working Meeting (Friday August 1, 9:00 am to Noon place TBD)
- a. Possible agenda Items
 - i. Survey of data and data collection instruments
 - ii. Liaison with Education Committee
 - iii. Review and discuss call for research by Task Force on Research/Data and Evaluation (see report in M=Box) (sections and roundtables activities p. 16 of TF report)
 - iv. Develop plan to build a data repository
 - v. Review and explore Institutional Evaluation strategies
 - vi. Liaison with A*Census - Dennis
 - vii. Austin monitoring -- research forum, Council members can keep eyes open for section research activities - Paul writes a short Item for the Council script
 - b. Action priorities prior to convening
 - i. Paul drafts a brief item for Council member liaison to section meetings
 - ii. CODA members will continue their investigations of Dataverse
 - iii. CODA members will come prepared for an indepth discussion of research support
7. CODA Open Forum (Sunday August 3 Noon to 1:15 place TBD)
- a. The Open Forum is a chance to introduce annual meeting attendees to our work and solicit input on priorities for access to research data.

Conference call adjourned at 2:00 pm EDT