

**Society of American Archivists  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AWARENESS  
Zoom Call 06/16/2022, 3:00 - 4:00 pm CT**

**Agenda**

- I. Roll Call: Katherine Barbera, Rebecca Goldman, Kristi Chanda, Angie Piccolo, Bryan Whitledge, Rachel Winston, Claudia Willet, Rachael Woody
- II. Review [May](#) meeting minutes: Approved
- III. SAA 2022 Updates/progress
  - A. Mini-advocacy Workshop scheduled for **Monday, August 22, 3 - 5 pm ET**
    1. No updates. Group met 2-months ago to review roles and responsibilities, break out session content. Small groups continue to work and the larger group will reconvene prior to the workshop.
  - B. COPA Open House (annual business meeting) planning
    1. Has been changed on the schedule to COPA Open House: **July 21, 2022**
      - a) Changed name from "Business Meeting" to "Open House"
    2. Last year's Open House planning
      - a) [COPA Open House Planning Agenda & Notes 05192021](#)
      - b) [COPA Open House Planning Agenda & Notes #2 06242021](#)
    3. [2022 Planning document](#)
      - a) Rachel S. would like a short video with snippets on what we (COPA) did throughout the year. This helps to introduce COPA, what the group mission is, what it does, etc. May also include why you joined COPA.
      - b) Rachel S. is looking for volunteers to assist in video creation.
        - (1) Rebecca Goldman has offered to make captions for the video.
        - (2) Contract Katherine and Rachel S. with ideas or offers of help.
  - C. Storytelling workshop and Finding Aid to My Soul is on pause until a new schedule for the events can be defined. This will be discussed more at the COPA retreat.

1. Decide on the timing: The workshop will not be included in annual meeting programming because the annual meeting has been shortened and additional complexity with hybrid format.
2. Members and SAA Staff who previously did the heavy lifting on the event have since departed. As such, this is a good time to reflect on the event.

IV. COPA retreat (Kate & Rachel)

- A. Thank you for filling it out! If you haven't filled it out, please do so as plan will commence shortly.
- B. Responses here:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqVdQAJ04kDFgmaAXV9YMOJGHKh5YV1TgL6CwiqXPymIfbtw/viewanalytics>
- C. Goals: To come together as a committee to figure out what COPA wants to do next.
  1. Why: COPA has experienced a lot of turnover and institutional memory is lost. The pandemic has also impacted COPA and its members
- D. Decide on the timing
  1. 3-hour retreat (half-day)
  2. To take place between August and November

V. *ArchivesAWARE!* Blog updates (Kristi)

- A. [Calendar](#)
- B. Last Month's Coverage: Federal Funding Impact Story, CORDA, interview with Lone Ranger Julie Rockwell
- C. This Month: Suggests a focus on highlighting upcoming events

VI. Standing Updates

- A. Council Report (Rachel Winston)
  1. Council approved the creation of an [Archival Repatriation Committee](#). This will likely occur after the annual meeting
  2. If you're attending the annual meeting, please consider staying at the conference hotel in order to meet SAA's room block commitment
  3. Schedules for sessions aren't out yet, but the business sections are. Rough view of sessions can be viewed here:  
<https://ww5.aievolution.com/archivists/index.cfm?do=ev.pubSearchEvents>

B. COPP (Bryan Whitledge)

1. Creating a public policy agenda, but will still respond to events as they happen
2. Any news updates will be sent to COPP/COPA lists
3. SAA annual meeting is in DC in 2024 – a good opportunity to connect with legislators for advocacy on the Hill
4. COPP planning for annual meeting
5. Looking for templates for “Letters to the Editor”

C. Joint Working Groups

1. CoSA/NAGARA/SAA/ALA/RAAC (Bryan)

a) June 14, 2022 meeting

(1) Guest: Lee Glazer, Head of National Archives Exhibits Programs; 250th Birthday of America; exhibit 2025/2026; planning document can be found [here](#)

(2) Encourages all archives to consider how they can be represented

2. COPP/COPA/RAAC/I&A (Kate)

a) June 7, 2022 meeting - [notes](#)

(1) RAAC hosted a meeting with ALA representative re: divisive Concepts, anti-Critical Race Theory or anti-LGBTQIA. The session was recorded and will be sent out when available

(2) [The Death of Non-Partisan Presidential History](#) article via The Atlantic. NARA has decided to turn over full management of the Bush Library to the Bush Foundation

(3) Policy Moving Forward: NARA will only handle preservation and access of records. All programming will be directed by the Foundations of each present and future presidential library

b) [Nov 30 notes](#)

VII. Any Other Business

- A. [COPA documents](#) now on our [microsite](#) (Rachel)
  - 1. Reminder to update microsite with the handoff of leadership
  - 2. Rachel will put up notes, fallen a little behind
- B. [2021/2022 Work plan in progress](#) (Rachel S. & Kate)
  - 1. Feel free to revise/edit/use as guiding document for or plans this year
  - 2. Now up on microsite
- C. Other ideas or business?
  - 1. [“YOUR FRIEND, STANDING BEAR”: COMING TOGETHER THROUGH REPATRIATION](#); can't get US interest. Twitter thread:  
<https://twitter.com/harchivist/status/1535269780357369856>
    - a) Rebecca to reach out to author for possible COPA *ArchivesAWARE* post
    - b) Try *In the Loop*, journalists you may have a connection to
      - (1) Julia Pillard handles *In the Loop*; Abigail does other publications. Emails: [jpillard@archivists.org](mailto:jpillard@archivists.org);  
[achristian@archivists.org](mailto:achristian@archivists.org)

**Next Call:** 3rd Thursdays of the month at 3PM CT [July 21 - Open House!]

**Notetaker:** Rachael Cristine Woody