

**Society of American Archivists
Committee on Public Awareness
Conference Call 03/02/2021, 4:00pm–5:00pm ET**

Agenda

- I. Roll Call
Teresa Brinati, Lee Miller, Vince Lee, Katherine Barbera, Rachel Seale, Bryan Whitledge (in place of COPP chair Sam Winn), Rachael Woody, Kristi Chanda, and Anna Trammell.
Chris Burns, Lynn Cowles, and Rachel Winston - can't make it
- II. Council Report (Rachel Winston)
Next meeting Wednesday March 17th
- III. [February Minutes](#)
Rachel Seale, Anna, Teresa- approved
- IV. Working Group Updates:
 - A. Highlighting SAA Member Stories #ILoveBeingAnArchivist (Vince, Anna, others)
Anna- Did not receive emails from Abigail, did contact and copy and paste comments from Facebook, three comments from Facebook. Not enough to warrant a blog post. Similar response to last year, but last year reached out to individuals and created graphics. Solicited broad presentation, only three responses.
Quick way to highlight responses? Anna said she can create quick blogpost.
Rachel Seale- agreed to a blog post, see if anyone else responds.
Maybe reuse graphics, can share stories anytime. Highlight aspect anytime.
Next year-focus on stories on why love being an archivist. Encourage people to submit stories. Suggest pushing it out in October, provide time. Record on video?
 - B. COPA Webinar funding Proposal (Rachael, Vince, Rachel, Teresa)
Rachael Woody took initiative, spoke at the last meeting, reviewed with Teresa. Did turn in budget form. Good comments from Teresa. [Component Group Special Project Funding](#) is for consideration as part of SAA's annual budget cycle that takes place in the spring.
Rachael- reviewing documents for next year.
 - C. [Inaugural speakers cohort revisited](#) (Vince)
Media requests on certain topics, discussed fall of last year, some non responses, some committed. Still move ahead, contacting folks that were unresponsive. Five confirmed, 4 declined, 2 unknown. Revisit those confirmed and those not responsive. Work with five already confirmed. Circle back and invite folks from a broader list. More in mind to contribute, some structure to give deadlines. Extending invitation. Future meeting with Rachel.
- V. 2021-2024 COPA Appointments (Vince)
Rachel Seale and Vince met and made recommendations and submitted to Felicia. List under consideration. Holding pattern to hear back from recommendation. Complete responsibilities to fill two positions on COPA and selection of vice chair/chair-elect.
- VI. Activities at *ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2021*

Felicia sent out an email on the upcoming virtual conference deadline for the COPA section in coming weeks.

A. Section and Committee Meetings scheduling (all)

Ideas on scheduling business meetings. Plan accordingly.

B. COPA Storytelling Workshop? (all)

Want to continue Storytelling Workshop or something else? McKayla has been an instructor. Chris has had discussions, inclination to move forward with the workshop. Raise awareness to Finding Aid to My Soul. Slot available on Tuesday of conference week, Aug 3rd to hold workshop. Competing with other events. Fee of 49 dollars and limit slots like last year, fill up swiftly. Vince agreed, Hold slot in place? Chris sent an email indicating the same idea as last year, model was successful, meeting to discuss. Wait until convened as a group? Reserve slot for COPA. Fine if let go. Time is tentative. Future meeting on this.

C. Other COPA opportunities/presence (all)

Virtual puzzle? COPA/COPP session proposal submitted and awaiting to hear if it was accepted. Find another COPP liaison to work with.

VII. *ArchivesAWARE!* Blog (Lee Miller)

A. [Calendar](#)

Kristi interviewed Michele Koo on archivists and museum people. Rachael Woody- Hogg Foundation Archives, practical things for advocacy.

Don't have to go through Lee, just put things on the blog. Kate will post blog on outdoor recreation archives, able to put up next week. Second blog post with video. Next week-first blog post on Archival Authors series. April 22nd Earth Day blog post, archivist promoted archives and responsibility on climate change. May 1st, 2nd blog on Archival Authors series-Authors and editors on television documentary. Gap in March and need ideas for April.

B. Other follow-ups

Vince-Annual events to write about. Bryan- contribute blogs on public policy. One now being proofread. National Humanities Advocacy Day. Kate, Rachael- work on generating transcripts, less time investment. Teresa- AI using transcript on screen. Lee- System for promoting blog posts? Teresa- Every issue in Loop includes info on blogs, regularly reports on Archives Aware. Feel free to post in groups. Rachael- SAA Connect to send emails. Articles this year range between 50-500 hits. Not great. Bryan- Transcription free for anyone? Tool is accessible.

VIII. Standing Updates

A. COPP (Bryan Whitlege for Sam Winn)

National Humanities Advocacy Day- future blog in progress. Next week, SAA members and COPP will be participating. National Archives underfunded. Ask for 15% in funding. Barbara and Bryan are presenting in humanities alliance for NARA. NEH and MLIS give money for archives efforts. Next article in Archival Outlook on Michigan case and details. Archivists have vast opinions. SAA, COSA, NAGARA- Biden document pushing legislatures, getting out there.

B. Joint Working Groups

1. CoSA/NAGARA/SAA (Vince)

National Humanities Alliance- issue briefs, March 8-10. Bill introduced for infrastructure funding for libraries. Re-authorization is not good at this time. Working on NARA brief. SAA also committed to Advocacy day. National Coalition for History- AHA-Civics Education Bill, funding for NARA. Second year NCH top priority is possible. SAA send documents to CoSA for budget.

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

Send an email to Holly Croft, set up the next meeting for spring.

IX. Any Other Business

Teresa- Hear about component group funding requests. Sometime this spring whether funds have been approved.

Next call: April TBD

Notetaker: