

**Society of American Archivists**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AWARENESS**  
**Zoom Call 05/05/2021, 3:00pm–4:00pm CT**

**Agenda**

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Attendance: Anna Trammell, Vince Lee, Kristianna Chanda, Chris Burns, Rachael Woody, Teresa Brinati, Rachel Winston, Katherine Barbera
  - B. Not in attendance: Lee Miller, Rachel S., Sam Winn
  
- II. [April Minutes](#)
  - A. Rachael Woody moves to approve and Anna seconds
  
- III. Activities at *ARCHIVES\*RECORDS 2021*
  - A. COPA Business Meeting: **Thursday, July 22, 3:30pm–5:00 pm CT** (All)
    1. Vince proposes a one hour meeting and in the last 30 minutes COPP will join us.
    2. COPP will be meeting on July 22 from 12:30-2PM CT and COPA members are welcome to join for the last 30 minutes.
    3. Vince will reach out to the COPP chair to confirm the above plan.
    4. Teresa will work on the logistics to enable COPA and COPP to meet on the 22nd.
  - B. Storytelling Workshop: **Monday, August 2, time TBD** (Chris Burns, Rachel Seale, Kate Barbera, Teresa Brinati)
    1. Time is still to be determined
    2. Meeting with Michela tomorrow (Teresa, Kate, Rachel S. and Chris). They will discuss the workshop and have initial discussion about the storytelling event (A Finding Aid to My Soul)
    3. The conference schedule is evolving; call for participants will take place after the schedule is set.
  - C. COPA+COPP Advocacy Mini-Workshop: **Tuesday, August 3, 11:00am–1:00pm CT** (Katherine Barbera, Rachael Cristine Woody, Rachel Seale, Vince Lee)
    1. Met in early May to plan for the mini workshop: Kate, Vince, Rachael W., Rachel S., Bryan (COPP), Angela (COPP), Jess (RAAC)
      - a) Session Proposal and Meeting Notes:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ssBu40rGBFHU-6xPrC7I3scGrTVMnsDQVmgG7r1Gs/edit?usp=sharing>
      - b) Question came up about breakout sessions during the meeting: Will Zoom allow us to host breakout sessions as part of the workshop? If it is a Zoom webinar, we may not be able to
        - (1) Teresa will confirm if we are able to facilitate breakout sessions  
**[Update: the mini-workshop will be hosted as a Zoom meeting and Teresa confirmed that we will be able to use breakout rooms]**
    2. The planning group will be meeting again in the coming weeks to continue designing the workshop
  - D. Planning Open House for COPA: **Date and Time TBD** (Vince Lee, Rachael Cristine Woody, Anna Trammell)

1. Planning to meet in the next 2 weeks
2. Any COPA members who are interested are welcome to join
3. Idea: work with COPP to co-host an open house

IV. *ArchivesAWARE!* Blog (Lee Miller) -- Lee not able to attend so updates provided by Vince

A. [Calendar](#)

1. On track for the next few weeks
2. April blog featured posts from Bryan Whitledge (COPP) and also a short video interview post
3. Moving forward, Archives Aware email is the preferred contact address to use on the blog (do not use personal email addresses).

B. Other follow-ups

1. None

V. American Archives Month - October

A. A Finding Aid to My Soul virtual event (Chris, Teresa, all)

- a. Will have more updates on this event after the planning group meets tomorrow (May 6)
- b. It will use a similar framework as previous events

B. #AskAnArchivist Day (Rachel Seale) -[notes from week's meeting](#)

- a. Rachel S. not able to attend so updates provided by Vince
- b. Planning group met early in May.
- c. COPA will be taking over Twitter and folks will be working in shifts throughout the day (similar to previous years)
- d. Many ideas were proposed during the planning group meeting (see meeting notes for details)
  - i. Will be reaching out to other professional organizations to participate (National Council on Public History, Oral History Association, etc).
    1. COPA has tried in the past to engage other professional organizations; we will keep trying.
  - ii. Rachael W. and Kate will be meeting in a few weeks to brainstorm how we can do short video interviews for Ask an Archivist Day. Content will be used for the blog in the lead up to the ask an archivist day and on the day of.
- e. Idea: For the Archives in Context podcast, put together an episode at the end of American Archives Month. The episode could serve as a wrap up for the month. Other ideas related to the podcast and #AskAnArchivistDay are welcome.

VI. Standing Updates

A. Council Report (Rachel Winston)

1. SAA Council has received and reviewed the NHPRC effort from 2020 to report the challenges that archivists will be facing in the future, placing special emphasis on small organizations and other areas that need more advocacy.
2. SAA's Executive Committee is asking for COPA and COPP for assistance in a new project related to this topic.

3. VP (Courtney Chartier) is willing to join a COPA and/or COPP meeting to tell us more about her vision for this project. Rachel Winston is able to help coordinate or facilitate this.
  4. Timeframe for this work is TBD. It is open ended because they do not want to interfere with current plans of COPA and COPP. They want to provide room for COPA and COPP to help determine the timeline and the manner used to execute this work.
  5. COPA agrees that this is urgent work and will prioritize it.
  6. Rachel Winston will share the document before the end of business today (May 5) with more information  
[\[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LikN0fHBy-OCLptD-xn3kY7z1-kwqmWC/view?usp=sharing\]](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LikN0fHBy-OCLptD-xn3kY7z1-kwqmWC/view?usp=sharing)
  7. Council will be meeting again soon and Rachel Winston will have more updates at the next COPA meeting.
- B. COPP (Sam Winn)
1. Sam was not in attendance. Update moved to the next meeting.
- C. Joint Working Group
1. CoSA/NAGARA/SAA (Vince)
    - a) Lee White was able to attend their latest meeting
    - b) Actively engaging with the House and the Senate; looking for bi-partisan support on several efforts including FY 2022 funding for the National Archives (effort led by the National Coalition for History).
  2. COPP/COPA/RAAC/I&A (Vince)
    - a) No updates on organizing a joint meeting; Vince has reached out but did not receive a response
    - b) This joint meeting happens bi-annually

VII. Any Other Business

- A. COPA has its business meeting on July 22; does it still make sense to have a monthly meeting on July 5? (All)
  1. Decision: Keep the July 5 meeting on the calendar but will cancel if no business to discuss.
  2. Idea: In lieu of a regular meeting on July 5, we could meet to discuss the new project proposed by Council

**Next Call: Thursday, June 10, 3:00pm–4:00pm CT**

**Notetaker:**