

Committee on Public Policy
Monthly Conference Call
Agenda
September 13, 2019

Present: Sarah Quigley (chair), Krista Ferrante, Brad Houston, Kathleen Roe, Eira Tansey, Bryan Whitledge, Logan Lalalde (Early-Career Member), Audra Yun

Absent: Samantha Winn, Virginia Millington

1. Volunteer to take notes

Beaumont

2. Pre-Conference Workshop Evaluations

Whitledge: Reviews were overwhelmingly positive. A few attendees indicated that they'd like to see more.

Some thought they'd learn institutional advocacy, although promo indicated advocacy with policymakers.

See pre-conference workshop planning folder for more information and details.

Thinks there's an opportunity to continue this, perhaps via on-demand web-based offering.

Walked through at own pace. SAA committed to providing free or very low-cost advocacy training.

3. Work Plan next steps (Review and discuss [RACI](#)) (See RACI document for updates.)

- a. Standard Operating Procedures
- b. Congressional records brief/collaboration
- c. Update and improve SAA statements page
- d. Assess existing statements

Other aspects of communication/outreach relates to letting members know what COPP is doing. Sarah would like to chat about what might make interesting content (COPP-centric and ongoing or once something is brought to closure). Sarah to create update on what we plan to do for next couple of months.

- e. Questions for candidates

Sarah encourages that Dennis Riley be involved, as this project was his idea.

Eira will send a message to Sam and Logan to schedule a call to discuss.

- f. 2018 Archives on the Hill assessment

This was viewed as an important step in planning future mobilization initiatives (both federal and district visits). Assessment will focus on extent to which initiative met SAA's goals; will be shared with other Joint Working Group member groups.

4. Updates from other groups

- a. SAA/CoSA/NAGARA Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness
 - i. NHPRC Reauthorization is stalled in committee in the House (GOP pushback on 15 million dollar reauthorization level)
 1. Spoke to Senator Sullivan, Republican rep on NHPRC, about him sponsoring and introducing bill in the Senate; he asked for help identifying co-sponsors. May reach out to members in districts of Senators who could be helpful. Corridan will ask Sullivan's office for Dear Colleague letter.
 2. If the bill is introduced in the Senate, it may dislodge it in the House

3. The closer we get to the election, the less will happen
 - ii. Federal budget
 1. We don't know what's going to happen at this point
 2. A continuing resolution, which looks likely, will keep NHPRC at 6 million
 3. Jim C. says that senate committee staff understand the need but struggle to make headway
 4. JWG may need to reach out to John Hamilton (Govt Affairs) and David Ferriero at NARA to ask for advice on getting unstuck
 - iii. About six months from now, we'll need to start thinking about transition documents for possible new administration
- b. COPA
- c. Council
Executive Committee has contacted
- d. IPWG
 - i. Aprille responded to SQ's email about the CASE Act and copied Peter Hirtle and Eric Harbeson who are leading the response but they have not replied. Whitledge would like to see a call to action to all members if there's a comment period or anything on which our members might take action--to get them moving! Roe: Nice to have something other than NHPRC funding to rally members.

New item: Whitledge: Should we consider having representatives at National Humanities Advocacy Day in Washington, March 8-10, 2020? Roe: Good opportunity for those who are less experienced to get a group experience in advocating on the Hill. Would be most productive if NHA forms groups around NHPRC, NARA, or archives-related issues. Continue conversation via email and/or on next COPP call.

Adjourned at 2:58 pm.