

LEADERSHIP

The chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and the immediate past chair serve as officers of the roundtable. These individuals must be SAA members in good standing.

The chair directs and reports the activities of the roundtable, organizes and conducts the annual meeting of the roundtable, chairs the steering committee, acts as liaison for the roundtable to other bodies, appoints roundtable committees as needed, chairs the Program Committee, and handles administrative matters.

The vice-chair/chair-elect serves as acting chair in the absence of the chair and participates as a member of the steering committee in all its activities.

The immediate past chair serves as a member of the steering committee and as chair of the Nominating Committee.

The officers make a commitment for three years to serve one year each as vice-chair/chair-elect, chair, and immediate past chair. Each is expected to attend the annual meeting.



Above picture is from 2005 SAA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is composed of 7 members: the officers (chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, and the immediate past chair); four member representatives (two elected per year for two-year terms). These 4 members are required to be members of SAA. The steering committee will have board geographic representation. The newsletter editor and the web editor serve as ex officio members (unless they also hold elected positions).

The Steering Committee directs and coordinates activities of the roundtable and approves appointments made by the chair if vacancies occur. Committee members help set agendas for the year, appoint a newsletter editor as necessary and contribute to the newsletter and to other activities, plan the annual program and SAA program sessions sponsored by the roundtable. Steering Committee members are expected to attend the annual meeting. Duties of committee members vary according to the individual. Some usual duties of Steering Committee members include:

- Develop and/or solicit proposals for sessions at the SAA meeting.
- Write and/or solicit articles for the roundtable's newsletter.
- Respond to email queries from the Co-chairs and contribute to discussions throughout the year about programs, policies, and procedures.
- Take the lead on issues of concern to Native archives.
- Liaise with other groups with related interest
- Attend the Steering Committee meeting.

For more information:
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Society of American Archivists Native American Archives Roundtable



The above picture is the founding group who created the Native American Archives Roundtable at the 2005 SAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

MISSION

To serve as a forum to educate archivists on the complexities and beauty of Native American archives of the western hemisphere and as a source of communication and inspiration for archivists working with Native American collections.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

- Conduct surveys among Native Americans relating to their work in the profession
- Nominate individuals to SAA Fellow
- Provide a report on its activities to council in time for council's mid-winter meeting
- Identify and look for ways to bring Native professional archival issues forward for consideration, to make recommendations to Council, through memoranda or formal papers, an action, or a position the Roundtable believes appropriate for SAA
- Conduct workshops on professional issues
- Caucus Natives about their professional experiences and what they would like to see the Roundtable accomplish
- Work with the Membership Committee to address the recruitment and retention of Native members
- Scrutinize the effects of Native government sovereignty on native archives
- Investigate the effects of technology on our culture
- Research ways Native Archives deal with cultural access (ex. Gender and Seasonal access to materials)
- Review how intellectual and cultural knowledge and property rights affect Native Archives
- Report on repatriation issues
- Coordinate other related activities with other roundtables and other SAA units

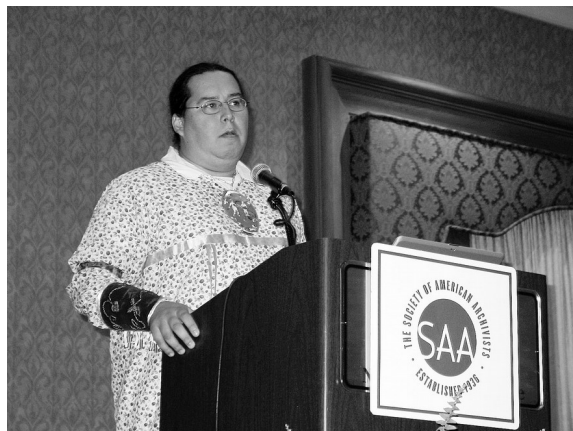
Petition to establish a Native American Archives Roundtable

We, the undersigned members of Society of American Archivists (SAA), support the establishment of the **Native American Archives Roundtable** within SAA. The roundtable will serve as a forum to educate archivists on the complexities and beauty of Native American archives of the western hemisphere and as a source of communication and inspiration for archivists working with Native American collections.

August 20, 2005 New Orleans

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David L. George-Shongo, Chairperson, requesting that the roundtable be established.



Native American Archives Membership Form

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip/Post code: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Do you want to work on the Newsletter for the Roundtable? (Circle) Yes No

Are you a current member of the Society of American Archivists? (Circle) Yes No

Comments: _____

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