

**Society of American Archivists
Native American Archives Roundtable
Annual Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 16, 2013
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
New Orleans, LA
Hilton Hotel, Grand Salon 7/10**

Welcome: Jennifer O'Neal, Chair

Acknowledgements: Current and Incoming Steering Committee

Current Steering Committee:

Jennifer O'Neal, Chair, 2011-2013
Ann Massmann, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2012-2014
Gina Rappaport, Steering Committee, 2011-2013
Jolene Manus, Steering Committee, 2011-2013
Leanda Gehegan: Steering Committee, 2012-2014
Nick Pavlick: Steering Committee, 2012-2014
Camille Tyndall: Web Liaison, 2012-2014

New Steering Committee Members:

Gina Rappaport, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, 2013-2015
Michael Pahn, Steering Committee, 2013-2015
Colleen Cook, Steering Committee, 2013-2015

Reporting

- **SAA Council Report:** Tanya Zanish-Belcher provided a detailed update about the major issues that Council is addressing this year including its new strategic plan. There still time to provide feedback.
- **2014 Program Committee Representative:** The program representative provided information about the program in
- **ARL/SAA Mosaic Program:** Mark Puente provided an update about the program and detailed the deadlines for applications.
- **Cultural Heritage Working Group:** Jennifer O'Neal provided an update of the work of the CHWG mainly focused on advocacy and awareness of cultural heritage issues.
- **Diversity Committee:** Ann Massmann provided a detailed update regarding the activities of the committee.
- **SAA Diversity Award:** This year Karen Underhill will receive the prestigious SAA Diversity Award at the annual conference awards event.
- **2012-2013 NAAR Activities Report:** Jennifer O'Neal detailed the 2012-13 activities of the group including:
 - **Completed Projects:**

- Steering Committee member Ann Massmann continued as a member of the Diversity Committee and Jennifer O’Neal began service as the Chair of the Cultural Heritage Working Group.
- Steering Committee members also presented at various conferences throughout the year, including the Association for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, and the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.
- Implementation of significant updates to the NAAR website, including extensive new pages on affiliated groups, resources, and concise information about the *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials*.

Ongoing projects/activities:

- Service on various Working Groups and Committees including the Cultural Property Working Group and the Diversity Committee
- Blog development regarding activities and resources.
- Assisting Ann Massmann with gathering data and possibly conducting a survey for her book project, *Navigating Native American Archives*.
- Participation in the newly created website in Australia—The Indigenous Archives Network. The Indigenous Archives Network is a space that has been created for information exchange, collaboration and discussion around Indigenous archives, libraries, galleries, museums and keeping places. The Steering Committee will be participating in the website by posting blog entries and posting news regarding Native American Archives in the United States.
- Participation in the reconvening of the original *Protocols* drafter’s group to make updates to the document and add case studies.

New projects/activities:

- Develop and conduct a survey of roundtable membership to determine how to better serve the needs of the group regarding projects, training, and technology.
- Organize and contribute to two dedicated issues of the Journal of Western Archives regarding Native American archives. The first issue will be a general issue regarding current issues and theory, while the second issue will highlight specific case studies forthcoming in 2014.
- Jennifer O’Neal will be contributing an article regarding the *Protocols* in the forthcoming book *Identity Palimpsests: Archiving Ethnicity in the U.S. and Canada*.

- Update and implementation of roundtable bylaws completed—Jennifer O’Neal.
- Other Announcements (Upcoming conferences, publications, repository news, etc.)

Upcoming Conferences:

- Cultural Heritage Symposium, Hosted by Library of Congress, September 26-27, 2013, Washington, DC
<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/events/culturalheritagearchives/>
- Indigenous Archives Colloquium, "I have never forgotten his words": Talking about Indigenous Archives, University of Manitoba, Saturday October 5, 2013. Proposals Due → August 19, 2013.

<http://myuminfo.umanitoba.ca/index.asp?sec=140&too=100&eve=8&dat=6/25/2013&npa=31072>

- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, May 29-31, 2014, University of Texas, Austin, <http://conferences.la.utexas.edu/naisa2014/>. Proposals Due→November 15, 2013.
- ATLAM: June 9-14, 2014, Palm Springs, CA. Session Proposals Due→November 1, 2013. <http://www.atalm.org/>

Repository news:

- The University of Manitoba was announced as the repository for the Truth and Reconciliation Research Center. (Greg Bak)
- The Northwest Archives established the Native American Collections Roundtable (Jennifer O'Neal)
- It is the 100th Anniversary of the closing of the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania and Dickinson College is looking for partners to apply for a Mellon Grant to make digital collections more easily accessible (Jim Gerencser)

Presentations

- **Honoring Ally Krebs:** Jennifer O'Neal and Ann Massmann recognized and honored the life of Ally Krebs, past NAAR Steering Committee Member and Chair, who walked on January 26, 2013. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a graduate of Yale University, as a member of the first class of women undergraduates. She received her MLS from the University of Arizona, Knowledge River Program and at PhD student at the University of Washington. Other individuals from the audience also shared their thoughts and memories of Ally.
- **"NAAR: Past, Present, Future":** Jennifer O'Neal, Outgoing Chair, gave a detailed presentation about the history of NAAR, since the group was established in New Orleans back in 2005. She reviewed the early initiatives that SAA was involved with during the 1980s, including the publication of the *Native American Archives: An Introduction* by John Fleckner. Then she highlighted the various sessions that were presented prior to 2005 regarding Native American archives. She detailed the "Strengthening Tribal Archives" program that provided scholarship to Native American archivists and tribal archivists who were interested in attending SAA and gaining professional development. Finally, she talked about the establishment of NAAR in 2005 and the major accomplishments since its inception, including the work of the Native American Protocols Forum Working Group (2009-2011) and the major advocacy work the group accomplished each year.

Open Discussion for 2014 Session Ideas, and 2013-2014 NAAR Goals and Projects

- Members discussed ideas for the 2014 conference in Washington, DC. A session was proposed regarding the possibility of Native scholars discussing their experiences working with archive collections in Washington, DC. The session proposal will be coordinated by Gina Rappaport. Discussion also occurred around the possibility of having tours at a variety of different repositories in Washington, DC during this conference or beforehand. This will be determined at a later date.

NAAR Suggested Sessions to Attend

- Thursday, August 15, 1:30 PM, Session 208: “ Native Americans and Route 66: Hidden Stories of the Mother Road”
- Saturday, August 17, 8:00 AM, Session 603: “To Protect and Connect: Strategic Stewardship of Cultural Heritage Material in the Archives”
- Saturday, August 17, 9:45 AM: “Displaced Archives: Current Controversies and a New Initiative”

Attendance Number: 40