**SAA Native American Archives Section (NAAS) Steering Committee**

**Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 9, 2020**

Present:

* Rose Buchanan
* Nathan Sowry
* Diana Marsh
* Selena Ortega-Chiolero
* Rachel Menyuk
* Julie Hause
* Katherine Meyers Satriano
* Jonathan Pringle
* Nicole Topich
* Jackie Beckey
* Christina Hummel-Colla
* Eric Hung

The meeting began at approximately 12:01 p.m. PST

1. Project Updates
   1. NAAS Webinar Series
      1. Webinars four (intellectual property) and five (digital repatriation) have been recorded and submitted to the Sustainable Heritage Network
      2. After a patron request, SHN created captions and transcripts for the first three webinars to make them more accessible; captions and transcripts will be developed for the remaining two webinars
      3. Jennifer O’Neal is now working on the toolkit to accompany the webinar series and has asked NAAS to assist her with reviewing the final product before it is posted
   2. Sustainable Heritage Network Metadata
      1. There are five resources on the NAAS SHN community page that still need metadata added: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FjwkN_Lt5QEHQRYL9qOVqgldlSVXpcdi-xKpR52_I1I/edit>
      2. Rose would like to submit this within the next week and asked for NAAS members to work on adding metadata to the remaining resources if they have time
   3. NAAS/HRA Archival Outlook Article
      1. Diana reported that the article is mostly complete and our draft is due December 1
      2. NAAS members are encouraged to review and make comments/suggestions: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iiZsZjMj4zMiHO\_cze9ckzQ28ukP4QaJx\_l09Hnv6bo/edit
         1. Need to work on developing an official title and one or two final sentences to wrap up the article
         2. Need to figure out how to state authorship as this was a collaborative project
   4. NAAS Case Study Series
      1. Diana’s case study has been published on the NAAS microsite: <https://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/Case_3_Access_Policies_for_Native_American_Archival_Materials.pdf>
      2. The case study from Arizona State University is still due in December
   5. NAAS Microsite Information and Resources Page
      1. Nicole and Katherine have been working on gathering tools, policies, projects, and other resources to include on this page; they are specifically focusing on finding practical applications of PNAAM
      2. Their list of resources follows the structure of PNAAM: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gzwIf7pqb8CRRBytANkNfQ3Ov8TqMfJUoS3WHq6WN8M/edit](https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1gzwIf7pqb8CRRBytANkNfQ3Ov8TqMfJUoS3WHq6WN8M%2Fedit)
2. NAAS Outreach to Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian Colleagues
   1. Potential groups to collaborate with:
      1. Association of Hawai‘i Archivists: [https://hawaiiarchivists.org/](https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fhawaiiarchivists.org%2F)
      2. Hawai‘i Museums Association: [https://hawaiimuseums.org/](https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fhawaiimuseums.org%2F)
      3. Hawai‘i Library Association: <http://hawaiilibraryassociation.weebly.com/>
      4. Kanaeokana: [http://kanaeokana.net/](https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=http%3A%2F%2Fkanaeokana.net%2F)
   2. The Hawai‘i Museums Association has been doing some really interesting cultural competency workshops that might present NAAS with an opportunity to collaborate with them: <https://hawaiimuseums.org/makau-schedule/>
   3. The Committee brainstormed themes/topics related that could be addressed at an outreach event:
      1. Resolving misunderstandings between Indigenous communities/institutions in Hawaii and Alaska versus those located in the contiguous United States
      2. Exploring differences in archival practices, including description, access, decolonization, etc.
      3. Providing guidance on contemporary issues not addressed by PNAAM
         1. Protocols were written for certain types of institutions (traditional archives/libraries/museums) and do not always apply to modern uses of archival materials
         2. Thoughts on moving forward with this idea:
            1. Rachel explained that NMAI hosts a Hawaiian Cultural Festival every year and had a curator that worked on the project for a long time – she offered to contact him to ask about the community groups he partnered with for the festival
            2. These organizations, while not necessarily archival in nature, may be interesting collaborators for another virtual forum
3. Collaboration with ATALM
   1. Several NAAS members met with Susan Feller from ATALM about formally collaborating on a virtual forum
   2. ATALM is planning to host an archives summit (likely virtual) in March 2021
   3. NAAS suggested the idea of hosting breakout sessions during the summit and Susan supported the idea
   4. NAAS has started a Google document to brainstorm ideas for these sessions: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GmhdFD7LLOLv0nf4crgM8GiCJbIXBF98b6zSM6\_T8m8/edit](https://meet.google.com/linkredirect?authuser=0&dest=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fdocument%2Fd%2F1GmhdFD7LLOLv0nf4crgM8GiCJbIXBF98b6zSM6_T8m8%2Fedit)
   5. Instead of hosting a virtual forum in December 2020, NAAS will participate in the archives summit in March, which will allow us to take advantage of their tech support, etc.
4. Meeting with SAA Archives and Archivists of Color (AAC) Section
   1. Rose and other NAAS members recently met with the AAC Section to discuss collaboration between our two sections
   2. AAC was also having internal conversations about hosting a virtual forum, possibly on topics such as using linked data to improve discoverability, advocacy workshops for lone arrangers, etc.
   3. AAC would like to plan another meeting with other SAA section leaders later this month to possibly host a virtual event next spring
5. NAAS Blog
   1. Liza has been working on posts for the blog over the past year, Rachel has agreed to help moving forward
   2. For our next meeting, Rose requested NAAS members come up with ideas for future blog posts, which can be added to our [list of outreach ideas](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hkE5EBb4uTpicmaNTqm85CLQRc2CNzRCEAoKqqk0nbM/edit)
6. Other News
   1. Selena recently attended the 6th Annual Repatriation Conference hosted by the Association of American Indian Affairs: <https://www.indian-affairs.org/6thannualconference.html>
      1. She reported that the conference featured some really important sessions, particularly the breakout session “Creating Reciprocal Avenues to Meaningful Change,” but expressed concern over hearing negative comments about SAA
      2. Other NAAS members expressed hearing similar negative comments about SAA from Tribal organizations
      3. Increasing our outreach efforts and continuing to collaborate with ATALM might be one way to promote the work of NAAS and improve the reputation of SAA as a whole
   2. Rose reported that NARA is starting a task force to address racism in the archives
      1. Rose is specifically working on making recommendations to improve legacy descriptions that may reflect past attitudes that are now considered offensive
      2. If NAAS members have any suggestions relating to this project Rose will pass them on to NARA

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12: 48 p.m. PST