

**Society of American Archivists  
Native American Archives Section  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2019**

**Present:** Nicole Topich; Stephen Curley; Rose Buchanan; Liza Posas; Melissa Stoner

**Prepared by:** Julie Botnick, Volunteer

**Updates:**

- Review of SAAF Submission
  - Submitted through SAA system
- ATALM SAA Presence
  - Will SAA continue to be a presence at ATALM? – Yes for the next 4 years at least but little hard to tell and will need to reassess after that timeframe according to Nancy Beaumont.
  - SAA plans on exhibiting at ATALM 2019 the same way as last year
  - Forward ideas you have for ways SAA can support NAAS outreach
  - Will SAA presence at ATALM continue to be lead by NAAS? It's assumed but nothing explicitly stated thus far.
- AZ Archives Summit (2-day Conference at Tempe Museum of Art, Tempe, AZ)
  - Recap—The first day's programming consisting of lectures and discussions were steeped in the overview of the *Protocols* endorsement.
    - Breakout session on first day led by Stephen
      - ~100 attendees, mostly from non-tribal institutions
      - Posed the question(s): What do the Protocols mean to you/your organization? How has your organization implemented the protocols?
        - Overall reception indicated that participants wanted more information on practical applications through case studies and building relationships
        - Level of interaction with Protocols - group seemed eager to embrace the concepts and move forward
        - Breaking through a lot of ignorance - most attendees had little interaction with Native people professionally or personally before this summit - how to go about outreach to tribal institutions and governments?
          - This is the level of granularity needed in our materials
          - Can't take our knowledge and soft skills for granted
      - Lexicon discrepancy
        - Need to work on professional archivists' ability to communicate with tribal people, developing a lexicon (e.g. deaccession vs. repatriation)

- Case Studies (Rose)
  - Brian Carpenter's has been submitted, peer-reviewed, sent to SAA publications; will be up soon
  - Jonathan will be next, hoping for early March
  - Original February case study (federal employees) switched with Jonathan, will arrive in March
  - Will be advertised through SAA email list

### **Planning and Discussion:**

- SAA Strategic Plan "Protocols" Language Review
  - Need to look at SAA Strategic Plan and add language around the Protocols
  - Comments due in May but would like to shoot for early March
  - With upcoming SAA elections, this is a more pressing issue
  - Jonathan [via email]: consider advocating for stronger, more actionable verbiage, including issues of implicit bias, racism, white supremacy in archival work - should we add that kind of language in SAA's governing documents?
- Citation Use Permission Protocol
  - One comment - Julie noted [by email] to change contact info from Stephen's individual email to the general contact page
- NAAS Minutes Review (January 2019)
  - Approved for publication to microsite

### **Other Matters:**

- SAA – ACRL/RBMC Guidelines
  - Liza - add note about being aware of tribal law?
  - Liza sent out guidelines to NAAS for additional comments
- CIMA Pre-Conference Workshop
  - CIMA + Conference of Intermountain Archivists - May 15-18
  - Approached by Erika Castano - Digital Initiatives Archivist at University of Arizona - to potentially put on a workshop on behalf of or with NAAS
  - Workshop ideas?
    - Protocols 101
    - Communication 101 - how can non-tribal archivists and tribal groups communicate?
      - Various scenarios, if you have materials, how do you go about approaching? What is some terminology you should be aware of?
    - Museums/Archives as Stewards for Tribal Communities
    - Digital Repatriation
      - What is it and what is its origin?
      - Is it true repatriation?
    - Note: all of these topics could also potentially be part of the developing toolkit

- Will move forward with providing a lesson plan and having them run it - to be administered by archivist Diane Bird or other yet to be determined.
- To do:
  - Develop objectives
  - Provide outline of the lesson
- Human Rights Archives Section
  - SAA Foundation provided them with feedback on their webinars- they felt it didn't provide enough detail, recommended they apply again next year - Stephen will be assisting in re-applying