Native American Archives Roundtable

Society of American Archivists

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Ally Krebs began the meeting with a blessing.

Society of American Archivists (SAA) representative Brian \_\_\_\_ joined the group to share the following news:

* SAA is exploring new ways of conducting meetings, recognizing that not everyone can attend annual meetings.
* The SAA Council gave careful consideration to the Hyatt labor dispute.
* NAAR members were encouraged to review the new 11 core professional values vis-à-vis archives curricula proposals.
* Greg Hunter will be the editor of the *American Archivist.*
* The all member business meeting took place on Saturday, August 27. Online voting is on the horizon.

Kathryn Hirtle (?) of the 2012 Program Committee shared information about next year’s annual meeting in San Diego, August 6-11, 2012. There will be more lightning sessions. Presenters are limited to one proposed session to broaden the number of speakers. NAAR can endorse up to two sessions—submission deadline of October 11, 2011.

Those present elected Jolene Manus and Gina Rappaport as new members of the NAAR steering committee—congratulations to both!

NAAR enjoys representation on the Cultural Property Working Group. The group hopes to capture case studies involving ownership, stewardship, and access, with a distributed final product to the SAA membership.

Ann Massmann provided a report as a representative to the Diversity Committee. Topics of interest include the Diversity Award for leadership and community building, development of a survey for SAA regarding interests and demographics, and crafting user-friendly publications on archives work and research in archives.

Several NAAR members offered updates on panels, workshops, and forums devoted to Native American archives issues held around the country during 2010 and 2011. Examples included the LSTA-funded Native American Archives training in Oregon for nine tribes (Larry Landis, Jennifer O’Neal), the joint meeting of the Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums organization and the Western Museum Association in Hawaii, and a workshop on culturally-responsive care for Native American collections in Santa Fe (Society of Southwest Archivists).

NAAR would like to offer more electronic webinars and other educational opportunities, knowing that many tribal archivists cannot afford SAA membership. Social media sites promise potential for communities of color. One member suggested that the new “endorsed” standards portal might serve as a place for the *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials*.

Kirsten Thorpe of the University of Technology (UTS) Sydney gave a moving presentation about ATSIDA (the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Archive) and the significant work going on in Australia concerning archives and Aboriginal communities, including the status of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library and Information Resources Network Protocols*. She spoke with passion about Indigenous information issues which cross borders and the need for digital repatriation—connecting records with communities. Kirsten and her colleague Dr. Shannon Faulkhead of the Monash Indigenous Centre are forming an International Indigenous Knowledge network. For more information contact: [Kirsten.thorpe@uts.edu.au](mailto:Kirsten.thorpe@uts.edu.au) or [Shannon.faulkhead@monash.edu](mailto:Shannon.faulkhead@monash.edu) .

The collective NAAR work is a human rights agenda.