

# RAAC

## Regional Archival Association Consortium

### WELCOME

April 2019

### WHITNEY MILLER & MICHAEL LAW!

Whitney Miller is beginning as our Disaster Chair, taking over from Liz Francis. Whitney is RAAC's Michigan Archival Association representative and works at Michigan State University in Archives and Historical Collections. Her research interests include Southern History, particularly South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida as well as New York City history, in particular architecture and transit history.

Michael Law began earlier this year as our Education Chair, taking over from Vincent Novaro. Michael is RAAC's Society of Georgia Archivists representative and works at University of Georgia. His research interests include labor and university archives.

Thank you to Liz Francis and Vincent Novaro for their time spent working on their committees.



Michael Law

### AD HOC BYLAWS COMMITTEE

We are currently looking for a few volunteers to work with Mary Rubin on a newly formed ad hoc Bylaws Committee. Please email her at [maryrubin@gmail.com](mailto:maryrubin@gmail.com) with your interest by **Friday, April 12th**.

### ELECTION—NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 1ST

RAAC is accepting nominations for the Steering Committee election. This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of our Consortium and further its goal to develop and increase collaboration and communication among regional organizations in the United States. Furthermore, serving on the Steering Committee provides members with a valuable leadership experience.

All official representatives to the Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC) are eligible to run for a position on the group's Steering Committee. Terms will be for two years. We ask that you consult with your regional organization and consider running for a position. If you will be rotating off, please share this message with your incoming representative if known.

The deadline for applications and nominations is midnight, **Wednesday, May 1** (self-nominations are encouraged). Also due by **May 1st** are a short biography and candidate statement (approximately 200 words combined) for anyone appearing on the ballot. Please email your nomination, biography, and candidate statement to [kharris2@udayton.edu](mailto:kharris2@udayton.edu).

<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/regional-archival-associations-consortium-raac>

### STEERING COMMITTEE

#### Advocacy:

Philip Skroska

#### Disaster Planning & Recovery:

Whitney Miller

#### Education:

Michael Law

#### Grant Development:

Laura Sullivan

#### Membership:

Kayla Harris

#### Public Awareness:

Mary Rubin

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### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHOOSING RAAC REPRESENTATIVES

Archivists serving on RAAC are appointed by the regional association they represent, with one representative per association. RAAC recommends that the regional association choose representatives that are reliable and knowledgeable about their regional association. Such archivists often serve the regional association in different capacities, such as:

- Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Members-at-Large

RAAC recognizes the amount of work that it takes to run a regional association and thus discourages the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of regional associations from being selected as the RAAC representative.

Additionally, some individuals may be involved in multiple associations represented in RAAC; however, an individual may only serve as a RAAC regional representative for one association.

### EXPECTATIONS OF RAAC REPRESENTATIVES

Before a RAAC representative is chosen, they must agree to the following:

1. They must serve a two-year term and may only serve two consecutive terms.
2. They must serve on one of the RAAC subcommittees (found here).
  - A. They must contribute work towards the subcommittee's goals.
  - B. They must attend the subcommittee's meetings, which will take place via phone or online.
3. They must attend RAAC's annual general meeting, which takes place during the Society of American Archivists' annual meeting.
  - A. If the RAAC representative is unable to attend, they must find another attendee to represent them at the annual general meeting.
4. They must forward pertinent RAAC emails to either their regional association's listserv or executive board.
5. They must respond to pertinent RAAC emails in a timely manner.

If RAAC representatives are not fulfilling expectations, then the RAAC co-chairs will inquire with the RAAC representative. If there is no response, the RAAC co-chairs will inquire with the RAAC representative's regional and ask to provide a new representative.

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