Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC): 3 Year Plan
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Broad goals:
- Support information exchange among the leadership of regional organizations and between the regionals and SAA
- Encourage collaboration among the regionals and between SAA and the regionals
- Coordinate efforts to streamline actions, reduce costs, and increase services to archivists around the nation

Year 1 (August 2013-August 2014)

- Support information exchange among the leadership of regional organizations and between the regionals and SAA
  - Establish listserv
  - Create RAAC website for information sharing
  - Update directory of regional organizations on SAA website
- Encourage collaboration among the regionals and between SAA and the regionals
  - Each subcommittee chair contacts the SAA component group closest to his or her area specialty to discuss short term goals and potential shared projects
  - Write article for *Archival Outlook's* July/August issue re: the RAAC
- Coordinate efforts to streamline actions, reduce costs, and increase services to archivists around the nation
  - Form subcommittees--Advocacy, Education, Public Awareness, Grant Development, and Disaster Planning and Recovery--with chairs from Steering Committee and members comprised from general RAAC representatives, and establish short term goals
  - Complete survey of RAAC members (March 2014) to further inform the short-term goals of each subcommittee

Year 2 (August 2014-August 2015)

- Support information exchange among the leadership of regional organizations and between the regionals and SAA
  - Maintain the RAAC listserv and website
  - Update directory of regional organizations on SAA website
  - Education: develop a platform to share regionals' educational powerpoints, handouts, and ideas
  - Grant Development: develop an online resource that will make regionals and their members aware of grant opportunities at the federal and regional level
  - Disaster Planning and Recovery: Identify disaster planning and recovery resources in all regionals across the United States in order to create online resource
- Encourage collaboration among the regionals and between SAA and the regionals

- ○ Advocacy: Establish formal communication lines for regionals to report local advocacy issues to SAA and to ask for advocacy assistance, including coordination with the Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy
  - ○ Public Awareness: Write articles for various venues across the country about the RAAC and specific regionals to highlight activities and significance
- Coordinate efforts to streamline actions, reduce costs, and increase services to archivists around the nation
  - ○ Build on the knowledge gained by the Year 1 member survey and take any possible actions
  - ○ Public Awareness: support the development and/or coordination of promotional and outreach programs and tools for regionals

Year 3 (August 2015-August 2016)
- Support information exchange among the leadership of regional organizations and between the regionals and SAA
  - ○ Maintain the RAAC listserv and website
  - ○ Update directory of Regional Organizations on SAA website
  - ○ One day (or ¾ day) symposium at SAA 2016 (Wednesday preferred) dedicated to the regionals; this symposium will become a biennial event
- Encourage collaboration among the regionals and between SAA and the regionals
  - ○ Advocacy: Building on the established formal communication lines, address an advocacy issue which has come out of regionals' awareness by collaborating on an article / blog post or other appropriate written form of advocacy
- Coordinate efforts to streamline actions, reduce costs, and increase services to archivists around the nation
  - ○ Education: Explore the possibility of sharing a regional's educational effort with members of the other regionals, such as opening a regional's low cost webinar to other regionals
  - ○ Grant Development: foster collaborative grant writing projects among RAAC participants
  - ○ Public Awareness: support the development and/or coordination of promotional and outreach programs and tools for regionals
  - ○ Disaster Planning and Recovery: Based on RAAC's online resource identifying the disaster planning and recovery resources in all regionals across the United States, publish an article / blog post / listserv message for regionals to use as reminders to their memberships