

Regional Archival Associations Consortium
Annual Business Meeting
July 22, 2021 (virtual)

SAA Liaison Report (Melissa Gonzales, 0:35)

Advocacy Committee Report (Cathy Miller, 7:51)

Activities, August 2020-July 2021

- Promoted advocacy resources monthly via the RAAC listserv - a big thank you to all the Advocacy Committee members for contributing ideas of advocacy toolkits, articles, webinars, etc. to share.
- Committee members sent a general email announcement to all regional archival organizations reminding organizations of the RAAC Advocacy Protocol form
- Call for participation for RAAC representative to become the liaison for the CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC/SAA Joint Working Group on Issues & Awareness - Jeremy Brett was appointed as the liaison.
- Advocacy Committee Chair & Joint Working Group Liaison have participated in monthly meetings with the CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC/SAA Joint Working Group on Issues & Awareness.

Upcoming Activities

- The Advocacy Committee Chair will be participating in the upcoming SAA annual meeting joint CoPA/CoPP advocacy workshop session ""Build a Bridge to Stand: Making the Ask Even in Uncertain Times""
 - Free event open to all.
 - August 3, 2021 at 12:00-2:00pm EDT
 - <https://bit.ly/2TqrJj8>
- Meet with committee members in September to discuss implementation of Advocacy Committee goals from the RAAC Two-Year Plan (2021-2023).
 - Discuss other advocacy ideas that may fall under the purview of the committee's work.
- Continue monthly emails sharing advocacy resources

Takeaway for RAAC representatives: How can RAAC assist your regional archival organization's advocacy efforts? Take back this question to your executive boards and let's start a dialogue. Email raaconsortium@gmail.com or cathymiller30052@gmail.com.

Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness Report (Jeremy Brett, 16:41)

- Approved governance document
- Provided input on recommendations provided to Biden-Harris transition team
- Participated in discussions about funding for NARA, NHPRC, NEH
- Discussed whether RAAC should have membership in National Coalition for History (\$4,000 annual fee)

- Supported House spending bill for funding NARA
- NAGARA spearheading statement re: chain of custody for election records
- IMLS seeking input on revising strategic plan

Membership Report (Courtney Bailey, 20:33)

- Maintaining [Directory of Archival Organizations in the U.S. and Canada](#)
 - Important for [A*CENSUS II](#)
 - Static contact information can be convenient for organizations because it doesn't have to be updated on the lists
- Updating [Membership Composition list](#) for RAAC

Public Awareness Report (Mary Rubin, 23:09)

Special thanks to Kathleen Smith who continues to run our Facebook account. The Public Awareness Committee hosted RAAC's second webinar. The webinar "What is a Regional Archival Organization?" was held on May 24th, 2021. The webinar covered five different archival organizations including two multistate, two state, and one local archival organization. The presenters talked about their respective organization's structures and their initiatives, which include fundraising, publications, annual meetings, and so much more. If you have ever wondered how other archival organizations are run, [the webinar is available on YouTube](#). Special thanks to Jeremy Brett, Kathleen Smith, Lorraine Stuart, and Annia Gonzalez for presenting.

Bylaws discussion and approval (24:46)

Steering committee election slate (31:56)

Panel discussion on "Navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic: Regional Archival Organizations Respond" (37:40)

1. Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference - Amanda Koss May & Caitlin Rizzo (41:07)
2. Northwest Archivists - Anne Jenner (53:27)
3. Society of Florida Archivists - Mary Rubin (1:05:11)
4. Society of Georgia Archivists - Angela Stanley (1:13:39)

Wrap-up (1:34:30)

- [2 Year Plan](#)
- Survey to come