

RAAC Steering Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
Minutes
January 29, 2020
3:00 p.m. EST (2:00 p.m. Central)

Attendance: Whitney Miller, Michael Law, Mary Rubin, Melissa Gonzalez

- I. Future of RAAC
 - A. We want to open up membership. Unfortunately, our current model is not working.
 1. We want to do a membership drive at SAA.
 2. We need to emphasize that if people/regionals value RAAC, then we need more involvement.
 3. Until we deem otherwise, we are going to reduce expectations of our representatives.
 - B. The symposium plans have been cancelled.
- II. Approval of SC meeting minutes from November 5th, 2019
 - A. Michael motioned to approve the minutes. Whitney seconded.
- III. Reports from Co-Chairs (Mary & Michael)
 - A. Mary received Karen Trivette's resignation today so that opens up our Grants Chair position.
 1. At this time we are not going to try to fill the chair since so many are open and elections are coming soon.
 - B. Mary also has not heard from Kathy regarding Membership since our September meeting although she did hear from her about our Facebook group in October. So Mary does have admin rights to that group now. Since then, Kathy has not responded to any emails that Mary sent to her personally or through our Steering Committee listserv. At this time, Mary is assuming she is no longer able to commit to RAAC and therefore considers that our Membership Chair position is open as well.
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
 - A. Advocacy (Unfilled, No Report)
 - B. Disaster (Whitney)
 1. Contacted by USC to add their product to our website; however, it was not geared toward cultural heritage institutions. She is forwarding it to SAA's Tragedy Response Initiative Task Force
 - C. Education (Michael)
 1. Contacted Education Chairs of regional organizations and members of the Education Committee but received no responses.
 - D. Grant (Unfilled, Report by Mary)
 1. Karen did not provide a report with her resignation.
 - E. Membership (Unfilled, Report by Mary)
 1. No Report.
 - F. Public Awareness (Mary)

1. I&A would like to resume the Archivist Design Share Project; however, the work has been delayed and should hopefully resume shortly.
- V. Joint Advocacy Working Group Report (Rachel, Report read by Mary)
 - A. Rachel sent in that CoSA, in consultation with SAA, is working on a statement regarding the section by federal OMB to close the Seattle NARA facilities (archives and Records Center facilities that cover Alaska, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon). Once the draft is internally vetted amongst the CoSA group, they will share it with us for our consideration.
 - B. Additionally, Mary submitted a comment on the USCIS statement on RAAC's behalf opposing the changes to the fees for accessing the historic public records. The comment can be found here:
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCIS-2019-0010-10038>
 - VI. Joint Group w/ CoPP, CoPA, I&A, RAAC (Mary)
 - A. Michael and I attended this meeting in November. We shared that we surveyed our membership at the 2019 annual meeting, that we have a goal of 3 webinars before the 2020 annual meeting, and that we hope to continue work on the Archivists Design Share Project. CoPA would like to contribute to RAAC's Public Awareness webinar.
 - VII. NCH Report (Mary)
 - A. Mary has not heard back from Nancy regarding SAA contributing to a second NCH membership. Mary needs to progress to working with the vendors.
 - VIII. SAA Council Liaison (Melissa)
 - A. SAA is responding to the petition around their elections. Counsel is reevaluating a lot of processes and the bylaws, which haven't been updated since 1997. They are looking at restructuring committees. Some do a lot and some don't do anything. Unfortunately, SAA is not doing so well financially.
 - IX. Old Business
 - A. 2020 Symposium
 1. These plans have been cancelled.
 - X. New Business
 - A. Whitney is unable to make the 3/3 meeting so there will be a doodle poll to schedule our next meeting.

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 3 pm - 4 pm EST

Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 3 pm - 4 pm EDT

Tuesday, July 7th, 2020 3 pm - 4 pm EDT