

Regional Archival Associations Consortium  
Steering Committee Meeting  
May 17, 2022, 2:30-3:30 ET

Attendees: Courtney Bailey, Kyna Herzinger, Cathy Miller, Kathy Smith

1. SAA Council updates
  - a. SAA Council has approved the 2023-2025 strategic plan (includes DEIA - see below Roadmap). See news item here:  
<https://www2.archivists.org/news/2022/saa-council-approves-strategic-plan-for-fy-2023-2025>
  - b. Next Council meeting is May 18-20:  
<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-council/may-18-20-2022-council-meeting-agenda>
2. Committee reports
  - a. Archival Associations + NARA [Courtney]
    - i. Primarily discussed NARA's America 250 plans
      1. Dedicated web portal
      2. Common branding across the agency
      3. National Civic Education Initiative
      4. NEH is surveying states re: civic education
      5. Redesigned museum scheduled to open late 2025/eve of A250
      6. Share authority in how stories are told
      7. Celebrate but also complicate nation's history
      8. Hoping to introduce new sculptures
      9. Hoping to borrow docs from British National Archives (e.g., Olive Branch Petition)
      10. Coordinate national road trip with presidential libraries to relate to after-the-Declaration presentations
      11. Maybe student contest of imagine America 300
    - ii. Maybe regionals could organize events/highlight resources
  - b. Joint Working Group [Cathy]
    - i. Divisive concepts legislation
    - ii. COPP offer to meet with legislators
    - iii. Archives funding initiatives
    - iv. Cathy will check in with Bryan to see if toolkit will soon be released
    - v. Maybe focus efforts on state and local officials
      1. Congressional Roundtable has canned text
3. No updates to [Speakers list](#) since last meeting
4. [Thank you note template](#) for organization volunteers/board members
  - a. Put on microsite under Resources
  - b. Posted to listserv
5. Advocacy coffee chat
  - a. Kathy will pick date with Jeremy and Megan (ALA)

- b. Send out reading ahead of time
  - c. CB will set up Google Meet
- 6. Listserv spotlights
  - a. Cathy will continue to invite participation
- 7. Annual meeting July 13, 2-3:30pm ET
  - a. Topics
    - i. how to facilitate hybrid conferences
    - ii. archival organization sustainability
    - iii. roadmap for RAAC sustainability/leadership