May 5, 2017 Standards Committee conference call

Attendees:

Caitlin Christian-Lamb
Carrie Hintz
Julia Stein
Michele Pacifico
Karin Bredenberg
Hillary Bober

Link to Julia & Michele's draft review of external standards:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sTHRUlArieWT9VKbO_whP3120kCA_fB53sdpfy-WTpI/edit#gid=0

External standards discussion - Julia & Michele update on spreadsheet they compiled. Issues to note: some standards are repeated in different sections, the ISO standards are behind a paywall, and no standards have been endorsed since 2012 (which means they are likely outdated now).

Call attendees discuss how to move forward: We need to develop criteria for how we decide which external standards we want to endorse, and define what endorsing an external standard means. Can we ask for analytics on the website - are people using these? Julia suggests member poll - which of these are used by SAA members? Are we missing standards that members use?

Next steps:

1. Develop criteria
    a. Owned and maintained by an organization
    b. Something we can link to
    c. Currency - is it being updated, is there a schedule for updates
    d. Usage by membership
    e. Categorization of external standards - cleaning up organization
    f. Defining language - what does "endorsement" mean? By Standards Comm and/or by SAA as a whole – is there a difference? What does providing a link to a standard but not endorsing it mean?
    g. ISO standards - behind paywall, do we want to recommend standards that might not be accessible to SAA members? On the other hand, ISO is the maintainer of many standards that apply to the archival profession, so not including these would also pose a major problem.
2. Poll membership
    a. List all current standards (checkboxes)
    b. Add your own - open dialog box

3. Maintenance of page

We will discuss what should be included in the criteria via email, with the aim of getting a draft of those criteria compiled by annual meeting for an in-person discussion there.

Other updates:

Carrie: TS-DACS - met in March to revise DACS principles, out and currently available for comment.

Caitlin & Carrie: Standards Committee's meeting time at the annual meeting has changed from 1-5 PM to 5-7 PM, due to room availability at the conference venue.

Karin: TS-EAS will be sending out updates in a few weeks on EAD3 revisions.