

# Issues and Advocacy Roundtable Meeting

SAA 2014 Annual Meeting

Friday, August 15 • 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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## 1) Sarah Quigley - Welcome and introduction of New Officers

- Senior Co-Chair: Sarah Quigley
- Junior Co-Chair: Wendy Hagenmaier.
- Steering Committee: Alison Stankrauff, Christine George, Gabrielle Dudley, and Tammi Kim
- Thank you to the outgoing Co-Chair, Jeremy Brett, and to the outgoing Steering Committee members: Allison Galloup, Jasmine Jones, Erin Lawrimore, Shawn San Roman, and Laura Starratt.

## 2) Sarah Quigley - Roundtable accomplishments in 2013-2014

- **Advocacy Toolkit**
  - Advocacy Toolkit launched and is up on the Issues and Advocacy website: <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/issues-and-advocacy-roundtable/advocacy-toolkit-0>
  - the Toolkit is a one-stop shop for working on advocacy campaigns, contains many resources
  - goal for next year: conduct assessment of the Toolkit: analyze gaps and develop ways to make it more useful
  - [SAA Committee on Public Awareness \(COPA\)](#) (see also: <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/committee-on-public-awareness>) is also working on statements to support advocacy for archivists and archives; I&A and the Committee on Public Awareness need to make sure there is no duplication of effort on this
- **Letter to Target**
  - I&A leadership worked on a letter to Target, written in response to Target's decision to close its corporate archives
- **Ongoing advocacy work**
  - discussed and issued statements about some issues

- chose not to issue statements on certain issues, such as the return of Jewish artifacts to the Middle East (too complicated and divisive)
- in general, if there is anything you want the Roundtable to address publicly, please contact the leadership and/or write to the listserv to generate discussion

### 3) Cheryl Sylvester - Threat to national archives and library in Grenada

- Cheryl Sylvester of St. George's University, Grenada, and President of [CARBICA](#), the Caribbean branch of the International Council on Archives, updated the Roundtable about threats to the national library and archives in Grenada: <http://grenadanationalarchives.wordpress.com/about/>
- since 2011, the library/archives building has been closed, with the collection stuck inside, and the collection (including records of the 1983 American invasion) is at risk
- library building was already in a state of disrepair when Hurricane Ivan did further damage in 2004; archives on top floor was damaged (shelves are being eaten away by termites)
- in the meantime, political supporters of the library lost power
- the previous Minister of Education sought several alternative locations, didn't work out b/c of internal wranglings
- there's been a change in government, but the situation remains the same
- Director of Libraries role is uncertain - unclear whether the government still considers the role to be active
- Sylvester requested that SAA consider joining other international information professional organizations (ICA, Association of Caribbean Academic Libraries, etc.) in writing to the Minister of Education, who has responsibility for libraries and archives
- other advocacy efforts related to this issue:
  - last year, Sylvester presented paper at the CARBICA conference about archives that need attention
  - in March 2014, Sylvester wrote a paper on the state of archives in Grenada
- next steps: Sarah Quigley said I&A would be glad to draft a letter and send it to our SAA Council Rep (and the appropriate SAA committees) - Cheryl will contact Sarah with more details about the issue so SAA can help

### 4) Frank Boles - Discussion of NSA review request

- I&A partnered with Privacy and Confidentiality Roundtable and [SAA's Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy \(CAPP\)](#) on a request to Council that SAA review certain specifically archival aspects of the controversial NSA mass surveillance program, including whether data gathered as part of surveillance efforts constitutes a permanent record, how archivists should treat it, and under what conditions such records should be made available
- I&A and Privacy and Confidentiality submitted a draft letter to CAPP and SAA Council; the letter was reviewed in May and sent back to the roundtables with a few revisions

- discussion about the most recent iteration of the letter (see Jeremy's August 5th email to the I&A listserv for drafts of the letter):
  - question about footnote that was inserted into version of letter that came back from CAPP
    - Boles' response: CAPP will consider removing the term "so-called" in front of the Patriot Act mention
  - question about phrasing on the second page - there is a need to update info about a ruling
    - updated info from ruling roughly 6-months ago will be supplied by I&A member who raised the point and date will be added to the information included (e.g. "research current as of [date]")
- part of our involvement in this issue is encouraging SAA to make its voice more noticeable in a similar way to ALA's voice; SAA may be smaller than ALA and other large organizations, but that's no reason for SAA to remain silent
  - discussion of process according to which SAA statements are made:
    - CAPP is working on a draft of a document to outline how that process happens (likely will be released near the end of 2014)
  - the basic process:
    - any component group is able to get in touch with CAPP to suggest an issue that matters
    - CAPP looks at the request that is made in relation to the SAA strategic plan to determine whether and how SAA should respond; writes a report and brings it to SAA Council
    - Council then discusses the report and bounces it back to CAPP
    - CAPP revises, as necessary, and bounces the report back to Council, as appropriate
    - finally, the report is adopted by Council
  - when it's an urgent, breaking story, the SAA Executive Committee might make a statement quickly
- Boles suggested that I&A and CAPP might partner with the SAA Intellectual Property Working Group in the next year around the expiration of the Sonny Bono Copyright Act

## 5) Lisa Mangiafico - report from SAA Council

- see minutes from recent Council meetings, available here: [http://www2.archivists.org/groups/480/group\\_minutes](http://www2.archivists.org/groups/480/group_minutes) and information from August meeting, available here: <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-council/august-11-12-2014-council-meeting-agenda>, [http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0814-1-I-A-Agenda\\_080514.pdf](http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0814-1-I-A-Agenda_080514.pdf)
- Council adopted Best Practices for Internships as a Component of Graduate Archival Education: <http://www2.archivists.org/standards/best-practices-for-internships-as-a-component-of-graduate-archival-education>
- Council discussed Standards Committee's Best Practices for Volunteers in Archives: <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0814-1-II-B-Stds-BestPract-Volunteers.pdf>

- Council discussed Advocacy Agenda Issue Brief: Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA): <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0814-1-III-A-IssueBrief-HIPAA.pdf>
- Council discussed Considerations Associated with Future Joint Annual Meetings (please read and comment on these): <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0814-1-IV-A-FutureJointMtgs.pdf>
- Council approved a Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness with CoSA and NARA
- Council discussed Archives and Archivists Listserv -- now governed by SAA Code of Conduct -- new procedures will be evaluated as we move forward: <http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/0814-1-IV-D-A&AList.pdf>
- at the Council meeting on Monday, three individuals came to discuss where we are in the world of archives:
  - Robert Wharton from IMLS came to talk about the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries, and Museums; looking at continuing education types and subjects that many of these allied professional groups have; looking at ways to band together to identify gaps in continuing education and make continuing education available to each other, so we're not duplicating efforts
    - discussed grantmaking opportunities from IMLS to address continuing education gaps
  - Bill Maher (past SAA president) gave an update from the Intellectual Property Working Group
    - Maher has been traveling to Geneva to help raise the profile of archives in the international treaty for exceptions to copyright for libraries and archives
    - the treaty has been in the works for a while, but is currently caught up with broadcasting interests and related sticky issues
    - the great thing is that it sounds like the international arena understands that there's a difference between archives and libraries
  - Lee White gave an update from the National Coalition for History
    - they are expanding beyond Washington to look at what's happening in states and localities
    - they will be a more active partner for us in speaking out about issues
- a roundtable member suggested that SAA could develop a document covering best practices for hiring and job postings

## 6) Sarah Quigley - Statement of Principles discussion and comments

- the idea to create a Statement of Principles document for I&A arose among the steering committee as a result of questions about which issues I&A decides to address, to table, or not to address--there is a need for a document to guide I&A's decision making about how the roundtable evaluates its response to issues
- discussion of the roundtable's mission and vision statement and core values

- Sarah read the document and then opened the floor for comments:
  - suggestion to change the word "impact" used as a verb
  - suggestion to delete the parenthetical
  - question about whether there would be pushback from SAA about the "independent" part and whether it is required for this document to be vetted by anyone besides the I&A membership?
  - Lisa Mangiafico suggested checking this statement against those of other component groups
  - question about whether there is a need to discuss diversity in this statement, or is the issue of diversity implied?--another member said there is a need to call out diversity explicitly, that calling it out is in alignment with the SAA Strategic Plan
  - suggestion to add something about diversity of opinions in the independence statement
  - question about whether there is a need to add archival professionals in the mission statement--to include the people in the archives and the job of archivist
  - suggestion to describe why archives and archivists are important

## 7) Sarah Quigley - Roundtable plans for 2014-2015

- goals and objectives:
  - phase 2 of Advocacy Toolkit project: analyze the Toolkit to identify gaps and ensure it reflects the best resources
    - steering committee and volunteers will be involved; if you are interested, please feel free to get in touch with Sarah
  - continue work on Statement of Principles, will send out a revised draft for further comment
  - revise bylaws and terms of service for steering committee members: it's a challenge to get people to run every year; would like to consider a vote on staggered terms of longer service for at least some of the steering committee positions
  - if you have thoughts or ideas to propose for this year's goals, please feel free to get in touch with Sarah

## 8) Other questions and comments

- Lisa Mangiafico suggested that we could discuss the elimination of endorsements by component groups; suggested that sections and roundtables come together to propose sessions and to consider ideas we might want to propose for new pop-up sessions