

Science, Technology and Health Care Roundtable
SAA Annual meeting
San Diego, CA
August 8, 2012

Minutes of the STHC Roundtable meeting

BUSINESS MEETING

- 1) 3:20 PM, Call to Order, Welcome and introductions: Co-chair Rees (see attached all-attendee list)
- 2) Tom Frusciano, Council representative - Council met in January and June to address:
 - a. Governance issues/changes, tightening SAA structure
 - b. Adopted advocacy agenda as a strategic plan (Frank Boles will speak later on that)
 - c. Revision to guidelines for websites and communications, and linking between sites
 - d. 2012 Needs and Satisfaction survey – compiling data now, results and a plan for addressing concerns forthcoming
 - e. 25% of membership is stemming from SNAP
 - f. NHPRC report on the American historical record and changing nature of documentation
 - g. Jackie Dooley's new "President's Blog" on the SAA website
 - h. Council minutes will be online soon, and we can communicate thoughts/feedback through our Council Liaison
- 3) Frank Boles, Government Affairs Working Group
 - a. New advocacy agenda
 - b. The W.G. does not have science/tech/healthcare expertise and needs volunteers to track down and communicate STHC issues (contact Frank if interested)
- 4) Approval of 2011 minutes and old business
 - a. John offered overview of old minutes, no outstanding issues
 - b. 2011 minutes approved

REPORTS

- 1) Jodi Koste, Annual Meeting Task Force
 - a. Task force members will be gathering feedback on the annual meeting experience in general – she is here tonight specifically asking about roundtable experiences and feedback
 - b. Comments from attendees: we are happy that we successfully received AV support for the meeting, as well as the full 2-hours for our program
- 2) Pheobe Evans-Letocha, HIPAA/HITECH or Common Rule
 - a. Still waiting, not released in time for the meeting but is forthcoming
 - b. Common Rule – last fall, call for comments/changes, re-examining ethics and how historical research fits into regulations
 - c. Rees will inquire about the letter from SAA supporting the changes from the archives perspective
- 3) Liz Phillips, Archival Elements newsletter
 - a. Very full issue this year, new content from new authors
 - b. Contact her for submission ideas

- 4) Polina Ilieva, STHC Website
 - a. Nothing new to report, few design changes
- 5) John Rees, Listserv update
 - a. Subscriptions are down – currently 312 subscribers, down from 334 last year
 - b. Our listserv is in the lower 20% compared to other roundtables
- 6) Leadership activities
 - a. Council is asking for our help in advocacy
 - b. Danielle Castronovo stepped down as junior co-chair in May. Melanie Mueller voted in by Steering Committee as replacement.
 - c. Responded to SAA President's request for comment on Dept. of Health and Human Services proposed rulemaking: Human Subjects Research Protections. SAA drafted letter of response and submitted to DHHS.
 - d. Paige Smith, Roundtable liaison to Standards Committee, polled the listserv, looking for input on metadata standards as requested by that Committee. Smith hopes to do more in the standards arena for 2013. Need to plan for filling future leadership positions
- 7) Steering Committee, co-chair report, 2012 sessions report, nominations/elections
 - a. Received two proposed sessions for this annual meeting, approved one and it made it on the program
 - b. Three people are signing off the committee: Paul Theerman, Charlie Nichols and Tom Rosko. Three open spots – contact John or Melanie if interested
 - c. John Rees voted in to stay as co-chair; Melanie approved to stay on another year as junior co-chair

PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Chip Calhoun (AIP) – update on digitization projects

Tammy Peters (SIA) – field book digitization project

Paula Jabloner (Computer History Museum) – digital repository developments

BUSINESS MEETING CONT'D

- 1) Program Committee Representative (Erin O'Meara)
 - a. There is no theme for the 2013 meeting; it is a joint meeting with CoSA
 - b. Call for proposals is out, and includes lightning talks
 - c. October 5, proposals due; October 15, session endorsements due
 - d. There will be free wifi in all session rooms
 - e. You can be on several proposals simultaneously as speaker or chair but if more than one proposal is approved, you will have to choose only one session to participate in. Let your session chairs know if you are on multiple proposals so they can prepare alternate speakers (exception: lightning talks)
 - f. Try for joint sessions to increase chance of approval
- 2) Session ideas for 2013
 - a. National Academy of Sciences 150th anniversary – collections of NAS fellows represented in various repositories; showcase collection development and data management plans, and highlight overlooked collections
 - b. Women in Sciences (Joan Warnow-Blewett Commemorative Session) – partner with Women Archivists roundtable for sponsorship
 - c. STHC session package of all STHC speakers and papers

- d. Email Rees with any other ideas
- 3) Announcements/new business from the floor
 - a. Medical Heritage Library – organized two years ago by a Sloan Foundation grant to digitize medical texts; new NEH grant to digitize pre-1914 medical journals; currently 40,000 volumes from the 16th century to 1900 (Europe) and 1922 (US)
 - b. Rockefeller Archives – received the archives of the Ford Foundation, including 10 reels of microfilm and few thousand feet of records covering the development of agriculture, medical, and science programs funded by Ford

MEETING ADJOURNED

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