

Society of American Archivists

Name of Section: Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable (LAGAR)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

5 August 2016, 7:00am-8:30am

Hilton Atlanta Conference Center

Officers:

Daniel DiLandro, 2014-2016, outgoing male self-identified co-chair.

Lisa Calahan, 2015-2017, incoming female self-identified co-chair.

Steering Committee:

Lisa Calahan (Co-Chair)

Keith Reynolds (Co-Chair elect)

Daniel DiLandro (Immediate Past Co-Chair), Steering Committee Member

James Cartwright, Steering Committee Member

Michael Oliveria, Steering Committee Member

Deborah Richards, Steering Committee Member

Franklin Robinson, Steering Committee Member

Johanna Russ, Web Liaison

Deborah Torres, Steering Committee Member

Florence Turcotte, Steering Committee Member

Bonita (Bonnie) Weddle, Steering Committee Member

(SAA Council Liaison) Pamela Sue Hackbart-Dean

Minutes of the Annual Meeting:

Number of attendees: 33

The LAGAR annual meeting began at 7:00am EDT, 5 August 2016, at the Hilton Atlanta Conference Center.

**On-going Business:**

Daniel Dilandro, out-going male self-identified co-chair and Daniel Dilandro, male co-chair, welcomed the assembly and opened the LAGAR annual meeting at 7:30am.

A motion was moved, and seconded, to approve the 2015 LAGAR meeting minutes with no revisions.

Council Liaison, Pam Hackbart-Dean, provided SAA Council update and formally announced the Roundtable and Sections of SAA will all be served under the umbrella

term of “sections.” SAA members will have no limit on the number of sections they can join; non members will be limited to a maximum of three sections. In addition, all sections will be required to follow a standardized template for bylaws. It was also mentioned to be aware of updated dates for reporting and to refer to the SAA website for information on forming new sections.

Bonnie Weddle reported on LAGAR social media. She and Deborah Richards have been active in maintaining the LAGAR Facebook page, posting, noting that what is posted is mostly news and information related to LGBTQIA historical information. As of August 5, 2016 there were 1,388 LAGAR-SAA Facebook page “likes.”

Lisa Calahan reported on liaison duties to the Diversity Committee. She noted that she was not contacted or otherwise informed of activities that as LAGAR liaison she could be involved with. She shared that Diversity committee Liaisons had scheduled a meeting with the Committee chair in order to discuss better opportunities for collaboration. Lisa also stressed that working to have more of a presence on the committee is an on-going goal.

#### **New Business:**

Co-chairs announced imminent formation of a member-driven task force to change the name of LAGAR and update the by-laws regarding “male self-identified/female self-identified” requirement of co-chairs.

Discussed possibility of participating in the SAA internship program. 2016/17 co-chairs will consider project that might be appropriate for an intern.

#### **Other Business:**

During open discussion, the idea of creating a Tragedy Response team was suggested and roundly agreed upon as needed. Suggested that it be modeled after Disaster Response volunteer groups.

#### **Speakers:**

Bob Horton, Smithsonian - spoke to the membership about the potential for partnerships between the Smithsonian for digitization projects.

Franklin Robinson, Smithsonian - spoke about the history of LGBT collection at the Smithsonian.

Dave Hayward, Coordinator of Touching Up Our Roots, Inc: Georgia’s LGBT History Project - Presented on the history of the program, the benefits and urgency of conducting oral histories with community members, being flexible and creative when

designing public programming, and his experience as a member of Georgia's LGBT community.

The Lesbian and Gay Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists adjourned its annual meeting at 8:50am EDT, 21 August 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Calahan  
LAGAR Co-chair