

RAAC Steering Committee meeting minutes, May 4, 2015

Announcements

RAAC mtg during SAA reminder, Wed. Aug. 19, 2-3:30pm

- We may need to wrap-up at 3pm to allow participants to get to Sections meetings.
- We have no badge ribbons leftover from last year, but we have bookmarks leftover. We may look into pins for this year (Rachel)
- Need agenda (Rachel and Amanda to draft and share before next RAAC meeting for discussion / approval)

Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries & Museums grant project activity updates (Amanda)

- The Coalition is working now-Summer / early Fall in two main working groups:
 - one for “Community Building & Communication” (improving the current website’s look and feel, adding content, laying groundwork for a good calendar of continuing ed opportunities) – Amanda is working on this group
 - one for “Curriculum 101” building a foundational series of continuing ed to appeal to the three sectors, archives, libraries and museums.
- The Coalition is still in its formative stage and isn’t currently sending out communications widely about its activities. The members are doing this work now through early Fall when the grant funding runs out. We will have shaped the Coalition’s new reality by then, and would begin a more outward focus.
- This is described as being a 10 hour per month commitment.

Nexus II & Mapping the Landscapes grant participation updates

- As a result of RAAC’s increasing visibility, we have been asked to join the Advisory groups (and then also join a working group) for these two grant funded projects.
- **Mapping the Landscape** is a grant based at the Educopia Institute (<http://educopia.org/research/mapping-the-landscape>) “Documenting the continuing education and professional development needs of staff in and across cultural memory institutions.” Amanda is on the Advisory Board. This is described as being a 1-5 hour per month commitment.
- **Nexus II: Leading Across Boundaries** is also a grant based at the Educopia Institute, (<http://educopia.org/research/grants/nexus-ii-leading-across-boundaries>). “The Nexus II grant has assembled a broad range of leadership program facilitators and participants to develop resources to meet the diversity of leadership training needs in archives, libraries, and museums.” Amanda and Rachel both are on the Advisory Board as RAAC co-chairs, with Amanda volunteering on the Evaluation Resources Task Force. This is described as being a 1-5 hour per month commitment.

- Advisory board participation for RAAC becoming a significant time issue, as the above three projects could potentially total about 20 hours per month alone, on top of RAAC work.
 - Steering Committee indicated it is ok to have RAAC's immediate past-co-chair handle these advisory roles for RAAC, for now. (This means Amanda will handle the roles until August 2015, and then she will be immediate past-co-chair, and will continue to handle it for the next year at least.) This could change in the future, for example if the Education Committee chair had the time and interest in participating, since these particular efforts all relate to continuing ed.

Discussion

- Election coming up -- if you are rolling off, consider running again or if your regional will have a new rep, encouraging that person to run
- Membership renewal email and election timeline has been out for review through this link and will be sent out by Rachel and Amanda after this meeting:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K0dqqyQ243QyBqJLfCAX-9ndry4XyCBF24sm3mImbFk/edit?usp=sharing>
- Decided to combine Membership and Directory, as they are natural companion activities.
- Symposium in ATL 2016 to be its own committee for planning purposes. Sarah Quigley of SGA has given Rachel good feedback on planning a joint symposium.
- Disaster committee "on hiatus" now with co-chairs continuing to send out blurbs to keep awareness up.
- Website can possibly be folded into Public Awareness going forward

Committee updates - progress on goals

Advocacy (Rachel)

- Proposal for SAA Council on increasing 2-way communications between regionals and SAA, accepted for May SAA Council meeting.
- Council will discuss and get back to us
- Issues & Advocacy Roundtable joined RAAC in the proposal

Disaster Preparedness / Recovery (Rachel & Amanda)

- Blurb going out via RAAC Facebook and email list to raise awareness of resource

Education (Jennifer)

- Keeping website up to date
- Possible survey to go out after new RAAC reps are in place

Grant Development (Kristin)

- Keeping website up to date, not all states are there, perhaps 6 left to be done
- Next convening of group to get new ideas of next steps, next initiatives
- Collection Match project folks do not have a pilot set up yet, so we do not have follow up work with them at this time. Our arrangement with them is to help once they have a pilot partner with whom to work. Kristin to follow up with them to see what the status of the pilot is and to remind them RAAC would step in once a partner is found.

Public Awareness (Daniel)

- Article accepted and published by 16 of the regional groups it was sent to
- Facebook aggregator which Daniel tested would be neat on RAAC microsite but can't be put there, says SAA's Mat Black, due to technical restrictions.

Directory (Casey)

- Keeping directory up to date
- Example of Portland Emerging Archivists being on directory, but having no RAAC rep – they originally said no to RAAC's invitation.
- If the websites we link to seem to be defunct, we need to check with the regional before deleting them and then let SAA know we have deleted them (Mat Black)
- Makes sense to combine Membership into this committee, going forward.

Website (Lynette)

- Working hard! Making updates and adding new content when requested.

Symposium 2016 / Atlanta (Rachel)

Waiting to confirm co-sponsors, then we can move forward with a location, agenda, speakers

NEXT call: Monday, July 29, 2015, 4pm EST