

Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC) Steering Committee Conference Call
December 7, 2015

In Attendance:

Daniel Alonzo, Archivists of Central Texas
Jennifer Brannock, Society of Mississippi Archivists
Rachel Chatalbash, Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc.
Kristen Chinery, Michigan Archival Association
Amanda Focke, Society of Southwest Archivists
Daria Labinsky, Midwest Archives Conference

Absent:

Emily Vinson, Archivists of the Houston Area

Minutes:

1. Reviewed symposium planning document
2. Discussed communications plan
3. Daniel Alonzo reported on the Public Awareness subcommittee
 - Generated Facebook posts, went from 2-3 per day to 1-2 per week
 - Subcommittee members have been assigned to goals
 - Newsletter contacts document has been updated and will be posted on our microsite
 - Communications plan will be posted and implemented
 - Press/media contacts will be pursued in January
4. Rachel Chatalbash reported on the Advocacy subcommittee
 - Provided updates: all subcommittee members have volunteered for goal-based projects
 - Contacted Nancy Beaumont regarding MOU
 - Communications with the Issues and Advocacy Roundtable about joint projects and efforts are underway
5. Jennifer Brannock reported on the Education subcommittee:
 - Symposium planning has been their focus
 - All other goals will be addressed this spring
6. Rachel Chatalbash and Jennifer Brannock reported on behalf of Emily Vinson on the Membership subcommittee:
 - RAAC has two additional regional organizations as members
 - The membership lists on the microsite have been updated
 - We have asked Emily Vinson for a report on the Directory of Regionals; this is forthcoming

7. Kristen Chinery reported on the Grants Development subcommittee:

- Split into subteams –symposium and online grant resource projects
- Symposium:
 - Two presenters ideas: a regional who has received a grant and NHPRC to talk about a grant involving multiple regionals
 - Maine and Society of Mississippi Archivists have been given grants to put on workshops
- Online Resource Project:
 - We need to make updates and determine a schedule for checking what grants are available

8. Daria Labinsky reported on the Disaster Preparedness subcommittee:

- Trying to highlight what is most useful from the existing Disaster Planning Resource
- Putting together climate change resources
- Liaising with ProjectARCC
- Discussing what to do with symposium

9. Amanda Focke reported on Advisory Boards:

- Continuing to represent us –Coalition to Advance Learning, focused on redoing website and have members contribute blog posts
- Mapping the landscape –Jennifer Brannock and Rachel Chatalbash took pilot version of survey, will map out people’s continuing education needs
- Nexus II leadership evaluation grant –trying to develop an evaluation tool that you can use right after for tracking long term impact of training; the group discussed our continued involvement with the project. Nexus II doesn’t directly relate to the activities of RAAC.