

**Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC) Steering Committee
Conference Call, June 6, 2016**

In Attendance:

Jennifer Brannock, Society of Mississippi Archivists
Rachel Chatalbash, Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc.
Kristen Chinery, Michigan Archival Association
Daria Labinsky, Midwest Archives Conference

Absent:

Jennifer Hecker, Archivists of Central Texas
Amanda Focke, Society of Southwest Archivists
Emily Vinson, Archivists of the Houston Area

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm EST.

Election update, Steering Committee assignments, and new Co-Chairs (Chatalbash)

Kristin Chinery has agreed to serve as a co-chair. People are being approached to serve as the other chair.

All incoming Steering Committee members have been assigned to chair a subcommittee. The Steering Committee is still looking for someone to represent the Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee. Possible candidates will be approached by Rachel.

New member subcommittee assignments

No report.

Three-year plan and expected subcommittee participation (Chatalbash)

Rachel will work with Kristen on drafting the new three-year plan. Each subcommittee will fill in their part of the report that will be finalized at the annual meeting. New subcommittee chairs will be involved in determining the goals of their groups for the next three years.

Annual Meeting (Brannock)

The RAAC annual meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd. During the meeting, each subcommittee will provide updates of the group's work and will spend time reviewing goals for the three-year plan. The new steering committee will finalize the plan. Meg Phillips, the external affairs liaison from NARA, will be the guest speaker at the meeting. She will discuss the ways in which NARA can assist regional organizations.

The RSVP for the meeting was created and sent to steering committee for review. It will be distributed to the membership this week.

Emily will forward the email to new RAAC members and encourage them to attend.

Symposium (Brannock)

Symposium – Planning for the symposium is ongoing. At this point, 54 people are registered for the event. Additional publicity has been sent to southern library schools, library organizations, and the museum group in Georgia.

Rachel will email all not-yet-registered regionals.

Update on NCH membership funding (Chatalbash)

Rachel has heard from a small percentage of RAAC members about this. One group did not want RAAC to be involved, while others are in support of the membership. There are a handful of regionals that support RAAC membership in NCH, but these groups are unable to provide funding assistance. Rachel will follow up with groups that have not responded about their interest in this initiative.

Reports from Subcommittees regarding outstanding 3-year goals: http://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/RAAC%20goals%2015-16_0.pdf

Public Awareness Subcommittee (Hecker)

Microsite has been updated and is much easier to work with after the redesign. Report submitted via email.

Jennifer B. will check in with Jennifer H. regarding outstanding three-year goal items.

Advocacy Subcommittee (Chatalbash)

Revised advocacy protocol has been updated and is available online.

There was a study looking for any geographic advocacy gaps in the United States. The study showed that there were no gaps with advocacy groups found in every region.

Working is being done to improve the advocacy toolkit on the Issues and Advocacy site.

A subcommittee is working on communications about the revised protocol.

Education Subcommittee (Brannock)

Symposium – Planning for the symposium is ongoing. At this point, 54 people are registered for the event. Publicity has been sent to southern library schools, library organizations, and the museum group in Georgia. At this point, all other goals are delayed because of the time required to plan the symposium.

The New England Archivists may be interested in co-sponsoring the mentoring program, depending on timing. A pilot event will be scheduled to start the partnership.

Membership Subcommittee (Vinson)

No report.

Grants Development Subcommittee (Chinery)

The committee has worked on checking all of the links found on the grants resources page. Those are being updated regularly.

Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee (Labinsky)

The website lists have been posted and updated. The pathfinder of climate change resources has also been posted to the website. Both resources have been promoted on social media.

Project ARCC has suspended the oral history interviewing project “pending more person-power.” The subcommittee will wait to see what happens in the future.

Advisory Boards (Focke)

No report.

Advisory Boards transition - Coalition to Advance Learning and Joint Advocacy Working Group (Chatalbash)

In August, Amanda will step down as the RAAC representative on various advisory boards. Rachel will represent RAAC on the advisory boards that are still active including the Coalition to Advance Learning and the Joint Advocacy Working Group. Rachel will not be on the steering committee and will submit reports to relevant subcommittees. The specific lines of report will be finalized in a future RAAC meeting.