

Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC)

Report to AHA, 10/12/2015

RAAC Symposium

- A RAAC Symposium will be held on August 2 in conjunction with the 2016 Society of American Archivists Conference. Working with Symposium co-sponsors from the Society of Georgia Archivists, the Coca Cola Headquarters has been reserved for the event.
- This event will be directed at representatives from regional archival associations. Registration will be organized to guarantee that a representative from each regional can attend. Additional representatives may attend depending on the registration numbers. The symposium will be open to everyone, not just those associated with RAAC.
- The symposium will be a means to share information between the regionals and to build a network among the groups.

RAAC Subcommittee Goals 2015-2016

Disaster Planning and Recovery Subcommittee (Daria Labinsky, Midwest Archives Conference)

1. Make the Disaster Planning and Response Resources microsite more user-friendly by adding forms, checklists, toolkit-type material, etc.
2. Add a list of climate change-related resources to the site.
3. Collaborate with Project ARCC members to conduct interviews of archivists and others throughout the regions who have experienced natural disasters. The response of archivists in regional organizations during and after natural disasters will be one topic addressed by the interviews.
4. Share the interviews with regional organizations by posting them online and providing links they can forward to their membership.

Grant Development Subcommittee (Kristen Chinery, Michigan Archival Association)

1. Foster collaborative grant writing projects among RAAC participants. Projects could include multi-regional programming grants; preservation grants focused on public awareness or digitization; regional hubs for cold storage, digital storage, or film preservation.
2. Continue to add data to the *Grant Resource Guide*, especially for states that are

not represented. Establish a schedule for verifying that information and links for existing resources are current.

Advisory Boards (Amanda Focke, Society of Southwest Archivists)

1. Continue to serve on Advisory Boards and related Task Forces for the following groups.
 1. Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums
 2. Educopia's Mapping the Landscape grant
 3. Educopia's NEXUS Leadership Grant
2. Keep RAAC informed of activities.
3. Raise awareness broadly of the efforts of these groups.
4. Connect with the RAAC Education Chair as these boards all relate to continuing education and professional development in archives, libraries, and museums.

Education Subcommittee (Jennifer Brannock, Society of Mississippi Archivists)

1. RAAC Symposium
 1. Plan all programming for the symposium.
 2. Assist in other planning needs as required.
2. Survey educational needs of RAAC members and members of the regional groups.
3. Continue to add and publicize the RAAC governance document repository. (<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/regional-archival-associations-consortium-raac/governance-document-repository>)
4. Endorse and publicize mentoring program.

Advocacy Subcommittee (Rachel Chatalbash, Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc.)

1. Coordinate MOU with SAA.
2. Create a form for the advocacy protocol, so that requests for advocacy assistance will be standardized.
3. Develop protocols for transparency for any advocacy issues brought forward to RAAC.
4. Identify any geographic advocacy gaps in the U.S. (i.e. places without regionals that would not know about our ability to provide advocacy assistance on the regional level) and create a proposal for addressing these gaps, if they exist.
5. Increase communications to RAAC about our work, and make sure that the regionals know about the advocacy protocol and how we can help.
6. If time allows, coordinate with the Issues and Advocacy Roundtable on further development of their advocacy toolkit.

Membership Subcommittee (Emily Vinson, AHA)

1. Maintain up-to-date and accurate information in Directory of Regional Organizations.
2. Manage RAAC membership, including maintaining representatives' contact information, stewarding the annual renewal process, assigning representatives to subcommittees, and welcoming new members.
3. Research and post directory to Regional Archives Consortia.
4. Manage election and attendance at 2016 RAAC Annual Meeting.

Public Awareness Subcommittee (Daniel Alonzo, Archivists of Central Texas)

1. Provide online resource for cultivating press / media contacts.
2. Maintain the microsite.
3. Manage the Facebook site.
 1. Solicit content from the subcommittees.
 2. Solicit content from the regionals for Regional of the Month and Archives Month.
4. Make the newsletter contacts spreadsheet available via the microsite and update the contacts.
5. Plan and execute communication plan for RAAC.