

**Society of American Archivists
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**Annual Report: Committee on Archives,
Libraries, and Museums
(Prepared by SAA Chair Su Kim Chung)**

SAA Members on Committee:

- Su Kim Chung (Co-Chair) Term 2011-2013, 2014 (extension)
- Jean Green Term 2011-2013, 2013-2015 (reappointed)
- Jessica Lacher-Feldman Term 2011-2013, 2014 (extension)
- Sarah Demb Term 2012-2014
- Daria D'Arienzo Term 2013-2015 (New appointee)

Minutes of the August 8, 2012, Meeting

Attendees: Su Kim Chung, Sarah Demb, Jean Green, Cory Nimer, Christian Dupont, Matthew Harp, Stephanie Martin, Fred Stielow [UNESCO liaison report], Daria D'Arienzo [new CALM SAA member], Sarah Buchanan, Janet Parsch, Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Nik Honeysett (AAM CALM member), Jennifer Jones, Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Meredith Miller, Colleen Theisen, Jackie Dooley, Beth Kaplan (SAA Council Liaison), Andie Peterson (ALA).

Announcements

Su Kim reminded attendees that the CALM-sponsored session "One for All and All for One: State Archives and Effective Archival; Advocacy" was to be held on Saturday, 17 Aug, in the early-morning coffee slot 8-9.30am.

Reports

- a. ALA Co-Chair – Danielle Plumer reported that the CALM minutes from the ALA meeting are available on the <http://connect.ala.org/node/210783>>ALA Connect website (which is public) and the CALM list run by ALA; she is happy to add anyone to that list. A successful CALM session was held at the ALA 2013 meeting, which included an update from Jackie Dooley on SAA advocacy and had 70+ attendees. This session will be presented as a webinar by AAM on 4 Dec and will include Tom Claeson, Tamara

Hammerline and John Kraska [Jackie remarked that it was good to get him as a speaker on advocacy strategies and that perhaps we could have him in a session at RBMS – will work with Beth Kaplan and Nik on this]; the Declaration on Rights to Libraries starting with public school libraries has been released.

b. SAA Co-Chair – Beth Kaplan, SAA Council Liaison reported that the SAA Strategic Plan (<http://www2.archivists.org/governance/strategic-plan>) focuses on four main streams:

- i. Advocacy - a newly explicit target/focus
- ii. Enhancing professional growth (education)
- iii. Enhancing the field (promoting new knowledge)
- iv. Meeting members' needs (eg Committees Task Force and Annual Meeting TF recommendations)

Jackie Dooley commented that increased collaboration with allied professions should be very visible in the plan – could CALM review action points and feedback to Council over the next few months? Danielle offered to disseminate the Plan to ALA groups; Fred remarked that ALA has a “<http://www.ala.org/united/friends>” Friends of” initiative that provides guidance for Friends groups - SAA could use as model.

c. AAM Co-Chair – Nik recapped the rebranding exercise AAM has done in order to increase representation of museums (of the approx 25-30,000 museums in the US, 3,500 are now members with an additional 20,000 individual members); he commented that SAA might learn from the AAM ‘<http://www.aam-us.org/advocacy/resources/invite-congress-2013>” Invite Congress to Your Museum’ week campaign; the 2013 AAM CALM meeting focused on discussing session ideas centering on education; he has a session placeholder; Nik mentioned the role of museums in supporting public information via initiatives such as ‘<http://www.aam-us.org/docs/default-source/advocacy/museums-on-call.pdf?sfvrsn=8>” Health Care: Museums Do That?’, a healthcare literacy campaign with the support of 95 representative and ? senators; Danielle commented on topic converge with respect to the White House announcement on ALA provision of info on the Affordable Care Act available in libraries; Bob P commented on collaboration with OCLC, <http://www.stemnet.org.uk/> STEM/STEAM and ILMS looking for ways to support those initiatives in schools/LAMS etc.

d. Liaisons – RBMS – Christian (ACRL-RBMS liaison) reported on the metrics and statistics initiative stemming from OCLC’s 2010 report

(<http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/research/publications/library/2010/2010-11.pdf?urlm=162945>)

Taking Our Pulse which indicated a gap/lacks of usable statistics and recommended pathways to developing and promulgating metrics (this links to the third goal in the SAA strategic report); RBMS standards assessment recommendations were endorsed by ALA in July – these focused on Collections, Instruction and Outreach/Reference, Cataloguing and Processing, and Conservation/Preservation/Exhibitions/Loans as follows:

i. Member to represent ALA on discussion of joint TF to develop metrics on counting collections (Martha Conway to lead)

ii. Member to discuss similar re: statistics measurements of users and use (CdP to do this); SAA is supportive of this

iii. Competitive Standards for Higher Education (previously reviewed in 2002 focusing on information literacy, critical thinking skills) which helped to position librarians in larger framework and could similarly inform primary source literacy standards [Cory Nimer remarked that as SAA is to form a standard committee, could this be a joint process with RBMS; Danielle remarked that AAM could also contribute as it is a good fit- is there a corresponding AAM group? She will follow up with Nik]; Fred commented that we should consider how to populate (virtual) classrooms stats (eg visits, material use, web usage, online re-use); Su Kim and Danielle noted that CALM would like to liaison to SAA Standards Committee so there can be a forum for dialogue on EAD/EAC with ALA when it is finalized; Christian asked how should joint structures work?

iv. Preservation and Conservation – should RBMS lead re-design of preservation metrics (previously dropped by ARL)? PARS section (ALA) has informal liaison to ALA which should be maintained; Andie Peterson (CALM liaison) remarked that the Preservation Statistics Project has been picked up via a pilot survey which might be expanded to museums and will be rolled out in January; Danielle commented that AIC has expressed interest in reciprocal liaison relationship; Danielle is informal liaison to Heritage Preservation (MOV and NEH to fund some work); there is a Heritage Health liaison position open.

e. No ILMS updates

a. UNESCO update - Fred is now on the Commission on US Funding of UNESCO and will report back (ALA and AAM are represented within UNESCO but SAA is not)

Old Business

- Action item from ALA meeting: No progress on AASLH liaison yet; tbc
- Ad hoc committees need to be re-visited (eg education info on microsite); ALA members are appointed to sub-committees on advocacy (Jennifers were no longer on line at this point; Danielle to follow up)
- CALM microsite – ALA CALM wiki to be taken down and migrated to SAA microsite; can we put out call to student volunteers to help? CALM members to draft migration procedure and scoping statement for site.

New Business

2014 session proposals (AAM deadline 26 Aug, SAA Deadline early October) were brainstormed:

- Fred – where are we with web/online education?

- Nik – badging, value of
- Danielle – is there follow up to DAS testing/certification/ACA? - interaction with digital humanities assignments and problem of assessments
- Christian – credentialing and evaluating skills (by employers) with panel consisting of teacher, employer, candidate and mid-career developer
Steering Committee members stayed behind to draft session précis

Completed Projects/Activities:

SAA's CALM Co-Chair attended ALA 2013 Mid-Winter CALM meeting virtually via Skype and ALA 2013 CALM meeting via telephone conference call. Some committee members have also attended virtually.

Although we wish the attendance would have been greater, CALM's sponsored session on Advocacy at the SAA Annual Meeting 2013 provided a lot of useful food for thought. We will need to remind our session chairs to monitor time more carefully as this was the second CALM-sponsored session where certain speakers went over time guidelines.

With the assistance of ALA CALM Co-Chair Danielle Plumer, we crafted a session proposal on professional education to submit to the program committee for the SAA 2014 Annual Meeting. Titled "Grow Forward: Professional Education Needs in the 21st Century" featuring Archivist of the United States, David Fererio, ALA past-president Maureen Sullivan and Dr. Renee Hobbs of University of Rhode Island, a leading authority on digital and media literacy education. Unfortunately, despite our high hopes for the session, we did not make the cut for the 2014 meeting and as a result, will not have a themed session concurrent with the sessions at ALA and AAM. This was obviously disappointing to us, and we are hoping that it might be possible in the future, to have a guaranteed slot as is offered to ALA for their CALM session -- more on this in the general questions/concerns for Council section. Please note that last year, Jackie arranged for us to have a guaranteed slot on the SAA program, but we were unaware and we actually got on the program through normal channels.

On a positive note, there were two LAM-related session proposals submitted to CALM for endorsement for the 2014 meeting so it's heartening to know that LAM issues are significant to our membership!

Ongoing Projects/Activities:

CALM's chair has added content to the SAA CALM microsite dating from her tenure beginning in 2012, including meeting agendas, minutes, and SAA Reports, and the Ad-Hoc committee information that currently exists. Additional information from the existing ALA CALM wiki was linked to this site as well. We still need to get some of that content linked into the microsite. This was a project suggested from last year but we did not make any headway on it – see Old Business above.

The CALM Ad-Hoc Committees that were originally suggested at ALA 2012 were formed and respective members of CALM assigned to assemble information (contacts and lists regarding activities and opportunities to be collated with corresponding information from the other organizations) on the topics of advocacy and education. A third member was assigned to work on the session proposal for the following year. The idea was to get members from all three organizations, but unfortunately, there has been no response from the other organizations. The committee headings were added to the microsite but as of now, only the Education section has content. **We need to revisit this and figure out what we want to accomplish with these committees.**

I know that Danielle Plumer (ALA Co-Chair) has been trying to get her committee together but has not had much response from her members. No progress yet with AAM.

Last April 2012, there was a useful conference call with SAA's Executive Director, CALM's SAA Council Rep, current SAA President Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, and incoming SAA President Jackie Dooley. Of the many things discussed, there was continuing concern with having buy-in from the leadership level of the three organizations. Gregor has focused on this in subsequent discussions with Maureen Sullivan and AAM leadership but not sure where this stands at the moment. **I don't know where this is at moment or how much of a priority it can be with all of our competing priorities.**

In last year's Committee Report, CALM's Co-Chair report, I had remarked on how I created a brief request and list of equipment needed to facilitate Skype calls for virtual meeting attendance and submitted it for presentation at the June 2012. We have been able to consistently use Skype or GoTo Meeting technology due to the kind assistance of Danielle Plumer at various ALA and SAA meetings, but obviously this is not a sustainable model for the future. We certainly hope that progress can be made in the annual meeting task force to cover virtual meeting technology.

New Projects/Activities:

Strategic Priority - Technology initiatives: No initiatives at this time.

Strategic Priority - Diversity initiatives: No initiatives at this time.

Strategic Priority - Advocacy/Public Awareness initiatives: CALM's session at SAA's Annual Meeting 2013 followed the advocacy theme as planned the year previously - "One for All and All for One: State Archives and Effective Archival Advocacy."

Questions/Concerns for Council Attention: This year, one continuing member was reappointed and one new member was appointed to CALM. It might be useful in the future, however, if the Chair is consulted before reappointments take place.

To some extent, it seems that there are a lot more committee members on CALM than there is available work for. It might be something to think about to reduce it to the Chair, and two members. That way, the other members might be funneled into SAA committees where there is more work. Last year we were a bit more engaged due to the personal efforts of the chair, but this year, because of various issues on the chair's part, we have not been as active. It can be a challenging committee to engage because our goals are a little ambiguous, and so much time goes by in between meetings, and we can lose the sense of momentum. However, there is always hope we can make some progress each year if we are consistent in formulating action items (and ensuring follow through) at the meetings, and attempt to meet at least once or twice virtually between meetings.

Some things we hope to accomplish:

- Continue to populate the CALM microsite with old and new content including:
 - Assembling a list of past programs on the CALM microsite for reference.
 - Work on adding new information for Ad Hoc committees to the microsite
 - Figure out a way to add older ALA wiki content to SAA microsite
- Coordinate CALM liaisons to appropriate SAA committees as discussed - standards and preservation.
- Begin a dialogue with SAA Council or appropriate body in SAA to see if CALM can get a guaranteed slot on the program in the future. We feel that the concurrent sessions on the same theme held at the three meetings (ALA, AAM & SAA) are essential in order to reinforce on a yearly basis, common issues and trends of importance to LAMS. Although we occasionally get LAM-related session proposals, this is the only real chance to have a forum at the SAA meeting for these issues that is open to a wider base of the membership.