

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
February 2 – 4, 2010
Washington, D.C.**

2008 – 2009 Representatives' Annual Reports
(Compiled from submissions to SAA Office)

**ALA/SAA/AAM Joint Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums
(CALM)**

No report submitted.

Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA)

Scott Cline recently appointed; no 2008-2009 report submitted.

ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access

Report from SAA Liaison Lisa Carter included in Standards Committee annual report at Agenda Item V.L. (page 6).

Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM)

Ted Ryan was designated representative; no report submitted.

Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA)

No designated representative; no report submitted.

Heritage Emergency National Task Force

Thomas Connors was designated representative. No report submitted.

**International Council on Archives, Section for Records Management and
Archival Professional Associations**

The SPA Steering Committee met on November 16, 2009, at the annual ICA meeting (CITRA), held this year in Malta. In addition, a general meeting of delegates from associations took place on November 20.

1. Universal Declaration on Archives

As I reported previously, the proposed Universal Declaration on Archives was based on a Declaration developed by the association of archivists in Quebec. A working group prepared draft language, which was then reviewed and revised by SPA in the spring meeting 2008. The Executive Board endorsed the revision, and it came to the annual business meeting for formal adoption. To the surprise of almost everyone, instead of adopting the text it was “endorsed in principle” by the ICA business meeting. Another working group will be set up to further develop the text.

2. Archival Solidarity Project

Archival Solidarity is a SPA project, led by Nancy Marrelli from Concordia University, which aims to coordinate efforts of the international community to carry out foreign assistance projects to help developing archival communities. Its website is located at <http://archives3.concordia.ca/Solidarity/default.html>

Just before the annual meeting, the ICA program management committee gave the Project funds to hire a graduate student to add entries to its database on funding sources available throughout the world. The Project hopes to add as many as 1000 entries over the next six to eight months.

3. Dues and budgets

The revised scale of fees for associations, which includes a provision for impoverished associations to substitute service to ICA for dues, is now in place. Three associations (Rwanda, Burundi and Senegal) have said that they wish to substitute a service activity for dues, but no specific proposals have been received.

The entire matter of funding ICA continues to be heatedly debated. According to the ICA Treasurer, six national archives contribute 32% of the budget, and the national archives as a whole contribute 81%. Associations provide only 2% of the dues. The ICA leadership believes this situation is not sustainable, particularly as national governments are in financial straits. ICA hired a consulting group to propose a plan for alternate funding sources, which made a first report and is now going to elaborate it. The annual business meeting adopted “in principle” a plan to create a commercial entity for ICA to see if additional funds can be generated.

4. Upcoming events

The European Archives Conference, of which SPA is a co-sponsor, will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on April 28-30, 2010. The conference will have four themes with 20-30 papers for each. The SPA steering committee will meet for the three days preceding the conference.

On August 30-31, 2010, the Royal Dutch Society of Archivists and the Flemish (Belgian) Association of Archivists (V.V.B.A.D.) will host a conference marking 100 years since the first international archives conference, which was held in Belgium in 1910. The conference theme is *Archives without Borders*; the sessions will be held in the Peace Palace in The Hague. A call for

papers will go out shortly, and an article about the conference will be in the next newsletter of the ICA's Section of Professional Associations.

Two weeks later, between September 13 and 18, 2010, the CITRA conference will be held in Oslo, Norway. More information will be available soon on the website of the National Archival Services of Norway <http://www.arkivverket.no/english/news/newsarkchive/4071.html>,

Finally, the second international conference of archival associations will be held the week of September 19, 2011, in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Society of Archivists (U.K.) will meet from Monday to Wednesday, with overlap on Wednesday with SPA. The provisional theme is "professional identity," and further development of the program will be discussed at the SPA spring meeting. The first international association meeting had both the SAA and ACA presidents participating, so one or both may want to think about a trip to Scotland in 2011.

5. Association news

The Romanian and Israeli associations have signed a memorandum of agreement to work together on projects.

The Norwegian and Dutch associations are helping set up a new archives association in Bangladesh.

The Latvian associations report that a new archives law, which is predicted to pass on December 16, will allow the professional association to certify individual archivists.

The Dutch association is working on establishing a "register" for individual certification of archivists.

The Australian association is celebrating its 30th birthday.

Respectfully submitted by Trudy Huskamp Peterson.

International Council on Archives Committee on Descriptive Standards

Report from SAA Liaison Claire Sibille included in Standards Committee annual report at Agenda Item V.L. (page 11).

National Coalition for History (NCH)

Robert Sink was designated representative. No report submitted.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

Tim Ericson is designated representative. No report submitted.

National Information Standards Organization (NISO)

Report from SAA Liaison Kathleen Dow included in Standards Committee annual report at Agenda Item V.L. (page 13).

U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield

No designated representative; no report submitted.

U.S. MARC Advisory Board / ALA MARBI

Kris Kiesling is designated representative. No report submitted.

US State Department Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation

Margaret Hedstrom was designated representative for 2008-2009. No report submitted.