Agenda Item III.H.

Society of American Archivists
Council Conference Call
January 16, 2015
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST

Awards Committee Annual Report
(Prepared by Co-Chair Steven Booth)

Officers:

Lisa Conathan (Outgoing Co-Chair, 2012-2014)
Steven D. Booth (Co-Chair, 2013-2015)
Susan Hamburger (Incoming Co-Chair, 2014-2016)

Report from Annual Meeting:

- Number of attendees: 36.
- Summary of meeting activities: See attached meeting minutes.

Completed Projects/Activities:

- ✓ "6 Steps for Crafting an Awards Nomination," forthcoming article in the November/December issue of *Archival Outlook*.

Ongoing Projects/Activities:

- ✓ The Awards Committee launched the 2015 awards cycle in October 2014. Subcommittees are publicizing awards and scholarships, and soliciting nominations within SAA, the profession, and archival community.

- ✓ Harold T. Pinkett Award:
    - Subcommittee Chair Gabrielle Dudley drafted and submitted revisions to award language for the essay requirement. Currently being reviewed by the SAA Council.

New Projects/Activities: None.

Initiatives associated with the new 2013-2018 Strategic Plan: None.

Questions/Concerns for Council Attention: None.

Appendix

Society of American Archivists
Awards Committee Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2014, 2 pm-3 pm
Washington 5 (Exhibition Level)
(Prepared by Steven D. Booth)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Lisa Conathan (outgoing co-chair) called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. She introduced herself, Steven D. Booth (co-chair), Susan Hamburger (incoming co-chair), and Teresa Brianti (staff liaison). Subcommittee members that were present also introduced themselves. A total of 36 persons attended the meeting.

II. Awards Schedule

Teresa discussed the schedule, lineup, and presenters for the awards presentations:

- Thursday August 14th 8:00am-9:30am. Plenary I in Marriott Salon 1/2/3 (Lobby Level). CoSA Awards (4), NAGARA Awards (2), and SAA Fellows (5) presented by representatives of CoSA, NAGARA and SAA.
- Friday August 15th 8:00-9:00am. Plenary II in Marriott Salon 2/3 (Lobby Level). SAA Student Awards (Pease, Ham, Forman, Mosaic, Peterson, Pinkett) presented by Awards Co-Chairs Lisa and Steven; and one Jameson Archival Advocacy Award presented by SAA President Danna Bell.
- Friday August 15th 5:45-6:45pm. Awards Ceremony in Marriott Salon 1 (Lobby Level). Jameson, Hamer-Kegan, Coker, Leland, Preservation Publication, Lane, Spotlight, Diversity, Archival Innovator, Emerging Leader Award (presented by Steven); and two SAA Council Exemplary Service Awards presented by SAA President Danna Bell.

III. Nominations

Lisa reported a total of 118 nominations were received for 2014, which is significantly down from 2013 (164) and 2012 (183).

- The Hamer-Kegan Award received the most nominations (15) as well as the various student scholarships (ranging from 9 to 13 each).
- There were no nominations for the Holmes Travel Award, which had 7 in 2013 and 4 in 2012; and the Distinguished Service Award, which has historically low nominations.
- Both the Jameson Archival Advocacy Award and the Diversity Award received two nominations.

Subcommittee members offered strategies to improve the number of nominations for the above categories in 2015. Suggestions included partnering with the Regional Archives Conference to promote the Distinguished Service Award, creating a tip sheet outlining the nominations process, publishing articles in *Archival Outlook* about various awards, and soliciting nominations from SAA Roundtables and Sections. Lisa stressed the importance of the subcommittee's publicizing their awards and scholarships to appropriate venues and organizations.

IV. Committee Communication

Lisa discussed the communication issues with the listserv. She expressed concern that subcommittee members had not received her messages throughout the year. Some members confirmed her thoughts. Teresa offered to check with Matthew Black (SAA Web and Information Systems Administrator) about the problem. Lisa reminded the committee about the importance of using the resources that are available on the awards microsite.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.