

## **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

MUSEUM ARCHIVES SECTION, Society of American Archivists Annual Conference, Friday, August 19, 2005, 8:00 am  
Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana

Officers: Kristine Kaske, chair; Laura Peimer, recording secretary; Polly Darnell and Molly Wheeler, newsletter co-editors.

### Introductions

Kristine Kaske brought the meeting to order. She thanked Daniel Alonzo and Paula Larich for their work as webmasters this past year and Deborah Wythe for her work as editor on the Museum Archives Manual.

### Museum Archives Manual

Deborah Wythe, editor of the Museum Archives Manual, 2nd ed., announced that as of June 30, the Manual is in second place in SAA publication sales.

### Museum Archives Directory

Kristine announced that she and other members of a committee are continuing to work on the museum archives directory, which will be a resource on the SAA website. They will be sending out a survey to institutions to obtain the following information for the online directory:

- Museum name
- Name of archives
- Title (contact)
- Location
- Phone/e-mail/URL
- Type of collections
- Free text section

### SAA Update

SAA has created a Diversity Committee. The committee's goal is to increase diversity within SAA, including diversity of race, ethnicity, age, gender, and sexual orientation. Through their work, the committee hopes to increase membership, attract applicants for minority scholarships, and enhance participation in SAA's educational offerings. Discussion ensued over what the section can do to increase

diversity. Maygene Daniels suggested that diversity can include people with disabilities and should pertain to researchers and users, as well.

Kristine opened the floor to discussion about the SAA Strategic Issue Statement (currently in draft form), which includes references to issues of technology, diversity, and public awareness. During discussion, some members noted that the tone of the statement was negative.

### Session Proposals

Marissa Bourgoïn announced that she will be on the program committee for next year. Next year's SAA conference will be a joint meeting with NAGARA and Council of State Archivists in Washington, DC (7/31-8/6/2005). Marissa noted that the committee is not accepting formal endorsements from sections and that there will be no theme for the conference. Proposals are due by October 7.

Kristine suggested a possible session on connections between Federal and state funding organizations and archives. The session could include representatives from archives who have received Federal or state funding as a means to support archival projects and programs. Additionally, there could be discussion regarding WPA projects.

Bernadette Callery suggested a session on acquisitions, focusing on materials collected on federal lands or WPA works housed in museums.

Deborra Richardson spoke briefly about the Committee on Archives, Libraries and Museums and CCO (Cataloging Cultural Objects) and suggested a program concerning digital asset management systems. She also suggested a session on the perceptions or images of archivists, librarians, and museum professionals.

Other session suggestions:

Archivist as fundraiser.

The early days of institutional archives. Many of these archives were started with NHPRC or NEA grants. How have these programs progressed?

### Election of Officers

Marissa Bourgoïn was nominated and elected to be the new chair-elect. Kristin Parker was nominated and elected to be the new recording secretary.