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**Action: Academy of Certified Archivists
Proposal for Student Poster Award
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BACKGROUND

The Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) informally proposed a Student Poster Award to the Student Program Subcommittee for the 2011 Annual Meeting. The discussion was deferred pending a formal proposal from ACA to the SAA Council.

Proposal

ACA would like to recognize outstanding student achievement as demonstrated among the posters submitted for and displayed at the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting(s). The Academy proposes to recognize three student posters. See the Appendix for a description of the award.

The initial awards would be made at the SAA Annual Meeting in August 2012, with additional awards made at subsequent annual meetings.

First-, second-, and third-place awards would range from paid ACA examination application fee to paid SAA Annual Meeting registration, ACA examination application fee, and ACA membership dues upon successful passage of the examination. Additionally, ACA would place ribbons on or near the winning posters (in accordance with SAA input).

The winners would be promoted in the *ACA Newsletter* and through the ACA social media outlets. The Academy would submit an announcement to SAA to be considered for inclusion in *Archival Outlook*, *In the Loop*, the SAA Facebook page, or any other outlet deemed appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Pros: Three benefits of this award are:

1. To further both SAA's and ACA's inclusion of students in the profession;
2. To encourage professional engagement of new members of the societies (SAA and ACA); and
3. To promote collaboration among allied professional organizations that have shared values and missions.

This award would not have an impact on the SAA Annual Meeting or awards ceremony schedule, nor would it require additional meeting space or technology. Poster selection would continue to be done by the Student Program Subcommittee of the SAA Program Committee.

Cons: None.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Student Poster Award

Purpose and Criteria for Selection:

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding student achievement as demonstrated among the posters submitted for and displayed at the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting(s).

Should the ACA implement criteria for the award (e.g., focus on one of SAA's three strategic initiatives or a particular aspect of an Annual Meeting theme), ACA will coordinate this decision and the criteria announcement with SAA and the Student Program Subcommittee of the SAA Program Committee.

Eligibility:

Student posters submitted to and selected by the SAA Student Program Subcommittee to be displayed at the SAA Annual Meeting.

Sponsor and Funding:

Academy of Certified Archivists.

Prizes:

First place: SAA Annual Meeting registration fee (in the year in which the student takes the ACA certification examination); examination application fee; and ACA membership dues upon successful passage of the examination.

Second place: Examination application fee and ACA membership dues upon successful passage of the examination.

Third place: Examination application fee.

Post-Award Promotion:

The winners are promoted in the *ACA Newsletter* and through ACA social media outlets. The Academy will submit an announcement to SAA to be considered for inclusion in *Archival Outlook*, *In the Loop*, the SAA Facebook page, or any other outlet deemed appropriate.

Selection Committee:

To be appointed by and consisting of the Academy of Certified Archivists Board and/or ACA members who are also SAA members.

Application Deadline:

As determined by the SAA Program Committee.

For Nomination Forms:

Not applicable.