

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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Chicago, Illinois**

**Annual Report: Committee on Archives, Libraries,  
and Museums (CALM)**

(Prepared by SAA Co-Chair Su Kim Chung)

**Name of Section/Roundtable:** Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums  
(CALM)

**Date:** January 4, 2012

**Officers: [none elected, this is an appointed group]**

- Su Kim Chung (Co-Chair) Term 2011-2013
- Name (Vice Chair) [no Vice Chair office but co-chairs from AMA and ALA]
- Jean Green Term 2011-2013
- Jessica Lacher-Feldman Term 2011-2013
- Lynda DeLoach Term 2010-2012
- Teresa Yoder Term 2011-2013

**Report from Annual Meeting:**

*Number of attendees:* 14.

*Summary of meeting activities:* [notes by Susan Malbin, outgoing chair 2011] Fourteen people attended the CALM meeting in Chicago. Susan Malbin, SAA co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. After a brief round of introductions, Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, incoming SAA President, reviewed the meeting between SAA leadership and ALA leadership to coordinate advocacy and technical issues. Keith Fiels, the American Library Association Executive Director, saw the need for cooperation on issues such as Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCE). Gregor saw the CALM Committee as a venue for a broader scale of cooperation between professional organizations – not just ALA but with Council of State Archivists, National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, and American Association for State and Local History, as well as the American Association of Museums.

Charlotte Brown summarized the last committee meeting at ALA in which proposals for the next cycle of joint programs were discussed. The group in attendance voted to focus on the issues of convergence and harmonization between *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* (DACS) and the new Resource Description and Access (RDA) guidelines. Several speakers were proposed. Incoming SAA co-chair Su Kim Chung will draft the

Session proposal for the SAA 2012 conference. She will work with the draft being proposed for ALA which Danielle Plummer (who was not there) will forward. Susan Malbin, outgoing SAA co-chair, offered to help Su Kim with the draft. Murtha Baca from the Getty Research Institute and Barbara Tillet, Library of Congress, were two proposed speakers.

Christian DuPont gave an update of the TCE issue. ALA hadn't really thought through the implication of all the IP rights from the SAA point-of-view. For now ALA, through its Office of Information Technology, will continue to monitor the issue in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). SAA has a Cultural Property Working Group that will monitor the issue from the SAA viewpoint. National History Day lost its federal funding but will continue through advocacy and private funds.

- There was no Preservation Week Report.
- In New Business, Jackie Dooley, reported on new OCLC research: Archival Grid subscription service, research partnership, etc., and provided handouts to the OCLC online reports. No other new business was raised and the meeting adjourned at 11:30.

**Completed Projects/Activities:** With the help of CALM member Danielle Plummer, SAA co-chair solicited participants and submitted revised session proposal on linked data for 2012 SAA Annual Meeting. The proposal received endorsements from the Standards Committee and Description Section of SAA, and we received notice that it was accepted in December 2011. Similar sessions (with different participants) are planned for the AMA and ALA meetings.

CALM also endorsed two session proposals for the SAA Annual Meeting but only one was accepted.

**Ongoing Projects/Activities:** None at this time, but would like to have the committee become more engaged and active in general.

**New Projects/Activities:** Co-Chair (SAA) would like CALM to follow up on President Trinkaus-Randall's call for greater cooperation at the higher level of administration with SAA, ALA, and AMA. Please also see section on "Questions/concerns for Council attention" for more detail regarding this area.

**Strategic Priority – Technology:** No initiatives at this time.

**Strategic Priority – Diversity:** No initiatives at this time.

**Strategic Priority - Advocacy/Public Awareness:** No initiatives at this time.

**Questions/Concerns for Council Attention:** One of the difficulties with this committee is that there is no continuing membership or leadership that can encourage follow-up on issues from past years. As incoming chair for 2011-2013, I am not really cognizant of the group's history and background, so I feel that I am at something of a disadvantage, and

that is one of the reasons for the brevity of the report. I certainly feel that one of the things that CALM should consider an imperative is developing a framework in which we could forge a sense of continuity in leadership (electing for staggered terms and having co-chairs within SAA) and initiatives, and creating such kind of written documentation and awareness of how the committee functions.

To this end, the current SAA Co-Chair plans to document existing procedures for leadership and committee work (getting input from past leadership if possible), and make modifications as necessary for more effective leadership transition and committee engagement. After discussion with the Council liaison, the co-chair would like to work on researching past annual reports and gain insight into past and current interests and concerns of CALM, and perhaps send out a brief survey to the CALM listserv seeking insight into what issues members would like the committee to pursue in the future or how they would like the committee to become more active and engaged. It is also hoped that there might be a conference call in the near future with SAA leadership to gain some of their insight and recommendations into making the committee more active and engaged. It also seems difficult to get participation from co-chairs of other organizations (AMA and ALA) as well as some members of the committee, but this may be a problem that is not easily solved.