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2011 Program Committee Report

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Committee Selection

We convened a program committee with President Helen Tibbo that was diverse by many measures: regional affiliation, repository type, subject area, duration of membership, gender, and demographics generally. We tried unsuccessfully to include someone from Canada. Our group was very dynamic, professionally – continually demonstrating their professional commitment and enthusiasm – as well as personally – we had two weddings, several major moves, and some job changes during our tenure. The members of the Program Committee were: Co-chairs Nancy McGovern and Richard Marciano, Ken Thibodeau, Brenda Gunn, Rebekah Kim, Cristela Garcia-Spitz, Jennifer Young, Kelly Eubank, Jeff Pirtle, Paige Smith, Francine Snyder, and Christie Peterson. A number of the members were recent or then-current leaders of SAA groups. When appointed, the members came from institutions in eight states: Michigan, North Carolina, Texas, California, Arizona, Alabama, New York, and Maine, plus the District of Columbia.

Program Overall

The 2011 program had a special theme (the 75th Anniversary of SAA) and some logistical challenges (the possible strike by hotel workers). We addressed the former through a well-attended dedicated track of anniversary-related sessions and happily avoided the latter, although the committee members were prepared for the possibilities by SAA staff. An extreme East Coast storm system meant that some attendees left the Annual Meeting in Chicago sooner than planned, but sessions were well-attended through the end. To our knowledge, the sessions were individually and cumulatively successful. The committee worked hard to avoid scheduling sessions on the same topic at the same time and were rewarded with very positive feedback about that and the program overall.

Session Proposals

The committee's selection process resulted in 70 sessions in seven time slots representing a broad range of topics and generally proportional to the topics submitted, as demonstrated by the following list of topics. (Note: A session may have more than one topic associated with it so there are more topics than actual sessions.)

Topic	Selected/Submitted
Records Management	4/6
SAA History	3/3
Ethics	3/3
Facilities/Security	1/1
Archives History	6/7
Access/Privacy	8/11
Electronic Records	12/20
Appraisal	3/4
Web Access	5/7
Description	7/10
Diversity	5/9
Digitization	6/9
Standards	4/6
Management	9/16
Professionalism	5/12
Methodology	7/14
Education	4/12
Preservation	2/8
International	3/6
Social Memory	5/12
Advocacy	4/10
Reference	2/5
Audio/Visual	2/5