

Minutes

Society of Florida Archivists Ad Hoc Board Meeting

March 20, 2017 11:00 a.m.

Attendance: Erin Mahaney, Susan Swiatosz, Janet DeVries Naughton, Jay Sylvestre, Mary Rubin, Gerri Schaad and Sandra Varry.

President Erin Mahaney called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Erin explained the reason for the ad hoc meeting, namely to discuss the Society of Florida Archivists role regarding recent statements made by national organizations such as SAA, ACA, ALA, and others in response to recent legislation and budget cuts. The meeting discussed the degree to which SFA currently has or should have an advocacy role or issue statements/endorsements of other groups, particularly in support of SFA's mission:

The Society of Florida Archivists seeks to connect, educate, and empower archivists and those working with historical records to preserve and promote Florida's documentary heritage.

SFA has and will continue to uphold its mission to inform members of relevant legislation, issues, and initiatives affecting the archival profession regionally and nationally, and the listserv will continue to act as a forum for SFA members to share initiatives and advocacy efforts.

The Regional Archival Associations Consortium (RAAC) is working towards statements and letter writing campaigns. SFA contributed towards RAAC's seat on the NCH Policy Board. RAAC is focusing efforts on NCH's approach, which currently is focused on IMLS/NEA/NEH.

The board agreed to hold a public forum during the annual business meeting in May and facilitate a discussion with membership on how they would like SFA's involvement in advocacy efforts to look going forward. The board will publicize the forum.

Erin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 and Gerri seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet DeVries Naughton, Secretary