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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

General Description

This standing committee monitors national and state legislation, political appointments and governmental funding agencies, and political issues of interest to archivists. It communicates its findings to the membership via the SCA Board of Directors, the Newsletter, special mailings, and the annual business meeting. It spearheads the resulting action of the Corporation, as approved by the Board. It also orchestrates special projects on an as-needed basis.

Composition and Terms of Office

The chair is appointed by the President with the Board's approval. Other members of the committee, who must be current SCA members, are appointed by the Chair, with the exception of the President, who is an ex officio member. Committee members serve until the conclusion of the term of the President who appoints the Chair. (Bylaws VI.2)

Responsibilities

1. Monitors national and state legislation, election issues, political appointments, governmental funding agencies, and political issues of interest to archivists.
2. Informs the SCA Board of salient news and recommends a course of action.
3. Informs SCA membership of political developments, and situations that call for activism, through the Newsletter, the annual business meeting, and special mailings if necessary.
4. Coordinates, on an as-needed basis, special projects that correct shortcomings in law from an archival perspective.
5. Assists the SCA program and workshop planners in preparing panels, programs, seminars, and annual meeting displays pertinent to the committee's realm of activity.
6. Maintains a copy of the SCA Handbook, and recommends revisions of the Government Affairs Committee section to SCA Board when needed.
7. Forwards non-current records of the committee to the SCA archives at the end of the year.