During 2014, the Council of State Archivists made significant progress on a number of new initiatives and ongoing projects. These include the following:

**THE STATE ELECTRONIC RECORDS INITIATIVE (SERI)** advanced an ambitious agenda in 2014 as it continued to address one of the most important issues facing state archives today: the management and long-term preservation and access of electronic records. The SERI Steering Committee and four subcommittees developed and implemented two week-long advanced training institutes (in Richmond, VA and Salt Lake City), unveiled the PERTTS Portal on a redesigned Resource Center, presented a full roster of webinars on all manner of electronic records management, and applied for and received an IMLS National Leadership planning grant for ACCESS, a project to create a plan for the engagement a of diverse group of national partners, stakeholders, and other organizations to work collaboratively on increasing access to digital government records and information. SERI is made possible with a $490,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and a $139,750 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), AND hundreds of hours of volunteers who are providing leadership and expertise to the project.

**WASHINGTON, DC BRIEFING.** For several years, CoSA has sponsored a gathering of stakeholders to review our activities, particularly as they related to our SERI work. 2014’s meeting was no exception. Approximately 35 representatives from organizations and agencies as diverse as the National Governors Association to Heritage Preservation to NHPRC and IMLS joined CoSA board members at the Library of Congress for an informative afternoon focused on electronic records. The 2015 briefing is set for April 8th.

**COSA/NAGARA/SAA LEADERSHIP MEETINGS** are regular opportunities for the presidents, vice-presidents and directors of the three organizations to share information and plan collaboratively. In 2014, these conversations led to the formation of a joint advocacy working group and the preparation of a joint issue brief on the importance of funding government archives and archival programs.

**MONTHLY WEB CONFERENCES** for CoSA members and state archives staff covered topics under the theme of *Rethinking Resources.* These ranged from using interns, advocating with your CIO, and photographic storage on a budget to succession planning. As always, we welcome your suggestions for topics.

Model **STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARDS (SHRABs)** activities in several states were the focus of two Town Hall webinars in 2014 and attended by more than 100 SHRAB members and archives staffers. CoSA also hosted a SHRAB Brown Bag Lunch in Washington, DC where more than 50 people heard updates from Kathleen Williams, NHPRC’s Executive Director, and Dan Stokes, Director of State Programs.

**ANNUAL MEETING.** CoSA’s 2014 annual meeting was held jointly with SAA and NAGARA in Washington, DC. What a great meeting! More than 50 state and territory archivists and staff attended the Work Session and Business Meeting. We debuted a successful fundraising auction and CoSA and NAGARA board members shared dinner one evening. We’re looking forward to seeing many of you at the 2015 NAGARA-CoSA joint annual meeting in Austin, TX, July 22-25.

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