US Federal Collections Sessional Committee

Function
The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations to the Society's Council regarding potential opportunities for promoting best practices and sound management of Federal collections housed in Federal and non-Federal repositories.

Leadership and Composition
The committee consists of a Chairperson or two Co-Chairpersons and 10-12 committee members drawn from a broad representation of the SPHNC membership, focusing on appropriate governmental agency representatives, repository managers, and permitted researchers.

Duties
The committee will explore ways in which the Society can collaborate with Federal agencies to assist them with their need to develop best practices in the care of their collections, whether managed directly or by non-Federal institutions. Additionally, the committee will consider related issues such as terms and conditions for repository agreements; facilitate communication between Federal and non-Federal collections staff; and communicate with SPNHC membership. The committee aids in drafting SPNHC responses to call for public comment on policy issues.

Calendar Items
February: Report of Committee work sent to Newsletter.
May or June: Report of Committee work presented to Annual Business Meeting and to Council.
August: Report of Committee work sent to Newsletter.
31 August: Submit any corrections or text revisions for the Leadership Manual to the SPNHC Secretary.
September: Transfer important records and items of committee business to the Archives Committee.

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