

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
May 20-22, 2019  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions**  
(Prepared by Executive Committee Member Erin Lawrimore)

**BACKGROUND**

Current parliamentary policy agrees on validating board decisions made remotely, and ratifying the Council's online and conference-call decisions via the Consent Agenda does not conflict with any existing SAA policy.

**DISCUSSION**

Given the Executive Committee's use of an e-mail discussion list to function as a group and make decisions remotely, approving interim Executive Committee actions via the Consent Agenda contributes to streamlining the group's work and improves access to the interim decisions of SAA's elected decision makers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the following interim actions taken by the Executive Committee between January 21, 2019, and April 9, 2019, be ratified:**

- Approved a statement, "[Government Shutdown Compromises the Work of Federal Archivists](#)," drafted by the Committee on Public Policy, supporting all archivists, federal employees, and others who were affected by the government shutdown. (January 21, 2019)
- Drafted and published the "[SAA Statement on Obama Presidential Library](#)." (February 28, 2019)
- Signed on to a [statement](#) issued by the Council of State Archivists expressing concern about Texas House Bill 1962, which would change the existing statutes governing archival records of the Texas legislature. (April 9, 2019)