

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
May 12 and May 15, 2025
Chicago, IL
Virtual Meeting
Consent Agenda: Ratify Council Interim Actions
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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 Council's use of an e-mail discussion list to function as a group and make decisions remotely, approving interim Council actions via the Consent Agenda contributes to streamlining the group's work and improves access to the interim decisions of SAA's elected decisionmakers.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following interim actions taken by the Council between February 13 and April 28, 2025, be ratified.

04.28.2025 "THAT the SAA Council approve the recommendation by the SAA Executive Committee to expand the federal impacted workers to provide one year of SAA membership for archivists and repository workers impacted by the cancellation of federal grants/funds.

Limited funds are available, and SAA is accepting applications until June 30, 2025 (end of FY - to be reevaluated afterward) Motion, Second Approved.

04.20.25 That the SAA Council approve the recommendation by the Executive Committee to provide one year of SAA membership for workers impacted by the cancelation of federal grants/funds.

- Accepting applications until June 30, 2025 (end of FY), to be reevaluated afterward.
- Staff will develop an application.

Motion, Second Approved.

04.08.2025 THAT the SAA Council approves section led townhall to support membership proposed and membership driven initiatives like these; that an SAA staff member be a part of the meetings being held on town halls; section held meetings will submit a short report that will be used to inform the association-wide town halls to be held in April and May. Motion, Second Approved

03.26.2025 THAT the SAA Council approves a 50% discounted registration rate for federal workers who have recently been terminated and who have completed the required form. Motion, Second, Approved

03.21.2025 That the SAA Council approve the funding request by the SAA Diversity Committee that requests that funding in the amount of \$1000 be included in SAA's FY 2026 budget to support up to two speakers at the Diversity Forum. Motion, Second Approved

03.21.2025 That the SAA Council approve the funding request by the SAA Membership Committee in the amount of \$400 be included in SAA's FY 2026 budget to support the annual cost of Appointlet and Meeting Take Aways for membership. Motion, Second Approved

03.17.2025 That SAA Council approved a [statement](#) on the media reports concerning records destruction. The swift shuttering of USAID raises questions as to the proper disposition of that agency's records, including ensuring permanent records are transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Furthermore, SAA supports all federal staff in their effort to uphold the rules and statutes governing the management of records and archives. Motion Second Approved

02.25.2025 That the SAA Council approve the VP recommendations by the Executive Committee to fill the role of VP/President-Elect for the remaining term of FY25. Motion Second Approved

02.25.2025 That the SAA Council approve the recommendation by the Executive Committee to provide one year of SAA membership for the Federal, Archives Workers, and Records Managers impacted.

- Accepting applications until June 30, 2025 (end of FY), to be reevaluated afterward.
- Staff will develop an application.
- The 15K that was earmarked for Strategic Planning will be utilized to support this initiative.

Motion Second Approved.

02.25.2025 Council Vote: Interim Action SAA VP (02/25-8/25)

Moved, seconded, Motion Second Approved.

02.19.2025 Council Interim Vote: Should the EC approve the posting of the SAA Fellows' [petition](#) that states, “SAA Fellows responded to the dismissal of AOTUS Motion, Second Approved.