

**Society of American Archivists
Council Conference Call
January 20, 2016
2:00 – 4:00 pm EST**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
(Prepared by Executive Committee Member Lisa Mangiafico)**

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 robust 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 November 11, 2015, and January 20, 2016, be ratified:

- Adopted the revised '[Issue Brief: Archivists and the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement](#)' as submitted to the Executive Committee by the Intellectual Property Working Group and the Committee on Public Policy, updated to reflect the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement text released on November 5, 2015 (December 22, 2015);
- Approved a [letter regarding recent changes to Wisconsin Public Records Law](#), drafted by the Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy, to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Scott Neitzel (January 11, 2016);
- Approved the following modifications to the eligibility language of the Ham Scholarship (*underline = addition, strikethrough = deletion*):

The scholarship funds must be used to support the graduate archival education of a ~~second year~~ student who is studying at a United States university program that meets the criteria for graduate education set forth by the Society of American

Archivists' Guidelines for a Graduate Program in Archival Studies. The student must have successfully completed a minimum of three (3) semester credit hours, or the equivalent of a course(s) meeting the definition of "core archival knowledge" presented in the Guidelines."

proposed by The Ham Scholarship Selection Subcommittee of the Awards Committee and approved by the individual who established the scholarship (January 11, 2016).