

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
January 13, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
(Prepared by Governance Manager Felicia Owens)**

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 November 17 and January 5, 2021, be ratified:

- Approved a document, prepared by the CoSA/NAGARA/RAAC/SAA Joint Working Group on Issues and Awareness, to be shared with the Biden Presidential Transition Team advocating for proper archives and records management practices. (November 17, 2020)
- Approved SAA support for the US Truth and Racial Healing and Transformative Movement team, a national initiative to "form a cohort of scholars, legislators and religious leaders seeking to address the historic injustice endured by African Americans." The purpose of the initiative is "to properly acknowledge, memorialize, and be a catalyst for progress toward jettisoning the belief in a hierarchy of human value, embracing our common humanity, and permanently eliminating persistent racial inequities." Dr. Ida E. Jones, SAA member and senior advisor to the team, requested SAA's support. (December 17, 2020)
- Interviewed executive search firms to assist with recruitment of a new Executive Director and expect to have an announcement by the end of January. (Ongoing)