

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
February 16, 18, 2022  
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 December 2, 2021, and February 9, 2022, be ratified:**

- Approved joining the American Research Libraries and the American Library Association to recognize the [National Day of Racial Healing](#) on January 18, 2022. (December 2, 2022)
- Approved re-iterating the 2019 [Joint Statement on Conducting Public Business in Non-Governmental Email Accounts](#) in response to news of Mark Meadows using non-approved communication tools for public government work. (December 22, 2021)
- Approved a statement, "[SAA Supports Portland, Oregon, Community Archivists](#)," to stand with Don't Shoot PDX in its campaign to reclaim the Albina Arts Center as a resource for the Black community. (January 18, 2022)
- Approved a [letter to the editors](#) of various national newspapers, drafted by the Committee on Public Policy, regarding Ripped-Up Government Records and the Critical Role of the National Archives. (February 2, 2022)
- Signed on to a [statement](#), drafted by the Council of State Archivists, preferred qualities for the next Archivists of the United States. (February 9, 2022)