

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
February 1, 3, 2023
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 10, 2022, and January 12, 2023, be ratified:

- Signed on to a [letter](#) drafted by PublicKnowledge.org, as recommended by the Intellectual Property Working Group, to the US Patent and Trademark Office opposing a potential new intellectual property right related to broadcasting that could impede archival work. (November 10, 2022)
- Approved a [rationale document](#), as drafted by Executive Director Jacqueline Price Osafo, to accompany the proposed amendments to the SAA constitution and bylaws. (December 22, 2022)
- Signed on to a [statement](#), written in conjunction with the Council of State Archivists and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, recommending appointment of an archivist to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. (December 22, 2022)
- Agreed to partner for the second year with American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Association of Research Libraries to observe the [National Day of Racial Healing](#). (January 12, 2023)