

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
February 5 – 6, 2024  
Virtual/Chicago, IL**

**President's Report  
(Prepared by: Helen Wong Smith)**

- Participated in weekly calls with Vice President/President-Elect Tomaro Taylor, CEO, Jackie Price Osafo, and Astoria Edwards, Assistant Director, Foundation.
- Participated in monthly calls with the Executive Committee.
- Participated in SAA Foundation meeting, November 2-3, 2023.
- Attended a quarterly meeting organized by NARA for archival organizations (January 22, 2024). Recommended invitation to Academy of Certified Archivists and continued discussion on professional development collaboration.
- Met with ACA leadership discussing cooperative agreement to increase collaboration (December 5, 2023, January 19, 2024). February 26, 2024 “Salon” with ACA President Liz Scott covering the benefits of membership to each.
- Submitted two articles for the President's column for Archival Outlook
- Met with IPWG Co-chairs and Krystal Appiah to discuss presence at WIPO's discussion on SCCR now that they are returning to meeting twice a year in Geneva.
- Resubmitted request for Barack Obama to be keynote at 2024 conference.
- Held monthly informal Council meetings to facilitate discussion on Council Health.
- Presented at the annual conference of the Pacific Island Association of Archives, Libraries and Museums and discussed collaboration with SAA with President, November 11 – 16, 2023
- Attended the International Indigenous Librarians's Forum, November 28 – 30 and served as moderator for the Non-indigenous librarians/archivists sub-group. Met with Mellon Foundation liaison to discuss funding for SAA programming and initiatives.
- Requested Diversity Committee Chair, Kristen Chinery's participation in Pratt Institute's MLK Legacy Week February 2024
- Review Statemet on Gaza and discuss with Michelle Ganz the request for a more neutral stance focusing on archival impacts rather than political.
- Recommended Meredith Evans to be interviewed re: presidential centers and libraries
- Weekly communication between Council and staff
- Investigate membership with the Digital Preservation Council
- Present to California Library Association Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Library Workers' Special Interest Group January 10, 2024; Stanford