

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
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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/recommendations taken by the Executive Committee between November 20, 2024 – January 30, 2025, be ratified:

I. Public Archives Resiliency Act, The Executive Committee issued a statement in support of the (1) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United States, acting jointly with the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, shall award grants through the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities for the purpose of supporting long-term climate resiliency in order to provide continuity and access to covered records, as described in subsection (d).

II. WSJ - SAA's statement in response to the WSJ article *In response to The Wall Street Journal [article](#) published on October 29, 2024, and the [response](#) posted by the Archivist of the United States, Dr. Colleen Shogan, on October 30, 2024, the Society of American Archivists affirms that archivists are professionals bound by a [Code of Ethics](#) guiding archival engagement.*

III. Response to WSJ article The Executive Committee approved the following statement in response to the WSJ article, “Archives Must Be Allowed to Operate Without Political Interference.”

IV. Pro Codes Act - SAA signed on to a letter issued to the Honorable Chuck Schumer in support of not attaching the Pro Codes Act to “must-pass,” legislation

V. CoSA and SAA issued joint letter In a joint effort with Council of State Archivists (CoSA), and other stakeholders, SAA issued a letter to present key recommendations for the IMLS reauthorization language aimed at enhancing the capacity and sustainability of our nation's archival institutions.