

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
February 11-12, 2025  
Online**

**President's Report  
(Prepared by Tomaro Taylor)**

I continue participating in regularly scheduled meetings with Vice President/President-elect Derek Mosley and CEO Jacqueline Price Osafo, as well meetings with SAA Executive Council, SAA Foundation, and SAAF Development Committee. I have recently begun participating in meetings with the SAAF President, Vice President, and CEO.

In November, Vice President Mosely, CEO Osafo, and I attended the ASAE CEO Symposium in Charlotte, NC. We translated some of the brainstorming techniques utilized in the symposium to activities into strategic planning activities at the November Council Meeting. Of these, discussing “Mega Issues” yielded great success. The Executive Committee (in collaboration with the SAAF President and Vice President and SAA Staff) is using the outcomes of the Mega Issues discussion to help frame the strategic planning process.

Also in November, I accepted additional feedback on the proposed Community Guidelines. The guidelines have been revised and will be reviewed at this Council meeting.

In December, I reached out to the Membership Committee, Committee on Ethics and Professional Conduct, and Issues & Advocacy Section to invite their participation in developing the “Future of the Professional Presidential Forum” series. Conversations with selected groups, and their Council liaisons, continue.

**STATEMENTS ISSUED**

“Archives Must be Allowed to Operate Without Political Interference.” Released December 2024 in response to the *Wall Street Journal* article “America’s Top Archivist Puts a Rosy Spin on U.S. History – Pruning the Thorny Parts.” (December 2024)

**ENDORSEMENTS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

- (1) Endorsement of draft legislation “Public Archive Resiliency Act sponsored by Senator Edward J. Markey (D-MASS). December 2024.
- (2) Letter to the Institute of Museum and Library Services re-authorizing language aimed at enhancing the capacity and sustainability of our nation’s archival institutions (December 2024)

**PRESS**

“Rep. Adams, Sens. Markey and Hirono Introduce Legislation to Promote Preservation of Government and Historical Records.”