

CEO Report February 19, 2026 Council Meeting

Leadership

1. President/Pre-elect Weekly meetings - with the president and president-elect along with monthly meetings with the Executive Committee.
2. Foundation - Bi-weekly with the Foundation President, VP, Astoria, and Jill.
3. Strategic Plan - Weekly meetings with Brenda, Brittinay, Astoria, Jill, and Edutopia to discuss the Strategic Plan.
4. Council updates/information - items continue to be shared via the listserv.

Collaborations

1. Joint Working Group (CoSA, NAGARA, and the RAAC) – attend monthly meetings with Bryan to share current activities and discuss potential synergies. iMLS is relocating.
2. iMLS Alliance – SAA sits with this group where we provide updates on activities related to current and future grants.
3. Preservica – signed contract to confirming their support for American 250th initiative.

Annual Meeting

1. NOLA - Cherie and I will travel to NOLA for a site visit in early March.
2. Future Meetings (Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Philadelphia, Seattle, Pittsburgh, and DC) – we have not received a ton of replies from the RFP, are planning to discuss next steps with consultants in early March.
3. Program Committee - staff are in the process of reaching out to those where revisions are needed, approved, and lastly the decline. The Society received a total of 190 abstracts compared to 143 in 2025. Staff will soon share the requirements for Section led sessions.

Staff

1. Staff Retreat – this year, staff focused on technology where we discussed deficits, usage of the multiple platforms, and AI.
2. Staff – please continue to utilize the governance email for items related to governance. Continue to be patient as we continue to onboard the two recent hires (Julie – publications and Matthew – membership).