

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
May 7-9, 2018  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions**  
(Prepared by Executive Committee Member Kris Kiesling)

**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 January 16, 2018, and April 10, 2018, be ratified:**

- Signed on to a Coalition letter regarding [Reforming Congressional Procedures for Discrimination and Harassment](#). (January 16, 2018)
- Held a confidential conference call to discuss performance appraisal and contract renewal for the SAA Executive Director. (April 9, 2018)
- Signed on to a Coalition letter to [Urge Oversight of Census "Citizenship" Question](#). (April 10, 2018)
- Drafted and sent a [letter](#) to notify the Chair and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence of SAA's opposition to the appointment of Gina Haspel to serve as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. (April 30, 2018)