

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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Chicago, Illinois**

**SAA Foundation President's Report  
(Prepared by Margery Sly, President)**

The SAA Foundation Board appreciates this opportunity to provide an update about our activities during the past several months. The Foundation exists to promote and support the charitable and educational initiatives of the Society of American Archivists, and we look forward to strengthening our relationship to support the profession.

**Foundation Strategic Plan**

The Board began work on the Foundation's first strategic plan in fall 2021, made good progress at a planning meeting in mid-January 2022, and reviewed the draft at our last meeting. The current draft offers opportunities to work in concert with the Council to support the SAA Strategic Plan. On April 11, we issued an open call for comments about the draft plan with a comment deadline of April 29; we look forward to responses.

**Foundation Manager Position**

SAA staff drafted and Foundation Board members reviewed a position description for a Foundation manager position. Jackie Price Osafo has made some preliminary recruiting inquiries. Once SAA's vacant positions are filled, recruitment will begin in earnest for this position which will supply dedicated staff support for the Foundation.

**Strategic Growth Grants**

The Foundation funds grants that meet the mission and goals of the Foundation and/or the strategic planning priorities of the Society of American Archivists. The committee notified most of the applicants about the status of their proposals and have one proposal pending.

**Foundation Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee had a deadline of April 20, for applications to serve as Class B members. The Board will review the slate at our June 15 meeting and forward an approved slate to the Council for election.

## **Spring Annual Appeal**

The SAA Foundation is planning an appeal focused on annual meeting awards at the end of May as a bit of a follow-up from conference registration opening, with a theme of “Be Wicked Generous.” Council members will be invited during their meeting to self-record a quick (20 seconds max) video which will be shared via social to encourage donations that directly assist archivists in attending, in person or virtually, SAA conferences. More details to follow.

## **Annual Meeting Awards**

During a discussion at the most recent Foundation Board meeting, the Board decided to award funds to members who attend the annual meeting both virtually and in-person.

## **Awards for Excellence**

The SAA Foundation oversees the funds that enables the Society to award the many awards for excellence in the profession. We look forward to another great year of award winners and having more of a presence at the Annual Meeting that “connects the dots” between the awards and Foundation funds.

## **Foundation Board Meeting**

The Foundation’s next Board meeting will be on June 15, when we’ll approve the budget for the coming year, approve Foundation board member nominations to forward to Council for election, and plan Annual Meeting recognition and outreach events.