

**Society of American Archivists
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**Standards Committee: Appointment of a New Liaison to the
Standards Committee for the International Council on Archives
Expert Group on Archival Description
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BACKGROUND

Given a request by the current liaison to step down, Standard Committee is seeking to replace our liaison from the International Council on Archives Expert Group on Archival Description (EGAD).

DISCUSSION

Since the last SAA Council meeting, it has been communicated to the Standards Committee that our existing liaison to the ICA Expert Group on Archival Description (EGAD) expressed a desire to step down last year. Since we were only recently made aware, we recommend that a replacement liaison be appointed as soon as possible. In conjunction with current EGAD members and in consultation with the Standards Committee, we request that Stephanie Luke, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign be appointed as our new liaison to serve through December 31, 2024. Before the end of that term, the Standards Committee will reach out to the liaison and work on extending their term or finding a replacement. Given the vocal conversations among Standards and our technical subcommittees about RiC and RiC-O, we would like to make sure we have a liaison in place to facilitate the feedback process.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SAA Council appoint Stephanie Luke as the ICA EGAD liaison to the Standards Committee as an ex officio member through December 31, 2024.

Support Statement:

SAA's appointment of a new liaison from ICA EGAD to the Standards Committee will facilitate our communication within our technical subcommittees and reporting bodies, as well as with EGAD and our continued feedback process for their endeavors.

Impact on Strategic Priorities:

No significant impact on strategic priorities but having an active liaison in this role will facilitate Standards Committee efforts with our technical subcommittees, EGAD, and RiC, some of which fit into our activities for the Diversity Strategic Plan.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.