

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
May 1 – 2, 2024
Chicago, IL (Virtual)**

**President's Report
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- Participated in weekly meetings with Vice President/President-Elect Tomaro Taylor, CEO, Jackie Price Osafo, Assistant Director of the Foundation, (Acting Assistant Director of SAAF Governance Astoria Edwards and Assistant Director of Governance Jill Burgos.
- Participated in monthly meeting with the Executive Committee.
- Participated in SAA Foundation meetings, February 15-19, April 6 & 10.
- Attended a quarterly meeting organized by NARA for archival organizations (April 11, 2024).
- Moderated Section Health Assessment Forum, March 20, 2024.
- Drafted Statement on Gaza Conflict for Executive Committee and Council review.
- Submitted two articles for the President's column for Archival Outlook.
- Responded to immediate resignation of a Council member by requesting that the Past-President, Terry Baxter, serve for the remainder of the term.
- Reviewed President-Elect's revised CEO evaluation.
- Met with the Barack Obama Foundation to discuss former President Obama as a keynote speaker at the Annual Conference. Secured Dr. Manulani Meyer, as the keynote speaker, who is an excellent alternative.
- Participated in Collaboration Hui discussion, March 21, April 11, 2024
- Participated in Diversity Committee meeting, March 26, 2024.
- Met with members of the TS-EAS EAD subcommittee regarding the ICA's statement about RiC. Further actions are pending.
- Made a presentation to the Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) at the University of Southern Mississippi, February 13, 2024.
- I was the keynote speaker at the *Collaborative Response to Disasters and Other Challenges*, Association of Hawai'i Archivists Annual Conference and Meeting, Honolulu, February 24, 2024..
- Discussed ACA's job analysis survey at *Leading into the Future: A Conversation Between ACA and SAA Presidents*, Academy of Certified Archivists, Virtual, February 26, 2024.
- Presented *The Application of Cultural Competency towards Diversifying the Archival Profession and Record*, "National Archives of Armenia" SNCO, Armenian National Commission for UNESCO, Virtual, March 26, 2024.
- I participated in a panel at the Library 2.0 Virtual Keynote, *AI and Libraries II: More applications, Implications, and Possibilities* April 18, 2024.

- Presented to the American Library Association's Preservation Week, April 30, 2024.
- Attended Community Centered Archiving: The Community Archiving Workshop (CAW) Model and Resources for Community Archivists, The Archivists Roundtable of Metropolitan New York, Inc., February 23, 2024
- Attended Records Management Section Colloquium, April 9, 2024.