

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
Monday, July 24, 2017  
Oregon Convention Center  
Portland, Oregon**

**Associations Alliance  
(Proposed by the Association of Canadian Archivists)**

**BACKGROUND**

Luciana Duranti, President of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA), contacted SAA President Nance McGovern by email to discuss forming an association alliance. The following comes from this email exchange.

**DISCUSSION**

In Duranti's presidential address, she presented the idea of an alliance for archival associations. The ACA Board unanimously approved the creation of a joint task force composed of two members each from ACA, SAA, ARMA International, and NAGARA.

The ACA Board passed the following motion:

For approval – A Task Force will be established to study the creation of an alliance of records and archives associations initially comprising four member associations: ACA, ARMA International, NAGARA, and SAA. The Task Force for an Associations Alliance (AA) will comprise two representatives of each of the named associations. Its mandate and terms of reference will be established in concert by the Presidents and EDs/CEOs of the 4 associations and it will be given a time line of 6 months from its constitution to submit to the governing body of each association specific recommendations, together with the data supporting them.

Moved: Luciana Duranti, President. Seconded: Jordan Bass, Vice President. Unanimously carried.

ACA has also been in contact with NAGARA and ARMA International and is awaiting responses from each. Duranti would like to have task force members identified and a mandate for the group prepared before the end of August, so that the task force can complete its six months of work by March.

## **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Would the Council like SAA to be included and represented on this task force and, ultimately, this alliance?
- Who does the Council suggest to serve as SAA representatives on this task force?
- Does the Council have any suggestions for the task force's mandate?