

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
July 26, 2023  
Hybrid Meeting – Washington, DC**

**Staff Report: Executive Director  
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**Headquarters**

The Governance position has yet to be filled; in the meantime, staff have supported/completed tasks and responsibilities related to this position. It is anticipated that interviews will start immediately after the return from the Annual Meeting.

**Governance**

During the president and president-elect meetings, the strategic plan has been updated to include committee leads, and dates have been revised to ensure the completion of projects minus the burden of juggling multiple priorities.

The Constitution and Bylaws timeline can be found below.

Action	Date/Time	Status
Council reviewed proposed changes for the Constitution and Bylaws	May 2022	Completed
Town Hall and Member Feedback	January 2023	Completed
Legal Review of changes	June 2023	Completed
Executive Committee approval	July 2023	In process
Town Hall	August 14, 2023	Incomplete
Membership Vote	Fall, 2023	Incomplete

**Annual Meeting**

As of July 20, 2023, the total of paid registrants is 1,874, compared to 1,668 in 2022. A comparison of attendees and exhibitors can be found below.

	2022	2023
In-person	776	1,295
Virtual	892	567
Exhibitors	42	53

With the exhibitors and sponsors, the total number of attendees is 2,000. Like last year, the hotel contract was re-negotiated to reflect anticipated meeting attendees, the reduction in rooms equates to savings of approximately \$130,000 compared to \$200,000 in 2022; however, food and beverages cost represents a 75% increase when compared to 2022. Given the union laws and stipulations in Chicago, 2024 renegotiating the hotel contract will be paramount.

### **Affiliated Activities**

SAA holds a seat on the National Coalition of History board of directors. This year, I was nominated as co-chair/president of the board. The Society continues to work with NCH on legislative activities.

At the invitation of Dr. Jill Biden, I attend the IMLS Awards Ceremony for Museums and Libraries at the White House. This event allowed me to meet Dr. Collen Shogan and discuss synergies with Tracie Hall, the executive director of the American Library Association.

Lastly, I was invited by Steven Booth to celebrate the culmination of a week-long pilot workshop co-organized by the Getty Research Institute (GRI) and the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). This experiential workshop is designed to introduce HBCU students to conservation as a potential career path working with photographic material in the JPC archive.