

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 12 – 13, 2013
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Executive Committee Report
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Executive Committee Actions and Discussions

- Endorsed a letter from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) to Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley containing MARAC's thoughts on the qualifications it would like to see in the new state archivist. (June 2013)
- Signed on to a letter to President Obama asking the White House "to declassify the CIA's post 9/11 detention and interrogation program, and to support a Senate Intelligence Committee vote to release to the public its comprehensive report based on a nearly four year investigation into that program (the 'SSCI report')." (June 2013)
- Signed on to a letter to Chief Justice Roberts requesting that the Supreme Court change its financial disclosure policy so that Justices' disclosures are available online. (June 2013)
- Signed on to Taxpayers for Common Sense letter to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Baucus and Ranking Member Hatch regarding their intent to lock down tax reform correspondence for 50 years. (July 2013)

Council Interim Actions and Discussions

- Conducted a round-robin review of draft actions in support of the goals and strategies forming the newly adopted 2013-2018 Strategic Plan. Publicized draft actions on SAA website and encouraged member input (July 16-30) via *In The Loop*, Twitter, and Facebook in preparation for the Forum on SAA's 2013-2018 Strategic Plan scheduled for Thursday, August 15, Noon – 1:15 pm, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. (June – July 2013)
- Approved the May 15-17, 2013, Council meeting minutes. (Passed unanimously on June 29, 2013)
- Monitored the public discussion involving ARL Director of Diversity and Leadership Programs Mark Puente and Library Journal contributor Michael Kelly regarding the effectiveness of diversity recruitment programs such as the collaboration between ARL and SAA funded by IMLS (Mosaic Program). (June 2013)
- Received regular updates on good returns for SAA's job board, Annual Meeting registration numbers, DAS courses sponsored by ARL, SAA membership statistics, the organization's financials, and innovations to the Annual Meeting website and online schedule. (June – August 2013)

- Noted blogger effort to convince Google to feature a doodle for International Archives Day. (June 2013)
- Monitored and discussed news stories about unemployment and underemployment, as applied to students and new professionals in archives and in other fields. (June 2013)
- Reviewed and provided input on NARA's draft strategic plan document. (June – July 2013)
- Analyzed and discussed the Annual Meeting Task Force final report submitted in May 2013. Used original report and analysis to develop *Principles and Priorities for Continuously Improving the SAA Annual Meeting*. See agenda item 0813-1-III-A-1). (June – July 2013)
- Received updates on the activities of specific Sections or Roundtables from Council liaisons of various groups. (June – July 2013)
- Discussed SAA's relationship with the International Council on Archives, and participated in an "ICA 101" conference call with SAA's former representative to the ICA Section on Professional Associations (ICA/SPA), Trudy Huskamp Peterson. (June, July 17, 2013)
- Adopted a Council Resolution honoring an individual whose name will be kept confidential until the award is presented at *ARCHIVES 2013*. (Passed July 8, 2013.)
- Adopted a revision of the Governance Manual developed by third-year Council members Terry Baxter, Beth Kaplan, and Bill Landis and SAA staff member René Mueller. *For full text of the revised Manual (available late September), see: <http://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook>. All changes will be implemented on the SAA website after the 2013 Joint Annual Meeting.*
- Participated in a conference call discussion with NHPRC Executive Director Kathleen Williams regarding the Commission's funding priorities. (July 25, 2013)
- Monitored the Senate Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee's funding bill, which addresses NHPRC funding for FY14. (July and August 2013)