

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 11 – 12, 2014
Washington, D.C.**

**Executive Committee Report
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Executive Committee Actions and Discussions

- Submitted written testimony to the District of Columbia Committee on Government Operations, Budget Hearing for the Office of the Secretary, Archives and Records Center, encouraging the mayoral administration to retain a \$41 million appropriation for a new home for the DC Archives. (May 6, 2014)
- Submitted supplemental comments drafted by IPWG about "Orphan Works and Mass Digitization" resulting from public roundtables held as part of the Copyright Office's Inquiry Concerning Orphan Works and Mass Digitization to Maria Pallante, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress Copyright Office. (May 20, 2014)
- Signed on to a letter to European Union officers, commissioners, and members of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament expressing disappointment at the European Union's unwillingness to progress text-based discussions on library and archives exceptions at the meeting of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR). (June 18, 2014)
- Discussed formation of a small working group to investigate options about the A&A discussion list and to make recommendations to the Council at or before its August meeting. (June 2014)
- Signed on to two OpenTheGovernment.org letters, one to the Senate Judiciary Committee and the second to Committee Chairman Leahy and Ranking Minority Member Cornyn in support of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2014. (June 24, 2014)
- Approved a CAPP-authored statement in support of David Ferriero's testimony before the House Oversight and Government Affairs committee on the loss of emails from the computer of IRS employee Lois Lerner. (June 26, 2014)
- Following lengthy discussion, approved participation in the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries, and Museums, suggested amendments to Coalition-proposed operating principles, and agreed to participate in the Coalition by appointing one SAA representative to contribute up to 10 hours a month, attend monthly conference calls, attend two in-person meetings (grant-funded), regularly update the Council on Coalition activities, and seek advice if further commitments are needed. (July 29, 2014)