

**Society of American Archivists Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
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Washington, D.C.**

**President's Report
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We continued to make good progress in 2014. We had a very good Board meeting in January in which the two committees, Development and Finance, were fully appointed. We also discussed what should be the high priorities for this year.

Based on our discussions, the Development Committee met and developed both a Mission and Vision statement, which will be discussed at the Board meeting during the Annual Meeting. (See Agenda Item II.B.)

The Finance Committee via conference call to review a draft FY15 budget as well as a draft grant application process. (See Agenda Item II.A.)

The SAA Foundation will be more visible at this Joint Annual Meeting than in years past, with a large monitor in the Registration Area highlighting our 2014 donors as well as a flyer drafted by the Development Committee available at registration and for distribution by Foundation Board and Development Committee members. I will be chairing a session that provides three case studies on how fundraising is not as alien to archivists as they think, since most archivists must convince interested parties to donate their materials to the archives. And building on the recommendations from the Development Committee, I will be hosting a tea at my house for DC-based fellows and former SAA leaders on Sunday, August 17. I hope that the tradition of having an event close to, but outside of, the Annual Meeting will continue.

In many ways the best news came in July with the IRS notification that the SAA Foundation is now "official."

We posted a short piece entitled "Introducing the SAA Foundation" on SAA's *Off the Record* leadership blog in February. The Board is committed to doing a better job of communicating with our community.

We received a request from Sarah Tyacke, on behalf of the Fund for the International Development of Archives (FIDA), seeking financial support for the organization. Although the Foundation is just beginning to develop its criteria for grants, we offered to assist FIDA by promoting both the availability of FIDA grants and the opportunity for individuals and institutions to contribute to FIDA in support of its grant-making activities.