

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 17-18, 2015
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio**

Executive Committee Report
(Prepared by Executive Committee Member Tanya Zanish-Belcher)

See Consent Agenda Item 0815-1-II-B for Interim Executive Committee Actions.

Executive Committee Discussions

- Finalized contract with SAA Executive Director Nancy Beaumont for a three-year period, May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2018. (May 2015)
- Reviewed comments collected from SAA sections and roundtables on National Archives draft bulleting: “Guidance on Managing Electronic Messages.” (June 2015)
- Discussed and approved SAA letter from President Kathleen Roe (drafted by the Intellectual Property Working Group) on “[Comments on Orphan Works and Mass Digitization](#).” (June 2015)
- Discussed and approved SAA letter from President Kathleen Roe (drafted by the Intellectual Property Working Group) on “[Copyright Protection for Certain Visual Works](#).” (June 2015)
- Discussed and approved for fielding to other groups a draft statement on “Qualities of a Successful Candidate for Librarian of Congress.” (June 2015)
- Reviewed and discussed information related to the possible introduction of legislation to eliminate the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The legislation was not introduced. (July 2015)
- Discussed and approved “Information for New Council Members” and draft orientation schedule. (July 2015)
- Discussed a draft statement regarding SAA taking positions on social issues. (July 2015)

- Extended the charge of the [Technical Subcommittee on Archival Facilities Guidelines](#) for a period of 12 months so that the group can complete its work. (July 2015)
- Discussed and approved signing on to “[The London Manifesto](#),” which has been published by the Library and Archives Copyright Alliance as a way to advocate for uniform copyright exceptions across all EU states. (August 2015)
- Discussed and approved an SAA letter to Facebook (drafted by the Web Archiving Roundtable) requesting functionality that would allow a page owner to download the contents of his/her page(s) for archives preservation purposes. (August 2015) (See Appendix.)