

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 22, 2015
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio**

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President Dennis Meissner called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. Present were Vice President Nancy McGovern; Treasurer Cheryl Stadel-Bevans; Executive Committee Member Lisa Mangiafico; Council members Amy Cooper Cary, Pam Hackbart-Dean, Bergis Jules, Kris Kiesling, Helen Wong Smith, and Rachel Vagts; and SAA Executive Director Nancy Beaumont, Finance/Administration Director Peter Carlson, and Web and IT Administrator Matt Black. Absent were Council members Tim Pyatt and James Roth.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Adoption of the Agenda

Meissner introduced the agenda and the Council meeting proceeded without official approval of the agenda.

B. Introduction of New Council Members

Meissner welcomed the newly elected Council members and introductions were made around the table.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were considered via a Consent agenda.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Elect SAA Foundation Class B Members

The Foundation Board nominates, and the SAA Council elects, Foundation Board members. Following its August 19 meeting, the Foundation Board put forward the names of Mark Duffy, Fynnette Eaton, and Becky Haglund Tousey for election to the Board.

MOTION 1

THAT Mark Duffy, Fynnette Eaton, and Becky Haglund Tousey each be elected to serve a three-year term (August 2015 to August 2018) on the SAA Foundation Board of Directors.

Move: Kiesling

Second: Mangiafico

Vote: PASSED (Yes: Cary, Hackbart-Dean, Jules, Kiesling, McGovern, Mangiafico, Smith, Vagts. Abstain: Stadel-Bevans. Absent: Pyatt, Roth.)

Support Statement: Duffy, Eaton, and Tousey have demonstrated their commitment to the growth of the Foundation and are most appropriate appointees to the Foundation Board of Directors.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Other Action Items from Council Members

No other action items were brought forward.

C. Executive Session (as needed)

The Council did not hold an executive session.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Feedback from the Annual Meeting

Council members discussed the comments expressed at the Annual Business Meeting regarding both the proposed dues increase (which will be put before an online all-member referendum within 90 days of the Annual Meeting) and the proposed changes in member affinity group structures (which will be discussed by the Council at its next meeting in November). Given the very strong expressions of concern on the latter issue, the Council addressed the following motion.

MOTION 2

THAT the deadline for member comment on “[Proposed Changes in Member Affinity Groups](#)” be extended from September 1 to September 15, 2015;

THAT all member comments be considered by the Council at its November 2015 meeting and a second member comment period be instituted if warranted by a substantial change to the proposal as a result of that meeting; and

THAT the Council reach a decision about the proposal only after considering the second round of member comments (if instituted).

Move: Mangiafico

Second: Vagts

Vote: PASSED (Yes: Cary, Hackbart-Dean, Jules, Kiesling, McGovern, Mangiafico, Smith, Stadel-Bevans, Vagts. Absent: Pyatt, Roth.)

Support Statement: The level of concern expressed regarding the proposal at the Annual Membership Meeting and via social media is significant. Additional time for comment is warranted so that members can confer with their component groups and prepare their comments for the Council's consideration. This item will be placed on the Discussion agenda for the November 2015 Council meeting.

Fiscal Impact: None.

B. Determine Dates of Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Council Meetings

The Council discussed preferred dates and meeting patterns (weekdays versus weekends) for its November 2015 and May 2016 meetings and generally agreed to target November 8 to 11 and either May 15-18 or May 22-25. Staff will propose more specific meeting dates after researching hotel availability in Chicago.

C. Other Discussion Items from Council Members

No other discussion items were brought forward.

V. REPORTS

No reports were submitted.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS (Continued)

C. Adjournment

Vagts moved and Mangiafico seconded adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. by unanimous consent of those present.

Adopted unanimously by the SAA Council on September 22, 2015.