

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 13, 2018
Washington, DC**

Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
(Prepared by Executive Committee Member Kris Kiesling)

BACKGROUND

Current parliamentary policy agrees on validating board decisions made remotely, and ratifying the Council's online and conference-call decisions via the Consent Agenda does not conflict with any existing SAA policy.

DISCUSSION

Given the Executive Committee's use of an e-mail discussion list to function as a group and make decisions remotely, approving interim Executive Committee actions via the Consent Agenda contributes to streamlining the group's work and improves access to the interim decisions of SAA's elected decision makers.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following interim actions taken by the Executive Committee between May 24, 2018, and July 16, 2018, be ratified:

- At the recommendation of the SAA Intellectual Property Working Group (IPWG), signed on to a [Library Copyright Alliance Letter](#) to Senator Ron Wyden, praising him for introducing the Accessibility for Curators, Creators, Educators, Scholars, and Society Recordings Act ("ACCESS to Recordings Act"). (May 24, 2018)
- At the recommendation of IPWG, signed on a [joint NGO letter](#), drafted by Knowledge Ecology International, on the Proposed WIPO Treaty on Broadcasting. (May 31, 2018)
- Prepared "[SAA Statement on Presidential Records](#)," voicing deep concern about the alleged ongoing destruction of presidential records by President Donald Trump, in direct contravention of the Presidential Records Act of 1978 and its 2014 amendment. (June 22, 2018)
- Submitted a [letter to the editor](#) of the *New York Times* in response to the July 5, 2018, article "Trump Administration in Chaotic Scramble to Reunify Migrant Families." (July 10, 2018)

- Signed on to a [letter](#), drafted by OpenTheGovernment.org, calling on Congress to immediately investigate the administration’s records management practices related to the “zero-tolerance” immigration enforcement policy and family reunification efforts. (July 13, 2018)
- At the recommendation of IPWG, signed on to a [letter](#), drafted by the Internet Archive, urging the US Senate Committee on the Judiciary to support Senator Wyden’s ACCESS to Recordings Act and to reject the “deeply flawed” CLASSICS Act. (July 16, 2018)