

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

**President's Report**  
(Prepared by Tanya Zanish-Belcher)

**Executive Activities**

Participated in weekly policy and process calls with the Executive Director and periodic calls with the Vice President or Executive Committee to deal with current issues and prepare items for Council discussion.

Participated in monthly calls with the CoSA/NAGARA/SAA Leadership Group to work through areas of mutual concern.

Worked with the Executive Director (as well as the Vice President and Governance Coordinator) to develop Council meeting agendas.

Collaborative Advocacy:

Signatory to ACCESS to Recordings Act.

Signatory to Joint NGO letter on a Proposed WIPO Treaty on Broadcasting.

Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), SAA and allied advocates took significant steps that placed the needs of archives, libraries, and museums at the forefront of international conversations on intellectual property.

**Member Communications**

Assisted in the drafting/revising/writing of the following statements:

- Statement on Removal of ISIS Records from Iraq
- Statement on Presidential Records
- Issue Brief on Net Neutrality
- NARA Update on ICE
- Position Statement on Congressional Records

Wrote President's column for publication in *Archival Outlook*: Affordability (July-August)

Wrote blog posts for *Off the Record*:

- Grappling with Our Difficult Past: How Archivists Can Help
- Becoming an Archives Consultant Guest Post
- What about Denver? What about Minneapolis? (Guest Post by Nancy Beaumont)
- Preliminary Results from Mid-Career Archivists Pop-Up Survey
- Archives on the Hill Event (Guest Post by Dennis Riley)
- Our Keynote for the Annual Meeting: Professor Zeynep Tufekci
- Navigating the Annual Meeting: Tips for Newer Members
- Speaking of Invisible Labor

## **Governance**

Reviewed schedule for SAA membership to comment on Annual Meeting Principles, Best Practices for Internships as a Component of Graduate Education, and Best Practices for Volunteers.

## **Representation**

Extended invitation to allied organization to participate in the SAA meeting and a one-hour forum. Those agreeing to come include AMIA, AASLH, CNI, DLF, NCPH, RBMS. Invited the Association for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM). While unable to attend the annual meeting, began discussions about the Protocols and SAA representation at the fall ATALM meeting.

Lunch with Jeff Ubois, MacArthur Foundation.

E-mail correspondence with NARA External Affairs Liaison Meg Phillips.

## **SAA Foundation**

The Foundation recently awarded two more disaster recovery grants to repositories struck by hurricanes and earthquakes in late 2017: The Government of the United States Virgin Islands (GVI) Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM) was awarded \$5,000 to aid their preservation and restoration efforts, as 80% of their collections were significantly damaged during Hurricanes Irma and Maria; and

the Library Foundation Rafael Hernández Colón (Puerto Rico) has been awarded \$5,000 to hire two archivists to assist with the second phase of their recovery plan to restore and preserve materials in their collection that were damaged during Hurricane Maria.

Day of Giving (June 28) resulted in \$12,281 in donations from 79 donors, who collectively made 143 gifts.

Awarded 10 Joint Annual Meeting Travel Awards:

<https://www2.archivists.org/news/2018/saa-foundation-names-annual-meeting-travel-award-recipients>.