Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
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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 June 3, 2019, and July 15, 2019, be ratified:

- Signed on to a statement drafted by the American Library Association regarding “Library Associations’ 2019 Statement on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.” (June 3, 2019)
- Met with the SAA Foundation Board Executive Committee to discuss a confidential bequest. (June 25, 2019)
- Approved a letter, drafted by the SAA Committee on Public Policy, to the editor of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution in reaction to this July 8 article. The letter has not been published. (Appendix) (July 10, 2019)
- Reviewed a request from Public Citizen Litigation Group to sign on to an amicus brief to support the principle that district courts have authority to order unsealing of grand jury material, specifically involving the grand jury testimony in the case of the “Moore’s Ford Lynching” in George in 1946. Awaiting information about which other groups have signed on to the brief. There is no fiscal impact for SAA if the organization were to sign on. (July 15, 2019)