

**Society of American Archivists Foundation
Board Meeting
August 2, 2019
Austin, Texas**

**SAA Foundation President's Report
(Prepared by Scott Cline)**

In 2018-2019 the Foundation:

- Awarded more than \$21,634 in grants from the Strategic Growth Fund to support five archives projects;
- Helped 10 individuals attend the 2019 Joint Annual Meeting by providing each with \$1,000 in financial support;
- Continued negotiations with a prospective donor for a potentially large legacy donation;
- Developed a table-top, traveling exhibit; and
- Continued to fund SAA's scholarship and awards program.

With staff assistance in providing an automated application, review, and ranking process, the Foundation Grant Review Committee evaluated 22 letters of inquiry and invited 12 grant proposals in the 2019 cycle. Five grants totaling \$21,634 were approved by the Board (see the Grant Review Committee report at IV.F.). The Foundation Board had previously approved \$21,300 for the 2019 grant cycle.

Per the SAAF Development Plan, staff implemented a day of giving on May 1 (in conjunction with SAA's MayDay initiative) to benefit the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives. A total of \$2,020 was donated by 16 individuals.

The Foundation Board will conduct its annual meeting in conjunction with the Joint Annual Meeting in Austin and will forego a meeting in Chicago in November to save money. The Development Committee will hold a mid-year meeting, as the work of that group is ongoing and "foundational" to the Board's work.

As reported in the January/February issue of *Archival Outlook*, contributions to the Foundation in Calendar Year 2018 totaled \$96,441 (compared with \$76,300 in CY 2017 and \$72,648 in CY 2016) from 450 donors (compared with a record 548 in CY 2017 and 413 in CY 2016). Many thanks to our generous donors!

I do not believe it is possible to thank SAA staff enough or too often for the exceptional work they do on behalf of the Foundation and the Society. In particular, Nancy, Felicia, and Peter have made our work much easier than it might otherwise be.