

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
August 7, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

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President Rachel Vagts called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. on Friday, August 7. Present were Vice President Courtney Chartier; Treasurer Amy Fitch; Executive Committee Member Melissa Gonzales; Council members Eric Chin, Stephen Curley, Petrina Jackson, Derek Mosley, Ricardo Punzalan, Mario Ramirez, Meg Tuomala, and Rachel Winston; and SAA Executive Director Nancy Beaumont, Finance/Administration Director Peter Carlson, and Governance Manager Felicia Owens.

Guests included Immediate Past President Meredith Evans as well as Richard Akeroyd, Carla Alvarez, Carmela D'Onofrio, Jessica Gerber, Katharina Hering, Geof Huth, Harrison Inefuku, Cal Lee, Erin Louthen, Kathy Marquis, Patrizia Nava, Nick Pavlik, Elise Reynolds, Michelle Roell, Rachel Seale, Sasha Snyder, Karen Trivette, Sam Winn, and Helen Wong Smith.

## **I. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **A. Adoption of the Agenda**

Vagts introduced the agenda. Jackson moved adoption of the agenda as revised, Punzalan seconded, and the agenda was adopted unanimously (**MOTION 1**).

### **B. Introductions**

Vagts invited Council members to briefly introduce themselves and share their favorite memory from their first SAA Annual Meeting.

## **II. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. TBD**

No action items were brought forward.

### **B. Executive Session (as needed)**

No items were brought forward for Executive Session.

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Follow Up from August 3 Meeting: Editorial Board Proposal re Task Forces**

The Council agreed to add the open proposal from the *American Archivist* Editorial Board to the September Council meeting agenda to allow for adequate time for discussion. Ramirez agreed to check in with the Editorial Board prior to the Council's next meeting.

#### **B. Council Meetings Schedule**

Vagts proposed that, for the 2020-2021 term, the Council meet every other month, starting in September, for two-hour virtual meetings. The Council readily agreed, hoping that this schedule would allow for greater continuity and for business to be conducted in a more timely fashion in the new virtual setting.

#### **C. Council Listening Sessions Schedule and Topics**

Vagts further proposed that the Council plan to host public listening sessions every other month, alternating with months in which a Council meeting is scheduled. The Council will discuss topics for upcoming listening sessions in greater detail at their next meeting.

#### **D. Debriefing on Joint Annual Meeting**

The Council briefly shared initial impressions and feedback received for the 2020 Joint Annual Meeting. The Council and staff celebrated SAA's largest-ever annual meeting, with more than 2,500 attendees!

#### **E. Other Discussion Items from Council Members**

No additional discussion items were brought forward.

### **I. COUNCIL BUSINESS (continued)**

#### **D. Adjournment**

Chartier moved adjournment, Ramirez seconded, and the Council meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, August 7.