

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 3, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
(Prepared by Governance Manager Felicia Owens)**

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 action taken by the Executive Committee between May 15 and July 27, 2020, be ratified:

- Signed on in support of the Library Stabilization Fund Act, an American Library Association-led legislative initiative that would establish a \$2 billion fund (administered by IMLS) to address financial losses and bolster library services, with priority to the hardest-hit communities. The bill was introduced on July 2 by Sen. Jack Reed and Rep. Andy Levin, with some three dozen bipartisan cosponsors. (July 1, 2020)
- Approved repurposing of funds in the FY 2021 budget that were to be used to exhibit at the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums conference, which has been cancelled. The Native American Archives Section requested that the \$750 instead be designated to provide NAAS-administered scholarships comprising complimentary SAA membership and complimentary annual conference registration for five tribal archivists. (July 14, 2020)