

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

**President's Report
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- Supported the purchase and implementation of ZOOM, a virtual meeting software.
- Worked with Executive Director, Governance Coordinator and Vice President to develop agenda items for virtual Council meetings.
- Led April 22 and May 12, 13, 27, 30 August 3 Council meetings
- Attended two orientation sessions to welcome and support new council members
- Wrote the bi-monthly President's column published in Archival Outlook.
- Responded to member queries and comments.
- Participated in weekly calls with the Executive Director, the Vice President and Executive committee regarding policies and processes and response o COVID-19 and racial unrest.
- Supported SAA elected officials; worked closely with Council and provided resources and insight which resulted in creating a series of forums / listening sessions to hear from members and creating environments for more transparency as an organization
- In support of Black Lives Matter statement worked with third year Council members and hosted SAA Community Reflection on Black Lives and Archives
- Worked closely with staff, Treasurer, two second year Council members and one first year Council member and hosted SAA Forum: Investing in Your Membership to explain and discuss SAA budget, financial outlook and strategy
- Worked closely with the Diversity Committee and Council members and hosted SAA Forum: Black Lives and Archives Listening and Strategy Session
- In discussion with Editorial Board served on the search committee and supported recommendation for a new Editor for the American Archivist journal
- Supported Foundation and Staff with execution of the Archival Workers Emergency Fund, Travel Grants and Scholarships for Native American/Tribal Archivists
- Prepared for first virtual annual meeting by supporting Executive Director and staff transition to virtual, pricing, promotions, pre-recorded sessions, prepared remarks for Plenary 1 and 2
- A*Census II - Successfully awarded an IMLS National Leadership grant providing \$249,500.00 to develop and execute A*Census II with ITHAKA