Society of American Archivists Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 10, 2021  
Virtual Meeting  

Report of the Vice President / Development Committee  
(Prepared by Sharmila Bhatia, SAA Foundation Vice President  
and Development Committee Chair)  

Development Committee  

Members for the 2020-2021 term were: Gina Minks, Michele Pacifico, Angelique Richardson, JoyEllen Williams, Michele Hagen, and Tawny Nelb.  

Many thanks to early-career member Michele Hagen for serving for a second year and for her contributions in the selection process for the development consultants.  

Communications Subcommittee  

Angelique Richardson and JoyEllen Williams lead the initiative to develop the proposal for a subcommittee for communications. The subcommittee was approved in November 2020 with Angelique and JoyEllen leading. The subcommittee produced two internal newsletters about SAAF’s activities.  

Annual Appeal  

In December 2020, we conducted the Annual Appeal mailings and Day of Giving promotion. For the mailings, we used note cards along with the letters to promote the appeal. Several SAAF members prepared short videos promoting the SAAF which were made available through social media platforms.  

Archival Workers Emergency Fund (AWEF)  

The Board twice voted to extend the fund, first to June 30, 2021, and then until December 31, 2021. Sharmila Bhatia continues to serve as representative to the AWEF. Margery Sly formed the AWEF Review Task Force to determine the future of the AWEF and options for supporting archival workers in financial need caused by disasters or other events. The Task Force met on June 10 and members include Margery as chair, Sharmila Bhatia, Jessica Chapel, Courtney Chartier, and Carli Lowe.
Mosaic Scholarship Fund

In September 2020, we ran a back school campaign for the Mosaic Scholarship Fund.

Preservation Section

Traditionally the Preservation Section holds a silent auction fundraiser for the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives (NDRFA) during the SAA Annual Meeting. Since the Annual Meeting will be virtual in 2021, the silent auction would not be held for a second year in a row. In January, Development Committee members met with the leaders of the Preservation Section and agreed to a May Day fundraiser. The Section held a fundraiser for NDRFA during the month of May and donors received a gift of an enamel pin.

Development Consultant

A review committee reviewed proposals from seven development consultants and conducted interviews with three candidates. Schultz & Williams (S&W) was hired and held its first meeting with the Board on May 25, 2021.