

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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Boston, Massachusetts**

**SAA Foundation President's Report
(Prepared by Margery Sly, President)**

The Foundation board appreciates this opportunity to provide an update about our activities during the past several months. The Foundation exists to promote and support the charitable and educational initiatives of the Society of American Archivists, and we look forward to strengthening our relationship to support the profession.

Foundation Strategic Plan

At its June meeting, the Board voted to approve the Foundation's first strategic plan, acknowledging that it is a work in progress. We will review goals and progress at every board meeting.

Strategic Growth Grants

Grants are made from the Foundation's unrestricted funds, drawing on the accumulated donations and investment income. The FY 2022 payout rate approved by the Board included \$30,000 for grants. The Board approved the Grant Review Committee's recommendation to fund five proposals for FY22 grants totaling \$21,900. The remainder of the funds was dedicated to annual meeting awards.

Foundation Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has forward to Council a slate including three Class B nominees for election at Council's August meeting. The committee is currently working to prepare a slate for Board officers for the 2022-23 year and to review candidates for non-board positions on Foundation Committees.

Spring Annual Appeal

The spring annual appeal in June took the form of a day of giving, and we are very happy to report that we raised \$5,420 from 35 donors.

Fund	Amount	# Donors
Strategic Growth Fund	\$5,095	31
Linda J. Henry Fund	\$25	1
Margaret Cross Norton Fund	\$25	1

Mosaic Scholarship	\$250	1
NDRFA	\$25	1
TOAL	\$5,420	35

Annual Meeting Awards

We received 62 applications total for the annual meeting awards: 55 for in-person attendance and 7 for virtual-only registration. The Board approved support for 10 in-person awards (at \$1,200 each) and \$8,100 more to support up to 47 virtual registrations. In addition, we received \$379 from registrants and \$1,000 from two sponsors to aid those in need of support for attendance.

We are pleased to report that 10 applicants received full in-person support at \$1,200; 2 applicants received in-person support at \$1,100 (made possible by the additional funds); 4 applicants located in Massachusetts were offered in-person registration (only); 44 applicants received virtual registration; and only 2 applicants were declined due to ineligibility.

Awards for Excellence

SAAF oversees the funds that enables the Society to award the many awards for excellence in the profession for which the awards committees are currently soliciting nominations. We look forward participating in celebrating our colleagues at the annual meeting.

Coming Year

Among projects for the coming year, the Foundation anticipates continuing to work with development consultants Schultz & Williams for appeal messaging, while hiring and on-boarding a Development Manager. The consultants' reports and board activity during the past few years highlighted the need for governance structure review, and the Board will review a charge for a governance task force at its September meeting. The end-of-year annual appeal is under development.