

**Council Meeting  
August 14, 2024  
Hybrid Meeting – Chicago, IL**

**Staff Report: Chief Executive Officer  
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**Headquarters**

Since the Spring and prior to the pandemic, SAA is fully staffed. This has allowed staff to focus on their respective areas versus carrying additional responsibilities. Currently 71% of staff are in the Chicagoland area. The office continues to operate in a hybrid fashion.

**Governance**

During the recent president and president-elect meetings, items such as: when and how to respond to crisis requiring SAA’s support via statements, SAA’s commitment to participating in AM 250, Committee and Council requests, and agenda items related to future Council meetings.

**Annual Meeting**

As of August 5, 2025, the total number of paid registrants is 1,701, compared to 1,862 in 2023. A comparison of attendees and exhibitors can be found below.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
In-person	1,295	1,333
Virtual	567	368
Exhibitors	53	53
Total	1,915	1,754

With the exhibitors and sponsors, the total number of attendees is 1,754. Like last year, the hotel contract was re-negotiated to reflect anticipated meeting attendees, the reduction in rooms equates to savings of approximately \$100,000 compared to \$130,000 in 2023. Given that F2F registration is higher than 2023, we have returned to the original room block. However, combined food and beverages along with AV costs are \$100,000 more compared to 2023. A survey was sent to past attendances regarding potential locations beyond CA. This data will be used for future contract bids.

**Affiliated Activities**

SAA holds a seat on the National Coalition of History board of directors. I continue my role as co-chair. The Society continues to work with NCH on legislative activities. Recently, the NCH published a white paper assessing the state of the National Archives.

Lastly, I was invited by Steven Booth to celebrate the culmination of a week-long pilot workshop co-organized by the Getty Research Institute (GRI) and the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). This experiential workshop is designed to introduce HBCU students to conservation as a potential career path working with photographic material in the JPC archive.

### **Professional Activities**

I am serving my second term on the Association Forum (AF) Board, The AF is the professional organization for association executives. The AF is located in Chicago and has been a great resource to SAA staff. I was recently recruited for the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE) CAE Appeals Committee. This group is responsible for addressing appeals submitted by certification exam takers. Both organizations offer networks that have been beneficial to my role as a CEO.