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Council Meeting
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Consent Agenda: Ratify Interim Executive Committee Actions

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BACKGROUND

Current parliamentary policy agrees on validating board decisions made remotely, and ratifying the Executive Committee's online and conference-call decisions via the Consent Agenda does not conflict with any existing SAA policy.

DISCUSSION

Given the Executive Committee's robust use of an email to function as a group and to make decisions remotely, approving interim Executive Committee interim 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 actions taken by the Executive Committee between July 31 and October 23, 2014, be ratified:

- Signed on to an OpenTheGovernment.org letter asking leadership of both parties in both chambers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to post their rules for the 114th Congress. (September 12, 2014)
- Signed on to an OpenTheGovernment.org letter asking President Obama to go on the record regarding needed legislative reforms to the Freedom of Information Act. (October 20, 2014)