

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
November 8-10, 2015  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions**  
(Prepared by Executive Committee Member Lisa Mangiafico)

**BACKGROUND**

Current parliamentary policy agrees on validating board decisions made remotely, and ratifying the Council'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 e-mail discussion list to function as a group and make decisions remotely, approving interim Executive Committee 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 September 1 and October 21, 2015, be ratified:**

- Approved minor changes in SAA's issue briefs on the [Freedom of Information Act](#) (FOIA) and [State Freedom of Information Laws](#) (FOILs) to incorporate recommendations from the Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy that the briefs address state employees and public institutions. (September 2, 2015; Stadel-Bevans abstaining)
- Approved SAA becoming a signatory on the [Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development](#). (September 10, 2015)
- Agreed that comments made to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission's Executive Director in a meeting with the Council on August 18, 2015, would stand as SAA's official comments regarding NHPRC's strategic plan. (September 14, 2015)
- Approved comments drafted by the Intellectual Property Working Group for submission to the U.S. Copyright Office regarding the [Mass Digitization Pilot for Register of Copyrights](#). (September 23, 2015)

- Agreed that SAA should sign on as a member of the National Coalition for History, and as a separate entity, to comments drafted by the Oral History Association to a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) on proposals to “better protect human subjects involved in research, while facilitating valuable research and reducing burden, delay, and ambiguity for investigators.” (October 13, 2015)