

**Society of American Archivists Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
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**President's Report
(Prepared by Fynnette Eaton)**

I want to acknowledge the greater visibility of the SAA Foundation due to both Kathleen Roe's suggestion for the Rosa Parks's Featherlite Peanut Butter Pancakes Break stewardship event hosted by the Foundation during the Friday morning break at the Expo Hall and the number of Board members who actively promoted the Foundation at our table and booth during the Joint Annual Meeting.

At the suggestion of Carla Summers, I sent a follow-up letter to the 2016 Joint Annual Meeting exhibitors with the following message:

One of the reasons I so enjoy the Society of American Archivists' annual meetings is that I always learn new things. Your participation in the conference is a big part of that learning process – so thank you!

I hope you enjoyed the Rosa Parks's Featherlite Peanut Butter Pancake Break in the Exhibit Hall on Friday morning. This stewardship event, sponsored by SAA and the SAA Foundation (with wonderful support from Crawford Media Services and Hollinger Metal Edge to offset some of the catering costs), was held to thank SAA's members for their ongoing support of the Foundation. Notwithstanding the challenges of running out of pancakes (who would imagine that so many would pile their plates so high?), we've had great feedback about the event.

But we know we can improve—and we'd love to have your advice about how to make our stewardship events a better marketing tool for us.

As you may know, the SAA Foundation is the nation's leading source of nonprofit funding dedicated to the interests of archives and archivists, and its mission is to provide resources to enhance the work of the archival community. At this early stage in our history, our major stewardship activities are directed to increasing knowledge of our existence (first things first!) and plans for the immediate and longer term future, with special emphasis on our scholarship funding and new grants program. It is of great importance to us to ensure that the SAA Foundation is seen as an entity that increases the capacity of SAA to achieve objectives beyond those that can be accomplished solely through dues receipts, the annual meeting, and product sales.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any feedback or questions. I hope to hear from you!

The number of donors is increasing due to both the SAA Day of Giving in June and our greater visibility, which I hope to continue.

We continue to make progress on the procedures for judging grants.

For an update on progress on the Foundation website, see Matt Black's report at Agenda Item IV.D.

We are losing valuable members of the Board, with Carla Summers retiring and Anne Russell moving on to the Development Committee, but we also are gaining new members. I want to welcome Janet Ceja, Scott Cline, Wilda Logan, Gina Minks, and Margery Sly.