

**Society of American Archivists Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
November 4-5, 2017
Chicago, Illinois**

**President's Report
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The SAA Foundation Board continues to increase its visibility by funding grants and sponsoring days of giving. The process for reviewing grants continues to evolve and with the assistance of the SAA staff new methods of outreach are “in the works.”

The May Day fundraising effort for the National Disaster Recovery Fund for Archives (NDRFA) raised \$5,412.00. It is fortunate that this money is available for those that have suffered through this hurricane season.

The Board awarded two grants. Ben Goldman and Eira Tansey requested \$5,000 for their research project entitled, “Existence and Location of Originals: Gathering and Documenting Archival Repository Location Data. JoyEllen Freeman received \$1,000 for her proposed workshop, “Community Curation Workshop for Indigenous Community Members.” A third proposal was not funded and some of the issues raised by this grant are being discussed at this meeting.

The Board met briefly at the SAA Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon, and we outlined the process for suggesting new Foundation Board members. We are welcoming two new Board members at this meeting, Michele Pacifico and Sharmila Bhatia. We continued the practice of being visible by having a table in the Expo Hall.

The Board was asked to fund a newly created Brenda S. Banks Travel Award that the SAA Council had approved at their May meeting. This is another topics that we will discuss at the meeting.

I want to thank each member for your ongoing support of the mission of the SAA Foundation. We have made great strides this year and I look for even greater success both in raising additional funds for our activities and awarding additional grants to further the goals of the Foundation.