

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
November 10, 12, 2021  
Virtual Meeting**

**Staff Report: Annual Meeting  
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Annual Meeting activities for the 2021 conference have been reported previously. Activities for the 2022 conference have focused on the following:

1. In 2021, similar to many associations, the Society postponed committed hotel and convention center contracts by enacting the force majeure clause. Currently, hotels and convention centers are “open for business” based on CDC guidelines. Therefore, barring no changes, the Society is committed to the contractual agreements with the Boston Sheraton and Boston Convention Center for the 2022 conference. To accommodate attendees who prefer to meet virtually and those who willing to attend a face-to-face meeting, SAA staff are in discussion with Boston regarding holding a hybrid meeting.
2. To determine attendee participation and guide discussions regarding reducing commitments, the Boston Sheraton has asked SAA to survey the membership with the hopes of gaining insight on the number of anticipated attendees. The three question survey is scheduled to deploy this month. Staff are the process of establishing a date to discuss a similar approach with the Boston Convention Center.
3. With the guidance of the Program Committee, the 2022 Call for Proposals is designed to support a hybrid model by requesting prospective speakers to indicate their presentation format (face-to-face, virtual, or hybrid). The Call for Proposals launched on October 20, and the deadline for submissions is January 5, 2022.

**The following note appears at the beginning of the Call:** “We are hopeful that we will gather for the 2022 SAA Annual Meeting at the Boston Sheraton. As the current public health crisis continues, SAA staff are exploring options for a hybrid conference that will allow attendees to connect however they are most comfortable and for the Society to adjust based on CDC requirements. The Program Committee is issuing this call for proposals for sessions to be presented either in-person or virtually during the conference dates. More information will be forthcoming as we explore options while monitoring the public health crisis.”

View the full Call for Proposals here: [ARCHIVES \\* RECORDS 2022: Call for Program Proposals | Society of American Archivists](#)

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly with questions.