Agenda Item II.A.

Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
November 1, 3, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda: Ratify Executive Committee Interim Actions
(Prepared by Governance Manager Felicia Owens)

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 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 12 and October 13, 2022, be ratified:

• Approved a list of questions for the nominee for Archivist of the United States, as prepared by the SAA Committee on Public Policy (COPP) on behalf of the National Coalition for History (NCH), to submit to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (September 12, 2022)

• Approved a letter, as drafted by NCH, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs endorsing the pending nomination of Dr. Colleen J. Shogan to become the eleventh Archivist of the United States. (September 16, 2022)

• Approved a message, as drafted by COPP, encouraging SAA members to contact their senators to support Dr. Shogan’s nomination as the next Archivist of the United States. (October 13, 2022)