

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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Chicago, IL Hybrid**

**President's Report  
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Since assuming office in mid-August, I have participated in regular meetings with Vice President Derek Mosley and CEO Jacqueline Price Osafo. Our meetings have addressed issues and concerns brought to the attention of SAA staff and the SAA Executive Council and have included general updates and reports, feedback on the code of conduct reporting process, and strategic discussions about the direction of both the SAA Council and the overarching organization. Vice President Mosley and I have also had separate meetings to outline our respective strategies as part of SAA's leadership team.

Following the August Council Meeting, I redistributed the proposed Community Guidelines for Council feedback. The revision period closed in early October; Council will vote on the revised draft at the November meeting.

In September, Vice President Mosley and I invited Council members to meet with us one-on-one. We agreed the meetings would be an excellent opportunity to get to know everyone and to address questions or concerns of both new and continuing Council members. The meetings identified a common thread of Council members needing more in-depth onboarding at the start of each Council year. Vice President Mosley has offered to lead a small group of Council members in developing enhanced onboarding.

Most recently, Vice President Mosley and I have brainstormed a framework for bi-annual (at minimum) forums on the future of the archives profession. We have identified a small number of topics to be covered and look forward to working with others to create a sustainable series of programs.

I was invited to attend the Mellon Foundation's "Archives in a Time of Climate Change" mid-October convening in New York. Due to circumstances occurring post-Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, I was unable to attend. However, CEO Osafo (who attended the convening on SAA's behalf) and I chatted beforehand to consider ways SAA might address climate change in the archives community.