



Native American Archives Section Monthly Meeting

[February 19, 2026, 11:00 AM EST](#)

Welcome to the celebration of 20 years of NAAS!

Introductions

- Kelley - Chair
- Candy - Vice Chair
- Vina - Past Chair
- Jack - Secretary
- Jerrid - Steering Committee
- Eric - Steering Committee
- Janine - Steering Committee
- Mattie - Steering Committee
- Ugoma - Steering Committee
- Sage - Steering Committee
- Jillian - SAA Council Liaison

[NAAS Soundtrack](#) - Jack

20 Years of NAAS October 2025 Interview: [Jennifer O'Neal](#)

Subcommittee Updates - current activities, calls for collaboration

- Case Studies: Vina, Diana, and Sage
 - Sage is the lead for case studies
 - New invitations will be sent out soon! Likely sticking to our normal schedule, but you'll hear about any adjustments.
- Communications: Jack and Ugoma
 - Will be giving Candy and Sage access to the microsite to add the minutes and additional content.
 - Next Interview: Selena Ortega-Chiolero (March 2026)
- IAT: Candy, Jerrid, and Kelley

- Selena will be present to give an update
 - It's been over a week since the last submission of edits to Mellon (moving around budget details). We're assuming that this is all good news. We're expecting to meet with their board in March, to begin work on April 1.
 - Discussing potential instructor list for both tracks - any recs, please reach out to Selena, Diana
 - Will be hosting workshops at both SAA and ATALM this year.
 - SAA's will be more instructional, whereas ATALM's will be more focused on future planning.
- Elections: Janine, Vina, and Melissa
 - A question: we will have a large turnover this coming election (5% positions). Is there a way to stagger that out so there is a better balance of annual openings to maintain institutional knowledge?
 - Jillian - update standing rules to reflect standing appt., or extend one to two people's appt (although we do have the Incoming, Current, and Past Chair structure to address this). Smart to consider this now to address similar turnover in future years.
 - Jerrid: Can a steering emeritus position be considered?
 - Jillian: There are a great deal of informal ways to pursue this, but we are attempting to cut down on extraneous positions to make the standing rules and positions more uniform across sections.
 - Selena: Keep in mind, any changes would take effect in 2027, as they would need to be voted on by membership.
 - Kelley is updating an amendment for the standing rules, and a Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27.
 - Whenever we're ready, we can begin sharing these openings on social media and via SAA and email blasts.
- Scholarship: Candy and Jerrid
 - Received the green light for NAAS Annual Meeting Scholarships and are preparing to promote in March.
 - Scholarships will include registration, travel stipend, hotel accommodations, and one year SAA membership.
 - Need the timeline information, registration pricing, and exact number of scholarships to better share this information with our networks with enough time to plan accordingly. We may need to pressure SAA to get this sooner rather than later.
 - If any members would like to assist in reviewing applications, as long as you don't plan on applying, we would appreciate it!
- Monthly Interviews: Jack, Ugoma, Kelley
 - Recordings [here](#).
 - Selena Ortego-Chiolero, March 2026
 - April, May interviewees TBD

- If you want to join a committee, reach out to the co-chairs.

Council Updates - Jillian, Brenda in attendance

- With regards to the Land Acknowledgement work, SAA needs to strongly consider *who* the statement is for. John DePriest at Tulane and Kody Grant (Pueblo of Isleta and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) at UVA provided some great ideas about activities for SAA to pursue alongside the statement and offered to share the statement with his colleagues in the region for further feedback.
- The aim is to have a strong draft to share by NAAS's next meeting in March.

Other SAA News:

- SAA 2026-2027 Funding Opportunity for component groups to support projects and activities up to 5k. Need to submit proposal by March 1.
 - Idea: use funding to purchase conference swag for SAA and ATALM. Swag ideas? What has been useful when you received it at past conferences? Bags for carrying notebooks, other swag, etc...
 - Potential funding request for flags, to use at SAA and ATALM
- Jacqueline Price Osafo requested a meeting with NAAS Steering Committee to discuss the annual meeting. The meeting will be held Friday, March 6 from 2-3 PM EST via Teams
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22738951460600?p=GDVdXNrSlnyYufpI4r>
 - Meeting ID: 227 389 514 606 00
 - Passcode: k6hf2bp3

Next Meeting: March 19, 11:00 AM EST with guest Selena Ortega-Chiolero

Shareable links:

- [NAAS Discord](#)
- [NAAS YouTube Playlist](#)
- [20 Years of NAAS Playlist](#)
- [PINAR](#)