



Native American Archives Section Monthly Meeting

[March 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

Attendance: Kelley Hummingbird, Jack Schmitt, Selena Ortega-Chiolero, Mattie Lewis, Janine Smith, Jillian Cuellar, Sarah Buchanan, Eric Hung, Michaela Richter, Sage Innerarity, Jacob Savory, Ugoma Smoke, Felicia Bartley, Suanmuanlian Tonsing, Kara Stewart, Alejandra Gaeta, Emily Taina, Briana Kemmerling, Jonathan Pringle, Candy Navarrete

[NAAS Soundtrack](#) - Mattie

20 Years of NAAS, March 2026 Interview: Selena Ortega-Chiolero

Subcommittee Updates - current activities, calls for collaboration

- Case Studies: Vina, Diana, and Sage
 - Webpage issue to be resolved (instructions on how to submit a case study). Reached out to Hannah and haven't heard back yet, still finalizing

the case study workflow so not an immediate concern, but working towards announcing the workflow on LinkedIn and other platforms.

- Eric: I've been using some case studies in coursework - we may want to consider how it is outlined. Sharing the proposed solution in the format sometimes stifles class discussion, so it may be worth adjusting.
- Sage: We can absolutely consider what that looks like. And if you're interested in participating, please reach out! We'll get you involved.
- Communications: Jack and Ugoma
 - Meeting Minutes/Agendas through February 2026 are now up on the site, thank you to Kelley for the additions!
 - Instructions on how to update the [microsite are here](#).
 - If folks have messaging they need to get out, reach out! We'll share it.
- IAT: Candy, Jerrid, and Kelley
 - Update from Selena - we were in a bit of a holding pattern from Mellon, submit everything for Board Meeting discussion this month, but the program officer reached out that the proposal was not placed on their meeting docket. Supposed to start on April 1, but if not, the start date will need to be June 1. Still working as if 4/1 is the start date. Working with partners SAA, ATALM, IAIA, and the Newberry Library.
 - Conference workshops for SAA and ATALM are actively being developed.
 - July 28: Tulane, all-day workshop (free! Funded by Mellon)
 - Sept 24-25: ATALM - listening session accepted (re: IAT, IASC)
 - Will need more indigenous voices for the workshop on the 25th, which will focus on curriculum and be invite-only.
 - Specifics and more information will be rolling out soon. This is an all-hands-on-deck scenario; it would be great to hear from more folks and bring them on board!
- Elections: Janine, Vina, and Melissa
 - [Meeting held with SAA leadership on March 6](#) to discuss conference events, travel awards, endowment and election updates.
 - [An amendment](#) is approved to be voted upon in the next election cycle, allowing Steering Committee members to extend appointments to keep the election ballot balanced.
 - Ugoma and Mattie have volunteered to extend their Steering Committee appointment for another year. The Steering Committee voted to approve on [February 27](#).
 - Miscommunications are still happening; there is a meeting with Astoria on Friday at 3 PM EST to clarify. At this time, it is unclear if SAA will allow Ugoma and Mattie to extend their commitment.
 - Post-meeting update: We do not need to submit an amendment, and Ugoma and Mattie have been extended. All is resolved, and election can carry on as planned.

- Scholarship: Candy and Jerrid
 - The [scholarship application](#) is open through April 17!
 - Please share/repost on LinkedIn and Facebook.
 - A scholarship review committee is needed. So far, Candy, Kelley, and Mattie will review scholarship applications.
 - Notifications will be made in May.
 - Endowments: SAA Foundation is providing \$18,000/year for NAAS scholarships each year through 2027. If NAAS would like to continue offering scholarships, we need to fundraise and establish an endowment to ensure funds are available. We will need an endowment agreement with SAA. Anyone with development experience should get involved, as we are in early stages of this work.
 - Establishing an endowment would be a major fundraising effort, as to continue offering \$18,000/year in scholarships, the size of the endowment will need to be approximately \$500,000, as it relies on offering the funding through the endowment's interest. We will also need to be very clear about how funds will be utilized moving forward. In terms of fundraising, \$10,000 is available as seed funding through Mellon, and Terry Baxter has offered to shave his beard for any future fundraising efforts through NAAS.
 - We will likely need to discuss further whether this effort would be the best utilization of the amount of funds we would be raising.
 - There is a meeting scheduled on March 27 at 2PM EST - reach out to Selena or Kelley to be added to the meeting invite.
- Monthly Interviews: Jack, Ugoma, Kelley
 - Recordings [here](#).
 - April, May interviewees TBD

Council Updates

- Any agenda items for SAA Council May meeting should be submitted by March 30.
- VP Brenda Gunn is seeking feedback on the [Land Acknowledgement](#) she developed for this year's Annual Meeting.
 - There is not currently a deadline for this review, but Jillian can ask for one. There is also mention of an honor tax, as something that's a new way of acknowledging the indigenous communities where the meeting is held. The executive committee is currently exploring what that would look like, and it will be voted on in the next SAA Council meeting in May.

Other SAA News:

- Upcoming: NAAS Annual Section Meeting is scheduled for May 28 from 3:00-4:30 PM EST.
- Potential collaborative session proposal with the Solo Archivists section, focusing on how solo archivists can use PNAAM, waiting to hear back. (Just heard back a few minutes ago - they are interested in moving forward!)
 - Update - proposal has been submitted.

Next Meeting: April 16, 11:00 AM EST to discuss the election cycle

Shareable links:

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