

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

**Group Name: Audio & Moving Image section Annual Report**  
(Prepared by: Tanya Yule, chair)

Year: 2024-2025

Current Rosters (Include full name, position title, and term end date for each):

Name	Role	Term	Organization
<a href="#">Tanya Yule</a>	Chair	2024-08-15 – 2025-09-01	Hoover Institution Archives, Stanford University
<a href="#">Felicia Boretzky</a>	Vice Chair	2024-08-15 – 2025-09-01	Smithsonian Libraries and Archives
<a href="#">Bree'ya Brown</a>	Committee Member	2024-08-15 – 2025-09-01	University of North Texas Libraries
<a href="#">Biz Gallo</a>	Committee Member	2024-08-15 – 2025-09-01	Library of Michigan (MDE)
<a href="#">Melissa Hernández-Durán</a>	Committee Member	2024-08-15 – 2025-09-01	Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

Council Liaison: Eira Tansey

## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

*(Please indicate all projects and activities that your component group has completed this year, continues to work on, or plans to implement in the following fiscal year.)*

### **Completed:**

#### Presentations:

- Presentation: Managing AMI materials using Airtable [Felicia Boretzky, March 2025]
- Presentation: Adapting AV Digitization Best Practices to Your Institution [Jackie Jay]; Quality Control Tools and Processes for Audio & Moving Image Digitization [Melissa Hernandez-Duran]. [AMI annual section meeting, July 2025]

#### Projects:

- Updated microsite
  - Revising microsite to include presentation links
  - AMI resources page
- Created a section google drive for onboarding, meeting minutes, presentation notes etc.
- Created social media handles and scheduled posting (Instagram/Bluesky)
- Surveys for topics or interests from section members

### **Ongoing:**

- Building calendar for talks and presentations

### **New:**

- Partner with other sections

## SAA STRATEGIC PLAN

### **Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists**

Our section has become more present publicly and has had a bigger presence on our section's Instagram page. By highlighting archival work that is done by archivists, both within and outside of archives, we are bringing attention to the great work we do as a profession.

### **Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth**

After the popularity of our Section's presentation at last year's Annual Conference it was clear that there was a need for further professional growth around AMI in archival collections. To meet this need, we have created both training resources and learning opportunities around AMI to help section members grow in their knowledge of and familiarity with caring for AMI collections. We also created a space at this year's annual meeting for section members to meet and network, building connections and opportunities to learn from each other in a specialized field.

### **Goal 3: Advancing the Field**

By creating more training resources for identifying, describing, and preserving AMI material in collections, the section ensures that more archival records will be available and accessible in the future, not just those recorded on paper.

### **Goal 4: Meeting Members' Needs**

Section leadership created training opportunities and arranged presentations around interests and needs that were reported from the section membership survey. The section continues to survey membership and has an open line of communication for suggesting topics and resources.

## SAA ANNUAL MEETING

Number of attendees: 45

Link to meeting minutes: [Link to meeting](#) : [Link to slides](#)

Summary of meeting activities and highlights:

- The meeting included a council update, guest speaker regarding the CAW in Anaheim, and two presentations by AV experts related to digitization and quality control, followed by robust Q&A related to the presentations. The meeting also included a slide soliciting participation from section members to get involved in the group (present, suggestions for presentations).
- At the annual meeting in Anaheim our section arranged an in-person happy hour at a brewery on Monday, August 25. This had upwards of 25 people cycling in; all were so happy to connect, meet each other and network in person.

## SELF-ASSESSMENT

*How would you describe the health or energy of the group, and how engaged are the members?*

- The section has been working great as a team, dividing up tasks, reaching out to personal networks to engage speakers, and are really committed to bringing the section back to a healthy status.

*Did the component group's leadership encounter any challenges in achieving its goals for the year?*

- We didn't anticipate the interruption, budget cuts, or insecurities in jobs caused by the current administration. This has caused some interruption in planning while we navigated people's priorities and availability mid-year. We weren't able to have as many speakers as we wished this year, but we were able to update all operational files, normalize onboarding, add social media, and update the microsite.

*What suggestions do you have for the SAA Council and staff that might help address these challenges in the coming term?*

- It would also be great to bring back section meetings to the annual in-person conference, the virtual presentations lack in-person connectedness, make it hard for people to ask questions in small groups, and most importantly don't allow for networking in any meaningful way. At our happy hour, people were so grateful we were doing something in person, as this is where so many people make connections, ask questions in a small setting, and hold real conversations. In order to inspire people to join sections and have real awareness of group representation at the annual meeting is vital to sustainability, especially since the opening receptions have all but not dissolved.

*What questions or concerns do you have for the SAA Council and staff?*

- With budget and funding cuts, the membership costs are becoming difficult to retain members in leadership roles. It would be great if membership was included in the conference fee, or if there were financial incentives for participating in leadership (reduced membership).