

**Society of American Archivists  
Publications Board  
Virtual Meeting | December 9, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Stacie Williams (Publications Editor and Publications Board Chair), Sarah Demb, Colleen Hoelscher, Sarah Keen, Dana Lamparello, Monika Lehman Yvette Ramirez, and JoyEllen Williams and Chaeyeon Kim and Sarah Coffman (incoming early-career members); *ex officio* members Dominique Luster (Council Liaison) and Amy Cooper Cary (*American Archivist* Editor); and SAA staff members Abigail Christian and Julia Pillard.

**Unable to attend:** Kristin Harpster and Cyndi Shein.

**I. WELCOME** – Stacie Williams

Stacie has been reappointed for a second term through December 2025 and is excited for the opportunity. She thanks the Board for what all it does in pushing the boundaries of the Publications program.

**II. Update on Publications Audit** – Yvette Ramirez and Sarah Coffman

- Ramirez and Coffman have developed a number of [survey questions](#) for the information they want to glean from SAA books.  
The survey has been narrowed to cover simply SAA's books. They hope to make connections between what books have sold, PDF vs. ebooks, what audiences we've targeted, and what themes that the author(s) are touching upon. They are focusing on the content of the books vs. author demographics.
- The goal is to have this filled out by spring and have a Board discussion about the results and next steps. One of the things we hope will come out of gathering this data will find some of the opportunities for building on the archival literature and guide a call for proposals for new books and help the Board set a course for the next 5-7 years that meets both our strategic goals and what members may need.
- This data could be something to be submitted to the SAA Dataverse, the data repository launched by SAA Committee on Research, Data, and Assessment (CORDA).
- The Board's feedback suggests narrowing down some of the option ranges to just three choices and defining early-career member, mid-career member, and later career member by how A\*CENSUS II defines it so we're gathering data consistently with other datasets.

**III. Board Discussion: What would benefit you in this space, especially when we're in between proposals?** – Stacie Williams

The Board discussed incorporating a reading group into the meetings to discuss an article related to publishing in general, other archival publishers, or adjacent to what members typically read in proposals. This could help generate ideas for additional books.

#### **IV. Publications News – Stacie Williams**

- [Write Away Forum](#) on November 17 was a success! More than 700 people registered and more than 200 people attended.
- Our new book [Museum Archives: Practice, Issues, Advocacy](#) is published!
- Staff updates: New staff member Hannah Stryker joins SAA as editorial and program coordinator.