

Society of American Archivists Council Meeting Chicago, IL

Web Archiving Section: Annual Report (Prepared by: Hope Dunbar)

Year: 2025

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

Hope Dunbar, Chair	2024-08-01 – 2025-09-01
Kelli Bogan, Vice Chair	2024-08-01 – 2025-09-01
Sally Blanchard-O'Brien, Communications Liaison	2024-08-01 – 2025-09-01
Leah Constantine, Education Coordinator	2024-08-01 – 2025-09-01

Council Liaison: Alison Clemens

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.)

Revisions to the section bylaws (voting to be carried out in September election) to change the election cadence. Currently, too many positions leave the board in a single year. The current cycles make it difficult to have section leadership continuity. Recruiting for the section leadership took up considerable time and yielded few results.

SAA STRATEGIC PLAN

*(Please review the current [Strategic Plan](#) and indicate below how the component group has or plans to contribute to **one** or more of the four main goals.)*

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists

The section supports advocacy by sharing resources, news, and professional developments related to web archiving with members.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth

We provide members with opportunities to learn about web archiving through annual meetings, discussions, and shared documentation.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field

The section fosters collaboration and dialogue around emerging technologies and practices in web archiving.

Goal 4: Meeting Members' Needs

We aim to connect members with each other, share relevant resources, and provide updates on trends in the field.

SAA ANNUAL MEETING

Number of attendees: 42

Link to meeting minutes: meeting not recorded by request of speaker

Summary of meeting activities and highlights:

The annual meeting featured a presentation from an invited speaker, Joe Carrano, from MIT on current trends in web archiving, followed by discussion among members. Updates on section activities and upcoming elections were also shared.

SELF-ASSESSMENT

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

The section membership is engaged and active, but there isn't a drive to participate in the section leadership. It has been difficult to fill empty committee slots, and the positions that are filled typically only have one nomination.

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

Based on the election cadence of the group, all positions except the chair, rolled off the steering committee, this created some substantial issues in continuity and management. This should be alleviated in future with a bylaw revision that will be voted on in the upcoming September election cycle.

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

N/A

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

N/A