Agenda Item VI.C.

Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
May 16-17, 2017
Chicago, Illinois

Vice President/President-Elect's Report
(Prepared by Tanya Zanish-Belcher)

I continued to participate in frequent calls with the President and Executive Director.

I participated in calls with the CoSA/NAGARA/SAA Leadership Group.

I assisted in providing evaluative comments for SAA Executive Director Nancy Beaumont.

Council member Michelle Light and I worked with the Committee on Public Policy to better coordinate the drafting of statements related to the budget proposed by the Trump administration. We currently have two completed and ready to be shared as needed, focusing on the NEH and NHPRC. Once COPP reviews the SAA Public Policy Agenda, we will have a better basis for developing a strategy for developing and sharing statements on various topics.

Appointments Process

The majority of my time was spent making volunteer appointments on behalf of the Society.

My Appointments Committee, consisting of co-chairs Jelain Chubb (State Archivist, Texas) and Bill Landis (Yale University), members Andrea R. Jackson (Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library), Elena Colón-Marrero (Computer History Museum), Sammie Morris (Purdue University), and Helen Wong Smith (Kaua`i Historical Society), reviewed all the volunteer applications received by SAA.

In making appointments, I relied on the Committee's priority recommendations, the requests made by committee chairs, and discussions with Executive Director Nancy Beaumont and Governance Coordinator Felicia Owens.

The process of making appointments can be complex and time-consuming, and extremely dependent on the use of many spreadsheets. For the majority of appointments, I called those being appointed, with Nancy and Felicia handling the Awards appointments. I made good progress and the majority of appointments will be completed by the end of

April as I have only a small number of Awards subcommittees and the 2018 Host Committee left to be appointed.

SAA had 93 volunteer positions available, and we had 172 volunteers. It is good to see so many have an interest in committing their time to our Society, and I am still trying to conceive of a way to maintain that energy for work we need to have done. I will present a final report on this process for the July 24, 2017, Council meeting.

Orientation Process for New Council Members

I will be assisting in providing orientation (via phone calls, emails, and face-to-face) for our newest Council members, primarily from May through July.