

**Society of American Archivists Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
March 13 – 14, 2015
Chicago, Illinois**

**President's Report
(Prepared by SAAF President Fynnette Eaton)**

We continue to build on our past success. The one piece of bad news is that Larry Hackman resigned from the Development Committee, but before leaving he recommended that we ask the newly retired New York State Archivist to replace him. Chris Ward agreed to serve so we have a full Development Committee to look to for good suggestions on how to move forward.

I was very pleased to see the November/December *Archival Outlook* article featuring Larry Hackman, who explained why he thinks the Foundation is so important. I expect that with Waverly Lowell's help our website will contain more of these types of articles to encourage greater participation.

Although the Afternoon Tea that I sponsored in August to have a discussion with SAA Fellows on how to make the Foundation even stronger was not well attended, we did receive additional donations from those who did attend. So I hope that the Foundation continues to find ways to engage with our members to increase their understanding of what the Foundation is seeking to accomplish.

Our Board voted and the SAA Council approved our request to change our bylaws as far as the date in which we have our winter/spring meeting, thus giving the Foundation the ability to determine when our winter/spring meeting should be held.

We drafted the letters for our Annual Appeal drive in November. (See the Treasurer's Report at IV.B. for more information.) Based on our experience from this year, I am recommending (at Agenda Item III.B.) that we form a standing subcommittee that will oversee the Annual Appeal so that we can make a concerted effort to raise the necessary funds to accomplish our goals.

Foundation Board Interim Actions

Between August 16, 2014, and March 5, 2015, the Foundation Board took the following actions via online vote:

- Adopted the minutes of the August 15, 2014, Foundation Board meeting. (Passed unanimously on September 19, 2014.)

- Voted to amend the SAA Foundation bylaws to allow the Board to determine the most appropriate time for its annual meeting and to recommend to the SAA Council (the Corporate Member) that it adopt the proposed amendments to the Foundation Bylaws. (Passed unanimously on September 30, 2014). *As the Corporate Member, the SAA Council subsequently adopted the SAA Foundation's recommendation unanimously via its November 9, 2014, Consent Agenda (Motion 2). See <http://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-council/november-9-12-2014-council-meeting>.*
- Adopted the recommendation to appoint Chris Ward to a three-year term on the Foundation Board's Development Committee. (Passed unanimously on January 13, 2015).