

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

**Action Item: Request for Grant from SAA Foundation
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BACKGROUND

As of July 1, 2011, the SAA Foundation was formally created and recognized as a corporate entity that is separate from the Society of American Archivists. As part of the annual budget process, the SAA Council may request funds for specific activities from the SAA Foundation. After a request for funding is approved by the Council, the request is reviewed and voted on by the SAA Foundation Board of Directors.

In January 2011, the Foundation Board adopted the following funding priorities for FY 2011 – FY 2014 (highlight added):

Professional Development Priorities:

- Mosaic Program scholarships, internships, and travel awards directed to increasing the diversity of the profession.
- Scholarships for graduate archival education.
- Development of low-cost continuing education opportunities that will reach the entire profession with state-of-the-art information.
- Opportunities for leadership development for the profession.
- Opportunities for international exchange and professional development.

Research Priorities:

- Administration of a profession-wide survey of archivists.
- Administration of a profession-wide survey of archival repositories.
- Fellowship program to support research related to professional issues and practices.

DISCUSSION

Support for “opportunities for international exchange and professional development” is among the funding priorities adopted by the SAA Foundation Board of Directors in January 2011. The proposed request for a Foundation grant falls within this priority.

Included in the FY 2013 program planner for Advocacy (Program 107) is Activity 3.a., which would provide support for 1) a representative's travel to the International Council on Archives (ICA) Annual Meeting in Brisbane, Australia, in August 2012, and 2) a representative's travel to the ICA Section on Professional Associations meeting in Europe (either Paris or the Netherlands) in March 2013. In each case the cost would be shared equally with the Academy of Certified Archivists.

The budget assumes that the \$2,000 for the Australia meeting and the \$1,500 for the ICA SPA meeting (both representing SAA's 50% share in the costs) would be supported out of the Foundation's Norton Fund. Prior to the Foundation's incorporation, representation at international meetings was among the education-related activities supported by the Norton Fund within the SAA Special Funds.

Trudy Huskamp Peterson, who has served as the SAA/ACA Representative to ICA and SPA for the past several years, has not requested reimbursement for her travel to ICA meetings. With her "retirement" from this position and the Council's and ACA Board's decision to appoint Gregor Trinkaus-Randall as the representative for the August 2012 and March 2013 meetings, funding becomes an issue.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the SAA Council formally request funding from the SAA Foundation in the amount of \$3,500 to support 1) a representative's travel to the International Council on Archives (ICA) Annual Meeting in Brisbane, Australia, in August 2012, and 2) a representative's travel to the ICA Section on Professional Associations meeting in Europe in March 2013.

Support Statement: Support for "opportunities for international exchange and professional development" is among the funding priorities adopted by the SAA Foundation Board of Directors in January 2011. The proposed request for a Foundation grant falls within this priority.

Fiscal Impact: Assuming that the request is approved by the Council and the SAA Foundation Board of Directors, SAA would benefit in the amount of \$3,500. If the request is not approved by either of the two entities and it remains in SAA's FY 2013 budget, the fiscal impact on SAA would be an increase in operational expenses of \$3,500.