BACKGROUND

The Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee was created by the SAA Council in August 2008 with the following description:

I. Purpose

The Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee is responsible for selecting scholarship recipients based on criteria developed and adopted by the SAA Council.

II. Committee Selection, Size, and Length of Terms:

The Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee consists of five SAA members, each of whom serves for one year, appointed by the vice president in consultation with the SAA Council and the chairs of the Diversity Committee, the Archives and Archivists of Color Roundtable, the Archival Educators Roundtable, and prior scholarship recipients.

DISCUSSION

Several changes in the description of the Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee would serve to 1) normalize its size and terms with other committees and subcommittees and 2) simplify the appointments process, with no apparent downside:

- The vast majority of SAA committee and subcommittee appointments are for three-year terms, which provides the appointees with an opportunity to learn their roles and provides the Society with much-needed continuity within our governance processes. The minutes and notes from the August 25, 2008, meeting at which the Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee was established are mute on the subject of why a one-year term was preferred for this group. Given the benefit of continuity of committee service, the relative complexity of the appointments process, and the lack of an apparent reason for a one-year appointment to
this committee in contrast with all others, it would seem to make sense to change the term for committee service.

- If the Committee were made up of six individuals, each with a three-year term, the appointments process would be greatly simplified by having two individuals rotate on/off each year.
- The requirement that the vice president consult with the chairs of the Diversity Committee, the Archives and Archivists of Color Roundtable, the Archival Educators Roundtable, and prior scholarship recipients in making these appointments would seem to obviate the need for Council involvement in this process. There is no practical need to consult with the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the description of the Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee be revised as follows: [strikethrough = deletion, underline = addition]

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The Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee is responsible for selecting scholarship recipients based on criteria developed and adopted by the SAA Council.

II. Committee Selection, Size, and Length of Terms:

The Mosaic Scholarship Selection Committee consists of five **six** SAA members, each of whom serves for one year, **two** appointed by the vice president **each year for staggered three-year terms. The chair is appointed annually by the SAA vice president from among the members. The vice president’s appointments are made in consultation with the SAA Council and the chairs of the Diversity Committee, the Archives and Archivists of Color Roundtable, the Archival Educators Roundtable, and prior scholarship recipients.

**Support Statement:** The proposed revision would ensure an appropriate level of continuity on the Selection Committee and would make the term consistent with service on other SAA scholarship and award committees and subcommittees.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.