COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE CHAIR

SPRING 2022 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Due to SAA Executive Director, SAA Secretary, and Board Liaison on February 8, 2022, for inclusion in the materials for the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Your report serves to inform the SAA Board of the committee/task force’s accomplishments and as background for the action items.

- The Board asks all committee and task force chairs to use this Word document to report to the Executive Director (oona_schmid@saa.org), the SAA Secretary (Kelley.Hays-Gilpin@nau.edu), and your Board Liaison.
- Reports are required in the spring of each year and optional in the fall.
- Starting in 2022, Executive Director will post reports on Committee pages to improve transparency and assist incoming future chairs.
- If you are able to join us in Chicago, Committee and Task Force chairs are invited to join the Board for **breakfast on Saturday April 2**. I will send an invitation in the first week of February to the breakfast.

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1. **Membership and terms for your committee:**

*So that the SAA Office’s records are as complete as possible, please list your committee members and their terms here. Please also note if there are anticipated changes in a member’s status before their term end date.*

Lynne Goldstein, Chair (2024); Mitch Allen (2022); Geoffrey Braswell (2023); Charlotte Cable (2024); Ben Marwick (2022); Christine Szuter (2024)

Just added: Horvey Palacios (student member) 2025

Ex officio: Debra Martin; Julia Hendon, Calogero Santoro; Sarah Herr, Christina Reith, Sjoerd Van Der Linde; Jennifer Birch; Christopher Rodning
2. Executive summary of Committee’s/Task Force’s activities over the past year:

Please note that the activities summary should not exceed 250 words. Should the committee or task force be responding to a Board request for a draft document or report, refer to it in the summary and forwarded with this form as an attachment. If no such document was requested by the Board, the executive summary should be confined to the word limit.

The Publications Committee was not as active in the past six months.

In addition to activities related to specific calls for input or assistance from journal editors, the Publications Committee worked on the following:

1. A document that details what the Publications Committee does. This project is being done at the request of the Board.
2. The SAA Press. Although the SAA has decided to close the Press, the Committee is planning to discuss alternative proposals since we did not know this in advance. We will report to the Board.
3. Several editors have identified a need for a better system of training and transferring responsibility from old to new editors. This is especially true in terms of scheduling the transition as well as allowing for overlap.
4. We assisted in setting up the Task Force to look for new Editors of Latin American Antiquity.
5. The Committee is examining outlines from the standard MOU for editors, with comments from all of the current editors. These documents need to be clear and consistent.

3. Items for Board Consideration, if applicable. These are recommendations and requests that specifically require Board approval.

These items range from statements that you may wish to be disseminated, requests to undertake projects, requests to disseminate results, or any other action for which a committee or task force needs specific Board guidance/approval. Please do not embed such items in your activities summary. These items must be separately listed in this section. These are actions you are asking the Board of Directors to take. Please also include a discussion of fiscal impacts, if any, but note that budget requests occur in advance of the Fall Board meeting (and not as part of this report).

Should you have questions about whether any of your Committee’s items require Board approval, please consult with your Board Liaison prior to submitting your report. We also recommend that you run a draft of your report by your liaison before you “officially” submit it.
We had some confusion over Publications Committee members. Although I thought that Ben Marwick’s term was over at the annual meeting this year, I was told that he was already off the committee and could not be reappointed. It is not clear that this was the case. Ben has been a very valuable member of the Publications Committee, and the Committee wonders if we can have him reappointed for at least another year.

Several journals have had requests to publish articles in Spanish or other languages (beyond LAQ). This has also come up for TSAR. Is this something that the Board would like to encourage? We would do so with the understanding that the page numbers remain the same, etc. There are several factors involved. Is there something that concerns the Board regarding these requests?

One of the biggest issues that has come up is closing of the SAA Press. The Publications Committee is very concerned that we were not consulted nor asked for possible alternatives. The Committee plans to explore alternatives and report back to the Board, but there are a few questions that remain: 1) Will the Board entertain proposals for alternative publishing models? 2) Will the Board thank the associate editors for their years of dedicated service? 3) What will happen to the Press’ back catalog? If the SAA will not support these titles, one author has asked if the copyright reverts to the author? Will out-of-print titles be open-access on the SAA website?

Finally, we are still trying to come up with an appropriate event or idea to celebrate AAP’s 10th anniversary. Anything that costs funds would have to go through the Board. Does the Board have any unique or exciting ideas?

4. Draft motions, if appropriate. (Optional)

Drafting a suggested motion or motions for any requests noted above will help the Board more clearly understand your request and increase the “fit” between the request you make and corresponding Board action. Please keep in mind that suggested motions may be revised or not accepted by the Board, whose responsibility it is to consider the full range of member needs. If you choose to include suggested motion(s) with your report, it is essential that you work with your liaison before you submit your report. They will be able to provide examples of motions that you can use as models for the ones you create.