



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

**COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE CHAIR
SPRING 2023 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Due to SAA Executive Director, SAA Secretary, and Board Liaison on February 6, 2023, 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 (ona_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, Coordinator, Membership and Meetings, posts reports on Committee pages to improve transparency and assist incoming future chairs.**
- If you are able to join us in Portland Oregon, Committee and Task Force chairs are invited to join the Board for **breakfast on Saturday April 1, 2023**. Please RSVP by February 1.

Report of the	Student Affairs Committee
From Chair	Corey Herrmann
Date	February 10 th , 2023

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.

Corey A. Herrmann, Chair 2021-24
 Kaitlyn N. Ball, 2020-23 (cycling off)
 Kaitlyn E. Davis, 2022-25
 Benjamin J. Deans, 2021-24
 Marsha M. Holley, 2022-25
 Corey K.S. Hoover, 2022-25
 Hannah G. Hoover, 2021-24
 Kara Larson, 2022-25
 New members beginning for 2023-26 cycle: James Strawn, Chey Sherwin

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.

SAC's last year has concerned the administration and running of the new SALSA speaker series. In addition to running this series during the prior fall semester, funding was secured from the Board to have a second year of speakers invited to speak with us and SAA membership remotely. Currently, a call for papers has been circulated for this second year of speakers, with the list announced in March.

Additionally, SAC has had several meetings with our Board Liaison, Dan Sandweiss; these conversations were wide-ranging and have inspired a battery of proposals that SAC is currently drafting for future Board perusal in the coming months.

Upcoming meetings are planned within SAC as well in order to plan an agenda for running the first SAA Student Town Hall, to be held at the Portland Annual Meeting. We hope that this will become a robust forum for hearing student concerns, building solidarity among this large contingent of the Society's membership and helping drive new priorities for SAA and especially SAC.

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.

While proposals are still currently being drafted, here is a brief summary of what the Board can expect to come across their collective desk in the coming weeks and months:

- 1) A proposal concerning the development of a student list-serv or other means, away from social media and preferably through professional email, so that SAC can directly liaise with student members of the SAA.
- 2) A proposal regarding the dissemination of last year's SALSA talks, with the hope that they can be made open-access rather than exclusive to membership.
- 3) A proposal advocating for the formal establishment of a standing student member to the SAA Board. This proposal is meant more as a provocation for a longer-term dialogue, but we hope that SAC will be able to contribute its collective perspective to this discussion.

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.