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**Vice President's Report
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During the first six months of my term as Vice President/President-Elect, the focus of my activities has been on the appointments process, the transition of the Government Affairs Working Group to the Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy, and in a range of communications with various affinity groups of SAA as well as with other professional organizations.

Appointments

- Nancy Lenoil from the California State Archives has accepted the appointment as chair of the 2014 Appointments Committee. She is joined by Michelle Ganz from Lincoln Memorial University, Helen Kim from Visual Communications, and Christie Peterson from Johns Hopkins University. Herb Hartsook of the University of South Carolina, last year's Appointments Committee chair, will serve as an *ex officio* member.
- Carl Van Ness from the University of Florida and Lynn Eaton from James Madison University were appointed as co-chairs of the 2015 Program Committee. Carl and Lynn were both very active members of the Annual Meeting Task Force and are committed to incorporating the recommendations of that group insofar as possible in the Cleveland meeting.
- Jennie Thomas, archivist for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has been appointed as the chair of the 2015 Host Committee. Considerable interest in local arrangements has already been expressed by archivists in the Cleveland area.
- Nick Artim from Heritage Preservation Group was appointed to the Technical Subcommittee on Archival Facilities Guidelines (TS-AFG).
- Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy appointments: See next item.
- I prepared an article inviting submissions for appointments for the November/December issue of *Archival Outlook* and a December 2 post for *Off the Record* on the appointments process.
- As I receive copies of submissions from various members for appointment, I respond with a brief personal note to each thanking them for their interest in serving SAA. Many members have responded back to me with appreciation for that, and often asking questions or making suggestions that provide useful information.

Transition from Government Affairs Working Group to Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy

- As identified at the August 2013 Council meeting, I worked with a small group of individuals to develop a charge for the new Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy. That group included GAWG Chair Frank Boles; Council Liaison Tanya Zanish-Belcher; GAWG member Barbara Teague; Jeremy Brett, chair of the Issues and Advocacy Roundtable; and Debra Davendonis-Todd, from the Congressional Affairs Roundtable. (Both roundtables had expressed strong interest in the transition.) The charge was approved by the Council and CAPP began to operate with its new charge.
- Current members of GAWG were transitioned/appointed to CAPP. Those include: Chair Frank Boles from Central Michigan University; Vice-Chair Barbara Teague, from Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives; and Members: James Cross from Clemson University, Peter Gottlieb (retired) Wisconsin Historical Society, and Mary Anne Hamblen, University of Alaska. Newly appointed were: Jeremy Brett from Texas A&M University and Debra Davendonis-Todd from Baylor University. Amy Lazarus from the University of Charleston will serve as the Committee intern, and Tanya Zanish-Belcher remains as Council liaison.
- The Committee has been active in preparing issues briefs and I have been involved, as an *ex-officio* member of CAPP, in the discussions and review of those briefs.

Other Activities/Communications

- In an effort to better inform myself in my role as vice president, I contacted the leaders of each affinity group in SAA to encourage them to raise issues, share information, or tell me whatever they felt I needed to know about their group to be more informed and effective as vice president. I received comments or had telephone conversations with about 20 individuals that were very helpful.
- In cooperation with Danna Bell, Michelle Light, and Lisa Mangiafico, I worked on the strategic actions draft document for further discussion by the Council in January.
- As regularly as I am available, I participate in the monthly twitter-chats of the Students and New Archives Professionals Roundtable to again provide me with an opportunity to be better informed about the concerns and interests of this group.
- I participated with Danna Bell and Nancy Beaumont in the December call with the leadership of the Council of State Archivists and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.
- I have been asked, in my role as SAA vice president, and have agreed to serve as the keynote speaker for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference meeting in Spring 2014 and the New York Archives Conference meeting in June 2014.