I would like to make a brief report to the Council on the first two months of my service as Editor of *American Archivist*. In accordance with my goal to improve communications at all levels of the journal, I welcome the opportunity to report to the Council more regularly during this first phase of my tenure.

I began my service on November 1, 2020. In this very short two-month period, I have spent a great deal of time in listening sessions, which have proven invaluable. I have also accomplished the following:

- Worked with the SAA Publications team to bring together content for *American Archivist* 83.2 (Fall/Winter 2020) and contributed to “From the Editor.”

- In direct support of the Council, I am working with the Editorial Board as a whole to write a statement about the pivot to a digital journal, as of 84.1. This will come from the Board, will appear in 83.2, and will be available in the *American Archivist* portal.

- Worked to address a large backlog of articles for consideration and editorial work for future volumes.

- Planning for a meeting to discuss the broader implications of the Editorial Board’s proposal to the Council, to be held in early January.

- Planning for my first Editorial Board meeting (late January / early February) to discuss:
  - Publication of 83.2, articles in 84.1, and special design records section in 84.2.
  - Pivot to digital.
  - DEI – This is a continuing dialogue which will be critical to maintain throughout my tenure. I plan to make this an ongoing discussion for the group. In this initial meeting, I want to focus on:
    - Editorial Board’s ongoing commitment, experience, and how we reflect DEI to readers and membership.
    - Implications for our work in DEI in drawing and retaining all involved in the process – peer reviewers, authors, Board members.
Professional development opportunities – shared experience.
Implications for our work in DEI to support the ongoing conversation taking place throughout SAA. How does the Board best support the association in these efforts?
Goals for 2021.

Requests for the Council:

• The Council’s decision to budget for output of the journal only in a digital format is a critical stewardship issue for the organization. Although the Editorial Board stands in support of this decision, I would like to ask that the Council commit to assisting the Board in providing support for messaging about the pivot to a digital format.

• I would welcome an invitation to join the Council for a future virtual conversation, whenever the Council has an opening for discussion.