

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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Chicago, Illinois**

**Vice President/President-Elect's Report
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For the months from February through May 2014, the focus of my activities has been on the appointments process, representing SAA at the Coalition for National Learning, attending the American Society of Association Executives Symposium for Chief Elected and Chief Executive Officers, and being involved in other SAA-related activities and communications.

Appointments

- The 2014 Appointments Committee, chaired by Nancy Lenoil, State Archivist of California, joined by Michelle Ganz from Lincoln Memorial University, Helen Kim from Visual Communications, Christie Peterson from The Johns Hopkins University, and Herb Hartsook of the University of South Carolina (*ex officio*), completed their work and submitted recommendations on April 1, 2014. They demonstrated considerable energy and care in striving to provide recommendations that reflected a range of diversity and balance in appointments. I have been and will continue to make calls to fill the appointments. The addition of the Committee on Public Awareness and two joint working groups with RBMS have added to the extent of work to do, but those with whom I've spoken have been very positive and excited about the opportunity to serve.
- 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. I made the appointments for that committee immediately to ensure that the committee could initiate conversations about how to incorporate the recommendations of the Annual Meetings Task Force in plans for the Cleveland meeting. Carl and Lynn have already begun discussions with the committee, and their energy promises great options for the 2015 meeting.

Coalition for National Learning [name change under discussion]

- With impetus and funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and coordinated by OCLC, a group of librarians, archivists, and museum professionals representing key organizations and individuals committed to continuing education nationally met March 27-28, 2014, in Crystal City, Virginia. The purpose of the

meeting was to consider the challenges and initiate efforts to develop approaches for future collaboration on professional education. The participants agreed to address the need to work in deliberate coordination across organizational boundaries to devise and strengthen sustainable continuing education and professional programs that will transform the library, museum, and archives workforce in ways that lead to measureable impact on our nation's communities. Three working groups were formed to address governance and coalition-building, assessing the field, and developing a prototype to demonstrate the value of this collaborative approach. Further work is proceeding and reports on the meeting and subsequent work will be forthcoming in the near future. Discussion of the role SAA will take with this group and relevant members/staff to involve will need to take place.

American Society of Association Executives Symposium for Chief Elected and Chief Executive Officers

With Executive Director Nancy Beaumont, I attended this two-day symposium that provides opportunities to focus on a range of elements of leadership, including leadership models, trends in associations, working styles, roles and responsibilities, building successful relationships, engaging volunteers, strategic planning, and transition/change. It was an extremely productive symposium for me and provided important opportunities to consider my current and forthcoming leadership responsibilities with SAA.

Other Activities/Communications

- I participated with Danna Bell and Nancy Beaumont in monthly calls with the leadership of the Council of State Archivists and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators.
- In my role as SAA vice president, I was asked to serve as the keynote speaker for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference meeting in May 2014 and will do so again at the New York Archives Conference meeting in June 2014.
- As regularly as I am available, I participate in the monthly Twitter chats of the Students and New Archives Professionals Roundtable to use the opportunity to be better informed about the concerns and interests of this group.