

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
May 11–13, 2016  
Chicago, Illinois**

**President's Report  
(Prepared by SAA President Dennis Meissner)**

**Representation:**

- Along with Executive Director Nancy Beaumont and Vice President Nance McGovern, attended the American Society of Association Executives CEO Symposium in Washington, DC, November 19-20. This is an extremely useful training and teaming session for voluntary leaders and I'm grateful that I could attend.
- Represented SAA at the OpenLab convening December 1-2 in Crystal City, VA. This open discussion of GLAM leaders and grant-makers was an initial step in identifying ways in which larger institutions can help speed up transformational change within the larger community of cultural repositories and memory institutions.
- Visited the Bentley Library on February 9-10, meeting with Bentley staff and University of Michigan SAA Student Chapter, and making brief remarks at a joint reception.
- Delivered keynote address at Midwest Archives Conference annual meeting in Milwaukee, on April 28, on the topic of our shared diversity and inclusion agenda.

**Member Communications**

- Wrote three president's columns for *Archival Outlook*.
- Posted two *Off the Record* posts, the second of which (on the need to press forward our D&I goals) drew a number of comments, some offline.
- Communicated with various groups in support of the 2016 dues referendum.

**Governance and General Activities**

- Helped organize and execute January 2016 Council conference call.
- Helped secure renewed three-year contract with Publications Editor.
- Worked with Diversity Committee, Executive Director, Vice President, and Councilor Amy Cooper Cary on establishing a process to bring more minority interns into SAA component groups.

## **Executive Activities**

- Participated in weekly policy and process calls with the Vice President and the Executive Director to deal with current issues and prepare items for the Council.
- Participated in monthly calls with leaders of SAA, CoSA, and NAGARA to work through issues of mutual concern.
- Worked with the Executive Director, CAPP chair, Committee on Issues and Awareness, and Executive Committee on potential and actual letters and issue briefs, including IP provisions of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, preservation of orphaned archives of the Los Angeles Port Authority, privacy considerations in public records, and discriminatory legislation initiatives in various statehouses.
- Worked with (primarily) the Executive Director and the Vice President to develop the agenda for the May 2016 Council meeting.

## **2016 Joint Annual Meeting Preparations**

- Worked with CoSA President Matt Blessing and Archivist of the United States David Ferriero to arrange a presentation by Ferriero at Plenary 1.
- Worked with the CoSA President, Executive Director, and Vice President to select and secure keynote speaker Chris Taylor for Plenary 1.