

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
July 24, 2017
Oregon Convention Center
Portland, Oregon**

**President's Report
(Prepared by Nance McGovern)**

Representation and Professional Advocacy

- Coordinated with representatives from professional associations (including libraries, museums, AV, international archives, and other information professions) who will attend the SAA Annual Meeting. (See Appendix.)

Executive Activities

- Regular calls with the Executive Director, sometimes including the Vice President, to deal with current issues and prepare items for the Council.
- Worked with the Executive Director, with input from others, to develop the agenda for the July Council meeting.
- Final call with Meg Phillips of NARA.
- Coordinated with Mark Matienzo and Bertram Lyons on the metadata and digital practice scan. Mark will attend the Research Forum and Town Hall to gather and share updates.

2017 Annual Meeting Preparations

- Organizing the Town Hall discussion with professional association representatives.
- Compiled list of diversity and inclusion activities that SAA staff finalized and included in the Annual Meeting program.
- Coordinating with Terry Baxter and the Council on the Liberated Archive Forum discussion groups.
- Included two sessions with six presentations that highlight the themes of the Annual Meeting and the Liberated Archive Forum on the agenda for the 11th Annual Research Forum.

Try5 Update

- Shared a summary blog post for Try5 on *Off the Record* including my own examples.
- Try5 will informally continue when my term ends. The hashtag will live on and we will try a Try5 lightning round at the Research Forum next year.

Member Communications

- Provided summary blog posts on the Digital Practice and Metadata Review that Mark Matienzo is completing, the status of the establishment of Task Force on Research Data and Evaluation, Try 5, and an overall summary.
- My final column in Outlook: “What Might a Collaborative Dream Team Look Like?” was published.
- Monitoring an ongoing queue of pending and published statements and updates to members from IPWG, COPP, and COPA.
- “Statement on Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity Request for Voter Roll Data” issued.
- Shared updates about the professional association representatives who will be attending the Annual Meeting and responded to questions about the Town Hall.

Governance and General

- Coordinated with Dennis Meissner, Kris Kiesling, Tanya Zanish-Belcher, and Nancy Beaumont on the establishment of the Task Force on Research Data and Evaluation. Tanya is completing the appointments for the task force.
- Convened search committee (members: Erin Lawrimore, Chris Prom, Jennifer Meehan, Nancy Beaumont, and Teresa Brinati) for the *American Archivist* Editor that resulted in the appointment of Cal Lee.

Appendix: List of Professional Associations Representatives Attending the Annual Meeting

- **Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)** - Cheryl Middleton / Oregon State University (incoming president)
- **Association of Canadian Archivists** - Jordan Bass / University of Manitoba in Winnipeg (VP)
- **Association of Research Libraries (ARL)** - Mark Puente and Judy Ruttenberg [note: Judy will attend the Town Hall]
- **Australian Society of Archivists (ASA)** - Cassie Findlay / San Francisco
- **CLIR** - Pedro Gonzalez-Fernandez and Nicole Ferraiolo
- **Digital Library Federation (DLF)** - Rachel Mattson / La MaMa Archives
- **International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (IASA)** - Tre Berney / Cornell University Library
- **International Council on Archives (ICA)** - Lara Wilson / NAANICA Coordinator
- **Middle Eastern Librarians Association (MELA)** - Sharon Smith / MIT
- **Open Repositories Steering Committee (OR)** - Sarah Shreeves / University of Miami
- **Oral History Association** - Doug Boyd / University of Kentucky
- **RBMS** - Athena Jackson / Penn State University