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**Interim Report: Annual Meeting Task Force
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We are actively preparing for the 2012 Annual Meeting, where we will have the opportunity to solicit ideas from SAA members. For the Annual Meeting Task Force (AMTF) Forum on Thursday, August 9, at noon, we are planning to use a World Café format in which participants share their views at several specific topic discussion tables, focusing on the issues we are looking at in our four subgroups (Social Responsibility, Meeting Model, Meeting Content, and Online Accessibility of Meeting Content). We anticipate having the research agendas for each subgroup available to serve as the impetus for the discussions.

We will also staff a table in the Registration Area from Wednesday to Saturday where SAA members can drop by and ask questions and offer suggestions. We want to solicit as many ideas as we possibly can and will have opportunities for members to talk to us, leave written suggestions, and respond to our Twitter presence during the meeting.

We have had some turnover in our subgroups. Lisa Carter has resigned as chair of the Online Accessibility subcommittee, although she will remain a member. Rebecca Bizonet has agreed to serve as chair in Lisa's place. In addition, Sibyl Schaefer has resigned from the task force.

We know that our momentum has slowed while we waited for a selected list of organizations comparable to SAA so that we could focus our investigations of new meeting ideas. As it seems that this list is not really possible to produce given the many variables associated with "comparability" (number of members, budget, conference budget as a proportion of total budget, number of staff, income of members, level of industry support, etc.), we are moving forward without it, refocusing our attention on narrowing what we want to research, assigning projects, and comparing results.

Our activities at the Annual Meeting will serve as an internal and external check-in for the group. The task force itself will meet to review the research agendas that will be our main focus of the next six months, and we will also have a chance to receive feedback on member issues related to the annual meeting at our forum and at our information table. Following this, we should be positioned to move into the more intensive phase of following leads on methodologies, venues, and experiences of other associations and evaluating which ideas to recommend to the Council.