

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 12 – 13, 2013
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Vice President's Report
(Prepared by Danna Bell-Russel)**

Appointments

The appointments process is nearly complete. René has sent responses to all applicants regarding their status. I still have appointments to complete for the external representatives and the 2014 Host Committee.

Special announcements were sent to solicit volunteers for the Task Force on Member Affinity Groups and the ARL/SAA Mosaic Program Advisory Group and Selection Committee. The selection process for these groups has been completed and all volunteers have been informed of the status of their applications.

Appointments Committee Chair Herbert Hartsook, Committee member Sharmila Bhatia, and I have co-written an article on this year's appointments process for *Archival Outlook*. It will appear in an upcoming issue.

2014 Joint Annual Meeting

The tri-chairs, incoming presidents of the three sponsoring associations, and chief executive officers met via conference call to discuss the Call for Proposals and publicity for the 2014 Joint Annual Meeting. After reviewing and accepting the publicity banners developed by SAA staff, it was agreed that the theme for the meeting will be: Archives * Records: Ensuring Access.

The 2014 Call for Session Proposals has been launched (July 17) and includes the following changes: 90-minute sessions have been eliminated; session duration can be either 60 or 75 minutes. We have included within the list of proposed session formats the opportunity to use an alternative session format such as world café, fishbowl discussions, Pecha Kucha 20x20 sessions, or any other session type not defined in the call.

The deadline for submission of session proposals is September 30, 2013.

During a recent visit to Washington, D.C., Nancy was able to visit me at the Library of Congress and we met with one of the special events coordinators regarding the possibility of having the All-Attendee Reception in the Great Hall of the Library. I have received

notification from one of my Host Committee co-chairs that our application and support letter from Roberta I. Shafer, Associate Librarian for Library Services, has been approved and, pending completion of contracts, we will have the reception in the Great Hall on either Thursday, August 14, or Friday, August 15, 2014.

Government Affairs Working Group

Jackie Dooley, Frank Boles, Tanya Zanish-Belcher, Nancy Beaumont, and I have been discussing GAWG's role and how it fits in with our advocacy activities. See 0813-1-IV-A-AdvocacyInfrastructure for a Council discussion item on this topic.