

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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**Vice President's Report
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During May through July of my term as Vice-President/President-Elect, the focus of my activities has been on completing the appointments process and a range of communications with various affinity groups of SAA as well as with other professional organizations.

Appointments

Based on the recommendations of the Appointments Committee and with advice from committee/task force/board chairs, I made appointments to open positions for various SAA groups. A few appointments were delayed for reasons ranging from simple inaccuracies in contact information or changed work circumstances to more complicated issues regarding a group's structure or a charge that needed to be addressed. Rene Craig was incredibly helpful in assembling and managing information, sending appointment letters, and informing those volunteers we were not able to appoint. Many who were appointed provided thoughtful responses, and a number of those who were not appointed inquired about how they might become more active. It may be helpful, perhaps annually, to provide an *Off the Record* blog post to inform or remind members of ways in which they can become involved in a range of SAA groups in addition to those that involve appointments.

Other Activities/Communications

- As regularly as possible, I participate in/review the twitter-chats and blogs sponsored by affinity groups, including the Women Archivists Roundtable, Issues and Advocacy Roundtable, and the Students and New Archives Professionals Roundtable, to be better informed about the concerns and interests of the membership.
- I have participated with Danna Bell and Nancy Beaumont in the monthly calls with the leadership of the Council of State Archivists and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators. A major issue of discussion has been coordinating our efforts relating to archival issues, advocacy, and awareness. This will be the topic of discussion when the officers of those groups meet during the Joint Annual Meeting.

- My involvement has continued on behalf of SAA in the IMLS-funded Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums. The Coalition is moving forward in its efforts to assess the field, develop a pilot approach to common curriculum in one area, and further define the operation and relationship of the Coalition and its members. Bob Horton of IMLS will be meeting with a number of SAA groups, including the Council, the Committee on Education, and others to provide an overview and discussion of the Coalition during the Joint Annual Meeting. By the time of the Joint Annual Meeting we need to identify another individual to represent SAA in the Coalition.