The August through October months were largely spent learning the ropes, working with the President and Executive Director on the Advocacy agenda, and completing the initial steps in rolling out the 2014-2015 Appointments process.

**Appointments**
- Appointed Terry Baxter, Multnomah County Archives, Oregon, as chair of the 2014-2015 SAA Appointments Committee. I asked Terry to recommend the remaining members of his committee.
- Appointed the full roster of the Appointments Committee, which now includes Daphne O. DeLeon, Nevada State Library and Archives; Rebecca Goldman, La Salle University; Melissa G. Gonzales, Witte Museum, San Antonio; and Kate Theimer, ArchivesNext.
- Drafted a call for volunteers article for *Archival Outlook* and a template for appointment letters.
- Re-appointed Trudy Huskamp Peterson as SAA’s Representative to US State Department Advisory Committee on Historic Diplomatic Documentation. The current appointment expires at the end of 2014.
- Appointed Courtney Chartier, Emory University, as a co-chair of the 2016 Annual Meeting Host Committee. This early appointment allows some planning work to begin informally; the other co-chair and the rest of the committee will be appointed during 2015 with all other vacancies.
- Appointed Donna McCrea, University of Montana at Missoula, as SAA’s lead representative to the Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums. Danna Bell has been appointed to the subcommittee on developing a course prototype.

**Advocacy**
- Participated in a phone discussion with CoSA and NAGARA leaders to coordinate shared advocacy agenda.
- Met with Bob Horton, IMLS Deputy Director, to discuss possible approaches to grant funding for a future survey of US archivists.