

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
November 14–16, 2016  
Chicago, Illinois**

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

**Launched Try5**

- Described the three Try5 steps in [Archival Outlook](#): 1) Try five technical things, 2) share your experience, 3) help someone else do at least one technical thing.
- Worked with SAA staff to establish a web [page](#) for the initiative with a supporting page to identify SAA's communication [channels](#) for people to share their experience.
- Posted a Try5 blog entry on *Off the Record* and working with some SAA members to blog about their suggestions and experiences with Try5. Thanks to Bert for the first one!
- Coordinating with NARA – they will be doing Try5 through their training program and I will be doing a webinar with them on November 18.

**Executive Activities**

- Participated in weekly policy and process calls with the Vice President and the Executive Director to deal with current issues and prepare items for the Council.
- Participated in calls with leaders of SAA, CoSA, and NAGARA to share updates.
- Worked with the Executive Director and the Vice President (with input from others) to develop the agenda for the November Council meeting.
- Arranged a visit to the SAA Archives at the University of Milwaukee with an update during the Council Meeting.
- Monthly calls with Meg Phillips of NARA. In addition to their participation in Try5, we are working on a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of electronic records at NARA and SAA members.
- Received an invitation to attend IASA Conference at Bert's suggestion (he serves on their Executive Board) and had a nice exchange with their leadership. It was not possible to attend this time, though Bert will provide an update at our November meeting.
- Coordinated with Nancy Beaumont and DeEtta Jones about the facilitated discussion DeEtta will be leading at our November meeting as we revisit the strategic plan specifically in relation to diversity and inclusion activities and outcomes.
- Mark Matienzo confirmed, after he was appointed to his new position at Stanford, that he will complete the metadata and digital practice scan that we approved at the August Council meetings with updates going to relevant groups through liaisons during the Annual Meeting week. I expect to have further updates about milestones at our November meeting.

## **2017 Annual Meeting Preparations**

- Confirmed David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, as a plenary speaker.
- Watching for opportunities to help the Program Committee on the Liberated Archives Forum.