

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
November 20, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

**President's Report  
(Prepared by Rachel Vagts)**

Fall 2020 has been busy as we all continue to adjust to the ongoing public health situation that is having such a dramatic impact on our work and our workplaces.

My presidential year kicked off at the end of a very successful virtual Annual Meeting. I can't thank our SAA staff and partners enough for their ability to quickly pivot and ramp up a virtual meeting. We learned a great deal this year that will allow us to have a greater level of member engagement in many aspects of our Annual Meeting—our section meetings, committees, task forces, open forums, etc.—even when we return to meeting face to face at some point in the future.

Work has begun on the A\*CENSUS II project. Nancy Beaumont and I have been meeting with our partners at Ithaka S+R to work out the initial steps of the project. Our first task has been to develop an advisory working group. I've asked Beth Myers to chair the working group and have begun to invite members. We hope to announce the full working group by the end of the year and they will begin their on-boarding after the first of the year.

I've also been working with the Executive Committee and staff liaison Peter Carlson on the search for a new Executive Director. We are currently meeting with executive search firms and plan to have one selected by the end of the year so that they are able to begin their work after the first of the year. This will be a significant time of transition for SAA after Nancy's nearly 18 years of leadership. I appreciate the support from Nancy, the staff, the Council, and members as we work on this recruitment. Our hope would be to have a new ED named by late spring/early summer.

And finally, as the pandemic continues to affect all of our lives, we are working on a variety of plans for our 2021 Annual Meeting. The Program Committee's Call for Proposals is for education sessions that will be offered in a virtual setting similar to this year. We anticipate that most or all of the Annual Meeting will be held virtually, as many of us are affected not just by the public health crisis but by its related impact on our budgets, including money to support travel and professional development. Please stay tuned as we finalize those plans.