

Society of American Archivists  
Electronic Records Section  
2007 Annual Report

**I. ERS Leadership:**

Chair: Suzie Long  
Missouri Southern State University

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Mark J. Myers  
Kentucky Department for Library and Archives

Steering Committee:

Arian D. Ravanbakhsh (Past Chair, term ends 2010)  
National Archives and Records Administration

Mark Conrad (Past Chair, term ends 2009)  
National Archives and Records Administration

Kevin Glick (Past Chair, term ends 2008)  
Yale University

Daniel W. Noonan (term ends 2010)  
The Ohio State University

Richard Marciano (term ends 2009)  
University of California, San Diego, San Diego Supercomputer Center

Shelby Sanett (term ends 2008)  
National Archives and Records Administration

Webmaster: Jean Marie Deken  
Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

Communications (Newsletter/email list): Rosemary Pleva Flynn  
Energy & Environmental Research Center, University of North Dakota

SAA Council Liaison: Dr. Bruce I. Ambacher, University of Maryland

## **II. Report from Annual Meeting**

Held: August 31, 2007

Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Section Meeting Minutes: posted at:

<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/ers/2007mtg.asp>

Attendees: 100

Election Results: Mark Myers was elected vice-chair/chair-elect and Daniel Noonan was elected to the Steering Committee. Elliot Wilczek and Past Chair Rosemary Pleva Flynn rotated off of the Steering Committee.

Speaker: Dr. Peter Bajcsy, Research Scientist, Image Spatial Data Analysis Group, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Bajcsy discussed the power of archival simulation frameworks for understanding challenges in preserving and reconstructing electronic records derived from computer-assisted decision processes.

## **III. Completed Activities**

The ERS Steering Committee forwarded endorsements of two session proposals to the program committee for SAA2007. Both of the sessions were selected for the Chicago program. They were:

#206 Desperately Seeking Solutions –

Mark Conrad, Chair, National Archives and Records Administration

Mark Myers, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Marcia Frank Peri, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Lisl Zach, Louisiana State University

#505 Ensuring Authentic Electronic Records: “Essential Characteristics and Archival Preservation.”

Adam Jansen, Chair, Washington State Archives

David Miller, National Archives and Records Administration

Manfred Thaller, University of Cologne (PLANETS Project)

Rick Rogers, Fenestra Technologies Corporation

ERS has also submitted endorsements of two session proposals to the San Francisco 2008 Program Committee.

#### **IV. Ongoing Projects**

During the past year, the ERS section revamped the section newsletter and published one edition, posted at:  
<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/ers/ersnews2007june.pdf> Rosemary Pleva Flynn was appointed communications editor to keep the newsletter alive.

#### **V. New Projects**

Following up on the concerns expressed at the annual meeting, SAA President Mark Greene invited ERS participation on the Technology Best Practices Task Force. Rob Spindler and Mark Conrad will represent the ERS on the Task Force.

#### **VI. Ongoing Concerns for SAA Council**

ERS members remain concerned about the transparency of SAA Council's work in establishing Task Forces and other projects, especially those that seem to be natural fits for the ERS membership in terms of both technical expertise and interests. We are pleased with President's Greene invitation to participate in the work of the Technology Best Practices Task Force and look forward to other opportunities where ERS members can bring their expertise to assist Council in its endeavors.

Submitted by  
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ERS Steering Committee and  
Immediate Past Chair