



April 3, 2007

Brian Doyle
Society of American Archivists
527 South Wells Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Mr. Doyle:

For the last five years, I have served as an unofficial advisor for the University of Washington Archives and Preservation Club. During this time, I have watch the club grow from a small gathering of students into a well organized and effective student organization. As a longtime member of the Society of American Archivists, I strongly believe this group of students represents the best qualities that the Society of American Archivists is looking for in its young members. I am enthusiastic about their application for a student charter in the Society of American Archivists.

The Information School at the University of Washington places a strong emphasis on the creation, management, and preservation of digital information. This emphasis has positively influenced how students approach the theory and practice of archives and preservation. I have had the pleasure of working with several students in my capacity as University Archivist for the University of Washington and am consistently impressed by the quality of their work and interest in the field.

The students' application for a charter in the Society of American Archivists marks growing recognition on the part of the Information School's administration, which in the past had been unwilling to sanction an SAA student chapter. The dedication of the club's members and the quality of their events and programming has increasingly attracted the attention of the school's faculty and administrators. As a result, both constituencies have come to recognize the value and importance of a well-supported student organization devoted to the study of archives and preservation.

I am very pleased that the Society of American Archivists will finally have a presence on the University of Washington's campus – a presence that I believe is long overdue. I am very much looking forward to advising this talented and highly motivated group of new professionals, and to help them further develop the Archives and Preservation Club and to offer guidance in their professional and academic endeavors. The Society of American Archivists will find an excellent partner in the University of Washington's Archives and Preservation Club and the Information School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Bolcer".

John D. Bolcer
University Archivist
University of Washington Libraries