

Editor, Print and Electronic Publications Report to Council

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Several projects have been moving along since my last report and I wanted to highlight a few ongoing issues and accomplishments.

First, we have submitted our grant proposal, “Fundamental Change,” to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission in time for the June 3 deadline, and should be receiving reviewer comments in late August or early September. This proved to be an energizing and rewarding collaborative experience, and special thanks to Publications Board members Joan Krizack and Deborah Wythe for working through multiple drafts and incorporating diverse comments into the final draft. If funded, the project has tremendous potential for helping us to rethink our electronic/print procedures and to build a sustainable business model for the future.

Second, we have had considerable discussion about the fact that the University of Michigan, as part of its HathiTrust preservation repository program, has digitized approximately 135 past and present SAA Publications. This provides an opportunity for SAA to make older publications available electronically and to build a useful online repository of professional knowledge. The Publications Board needs to make basic administrative decisions about which publications to allow access for and also needs to link to the digitized versions from SAA’s website. These discussions will be finalized at the Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Third, several long-standing book projects have been reviewed and are nearing completion. Elena Danielson’s *The Ethical Archivist* and Michael Nash’s *How to Keep Union Records* will be launched in D.C. In addition, four manuscripts are in various stages of editorial review and projected to be available in 2011: Terry Cook’s edited reader concerning appraisal theory, Kate Theimer’s edited compilation of articles concerning social networking, Cal Lee’s edited volume on personal digital archiving, and Larry Hackman’s advocacy reader. A new Campus Case Study on archiving podcast content by Alexis Antracoli has been added to our online program and the Publications Board recently approved a proposal for an online publication concerning “Researcher Use of Archives.”

In D.C., the Publications Board will be reviewing the *Functions and Activities Thesaurus for Business, Academic, Not-for-profit, and Government Entities (SAAFAT)* created by the Functions Thesaurus Working Group (FTWG) of the Records Management Roundtable (RMRT), and also considering a new proposal concerning state and local records.

Finally, I want to thank Nancy Beaumont, Teresa Brinati, and Thomas Frusciano (our Council liaison), as well as the Publications Board for their characteristically energetic and supportive contributions to the program.