

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
August 6, 2012
San Diego, California**

**Vice President's Report
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Appointments

While the bulk of appointments had been made prior to the June Council meeting, a few remained to be worked on, including the initial memberships of three new groups:

- **Communications Task Force, approved by the Council in June 2012:** A call for volunteers was issued on June 15 and 10 members volunteered. Appointments to this new group are now complete. Dara Baker (Export-Import Bank of the United States) will serve as chair. Beth Kaplan is a member and serves as the Council liaison.
- **Technical Subcommittee for Guidelines for Reappraisal and Deaccessioning, approved by the Council in June 2012:** Appointments to this new group are now complete. Members were recommended by the Standards Committee, as specified by the TS-GRD charge. Laura Jackson will serve as chair. The group reports to the Standards Committee.
- **Glossary Working Group, approved by the Council in August 2011:** This working group will maintain and update the *Glossary of Archival and Records Terminology* authored by Richard Pearce-Moses. A call for volunteers was issued on July 10. Geof Huth, who has significant lexicography experience, will be a member; Joe Turrini will be the liaison from the Publications Board; and liaisons from the Standards Committee and Council also will be appointed.
- **Government Affairs Working Group:** I am in touch with the current members of GAWG to learn more about its work. Bob Martin has fully retired and has therefore resigned from GAWG. Kathleen Roe and Frank Boles are the continuing members. Tanya Zanish-Belcher is the incoming Council liaison.
- **External representatives:** Appointments are on hold pending Council discussion of criteria defining the circumstances in which SAA should have a formal liaison to an external group (Agenda Item 0812-1-II-C-ExternalReps). I have held a number of discussions with the Standards Committee co-chairs regarding some of the seven representative positions that report to them.

Appointments Committee Chair Scott Schwartz and I authored an article on the 2012 appointments process that will appear in the July/August issue of *Archival Outlook*. It includes a demographic analysis of applicants and appointees, as well as guidance for future volunteers seeking appointment. A second article listing all new appointees will appear in the September/October issue; the purpose is to highlight and congratulate these members.

Presidential/Leadership Blog

Thanks to the expert help of Brian Doyle and Kate Theimer, the “presidential blog” was launched on July 30. The title, “Off the Record,” is intended both to express a connection to the archival enterprise and to suggest informality. We have utilized WordPress software to contribute to the blog’s appeal for devotees of social media. The initial post briefly explained what the blog is intended to be; this will be closely followed by Dennis Meissner’s piece on the membership survey. I also plan to do a post about the Annual Meeting Task Force Forum at the Annual Meeting. Guest bloggers, including members of Council, will be warmly welcomed. Send your ideas at any time!

Annual Meeting Task Force

The AMTF has focused recently on pulling together material in preparation for the forum that they will host in San Diego on Thursday, August 9, at noon. Nancy Beaumont will attend the forum to ensure that any questions about meeting costs and other issues can be answered accurately. The forum discussion format will be the “world café” model (see <http://www.theworldcafe.com/method.html>). Several handouts will give attendees an overview of issues already under discussion and some data points about Annual Meeting costs and revenue.

Collaboration with ARL for DACS Workshops

The Association of Research Libraries program director responsible for the special collections and archives working group has developed several possible scenarios for collaborating with SAA to offer DACS workshops to ARL member libraries. She is currently soliciting feedback from working group members. The group’s next meeting is in October.

Vice President’s “Video Address”

My “video address” (recommended by the Council last January in lieu of presenting an in-person talk at the Annual Meeting) will feature Terry Baxter and Adriana Cuervo in conversation with me about [to be determined]. We may also include a brief “howdy” from the 2013 Program Committee and Host Committee co-chairs. The video will be filmed in San Diego and, we hope, made available on YouTube before the conference has ended.

2013 Annual Meeting

The 2013 Annual Meeting in New Orleans will have no formal theme. The call for proposals appears on the SAA website now and will be included in the July/August and September/October issues of *Archival Outlook* and in the 2012 Onsite Program. The deadline for proposal submissions is October 5. The submission form will go live on the SAA website on August 1.