

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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Chicago, Illinois**

**Vice President's Report  
(Prepared by Danna Bell-Russel)**

During the first six months of my term as Vice President/President-Elect my focus has been on the appointments process and advocacy.

**Appointments**

Thus far I have made the following appointments:

- Herb Hartsook as chair and Sharmila Bhatia, Tom Rosko, and Teresa Mora as members of the 2013 Appointments Committee.
- Arlene Schmuland as SAA's chair of the 2014 Joint Annual Meeting Program Committee. Jamie Awalt of the Tennessee State Archives has been selected by the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) as the second "tri-chair." We await appointment of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators' (NAGARA) chair.
- Jennifer O'Neal and Kelvin White as co-chairs of the Cultural Property Working Group. They are working to confirm the interest of potential members recommended by committee members during their meeting in San Diego.
- Barbara Teague and Peter Gottlieb to the Government Affairs Working Group, and Frank Boles as chair.
- Eric Harbeson to the Intellectual Property Working Group.
- Gerhard Mueller as the new German *ex officio* member of the Standards Technical Subcommittee on EAC-CPF.
- Laura Uglean Jackson as chair of the new Standards Technical Subcommittee on Guidelines for Reappraisal and Deaccessioning (TS-GRD), and new TS-GRD members Mark Shelstad, Margery Sly, and Chela Scott Weber.

I wrote an article soliciting appointments that was published in the November/December 2012 issue of *Archival Outlook* and a post for *Off the Record* that was published on January 8, 2013. According to a report on applications received on January 8, we had 121 applicants as of that date. I counted 150 on January 10. The Appointments Committee will have its work cut out for it. Nancy Beaumont noted in a message sent to Council that: "... I am especially gratified to note the unusually high percentage of volunteers whose names are not familiar to me. Of 68 applications received to date, 37 were submitted by individuals who have been members for 1 to 5 years and who haven't served in a volunteer position within SAA. Of these, half have been in the profession for 1 to 5 years and half have been in the profession for 6 or more years. The remaining 31 applications were submitted by individuals who have served SAA in some capacity in the past...."

Applications are still coming in and we should be able to begin the appointments process shortly after the Council meeting.

I have worked with Donna McCrea and Nancy to craft guidelines for the appointment of interns for appointed groups. We will be discussing those guidelines during our Council meeting (see Agenda Item IV.J.).

### **Advocacy**

Along with Nancy Beaumont and Tanya Zanish-Belcher I attended the "Archival Issues and Awareness Strategy Meeting" in Annapolis, Maryland, in early December. The group, brought together by CoSA, also included participants from CoSA, NAGARA, NARA, and the National Coalition for History. It is hoped that this meeting will be the first in a series to develop a joint advocacy agenda for our organizations.

### **National Union Catalog for Manuscript Collections**

I was approached by the Library of Congress director for Cooperative and Instructional Programs regarding the National Union Catalog for Manuscript Collections (NUCMC). She noted that the staff for NUCMC will be down to three as of January 2013 and wanted the Society to sponsor a survey to determine the relevance of NUCMC in today's environment.

In a conference call with Jackie and Nancy we all agreed that SAA would not sponsor a survey on behalf of NUCMC but would be willing to provide our mailing list so that they could send a survey to the membership. We also agreed to make recommendations of sections and roundtables that might be would be interested in providing input and advice about the future of NUCMC. It was also noted that SAA is supportive of NUCMC, but it can do no more than facilitate communication for the Library in soliciting information from the archival community about the future of NUCMC.