

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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**Vice President's Report
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Appointments

The appointments process is continuing and I am about three quarters of the way through the process. My committee has been incredibly helpful as has the SAA office. I anticipate being able to make offers and have a completed list to the office by the end of May. I will discuss with Herb Hartsook the possibility of writing an article similar to the one written by Jackie and Scott Schwartz for *Archival Outlook*.

Outside of the current appointments process I appointed Jennifer Schaffner of OCLC to replace Chatham Ewing as Representative to the RBMS Task Force on Assessment and Metrics. I also appointed Silvia Mejia as the LACCHA Representative to the Diversity Committee and Kim Christen, Douglas Cox, and Patrick Stawski to the Cultural Heritage Working Group.

Advocacy

Frank Boles has requested an intern to assist with the Government Affairs Working Group and has also made the suggestion that we select people to help in the creation of white papers or issues briefs. I look forward to talking with the Council about these issues and moving the process forward.

I have been participating in the SAA/CoSA/NAGARA leadership conference calls with Nancy and Jackie.

Anne Ackerman of CoSA invited me to attend the CoSA Stakeholders meeting which was held at the Library of Congress. Participants included LC staff involved in NDIIPP and other related programs; staff from IMLS, NEH, and NHPRC; and staff from NARA, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Secretaries of State.

The briefings included presentations on NDIIPP, the National Digital Stewardship Alliance, the National Digital Stewardship Residency program, and the Digital Education and Outreach Program. Also discussed were the State Electronic Records Initiative and the end of the grant funding IPER but the fact that some institutions were taking over

some of the training aspects of the IPER program.

CoSA also introduced a new publication, *The Importance of State Archives*, which looks like a good PR piece for the general public and others who need to know why state archives are necessary. Anne said that copies will be sent to all state archives and will also be available as a PDF on the CoSA website. I have a copy as well. (See <http://www.statearchivists.org/reports/Importance%20of%20State%20Archives.pdf>)

Anne spoke briefly as well and gave information on CoSA's new offices in Albany, NY.

During the Q and A there were questions about how state archivists are dealing with cloud computing and if standards were being developed. Jim Corridan, the current CoSA president, said that these issues were being explored and that they might be looking to one of the stakeholders for assistance.

Presentations

I spoke to twelve students participating in Peter Wosh's (New York University) Intern Seminar class. Also on the panel were Rob Townsend of the American Historical Association and Charlene Mires of Rutgers University-Camden. We shared information about our activities and experiences and discussed the role of archivists and historians in the future. We also encouraged the students to take charge of their careers and of the NYU SAA student chapter.

I also spoke to several prospective archivists at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. My topic was supposed to be a day in the life of an archivist, but we also discussed issues relating to SAA and regional associations, preservation, and doing research in archival repositories.

CEO Conference

On April 16-17 Nancy and I attended the American Society of Association Executives Symposium for Chief Elected and Chief Executive Officers. The symposium provided a wealth of information on balancing the activities of the association leaders but also provided plenty of opportunity for Nancy and me to discuss our goals for 2013-14 and how we can best work together to achieve them.

Other

I provided suggestions for speakers for the Lone Arrangers Roundtable meeting in New Orleans. I hope one of them is able to help out.

I also provided guidance and support for a task force committee chair with an issue. I spoke with Jackie about the issue and was able to refer the chair to Jackie for additional support and a solution to the issue.