

**Society of American Archivists  
Council Meeting  
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**Vice-President's Report  
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Much of my work so far this year has been working with René Mueller on finalizing appointments, revising the Early Career Award into the Emerging Leaders Award, and preparing for the ICA SPA conference.

**Appointments Committee Work**

The work of the Appointments Committee (Karen Jefferson [chair], Jennifer Graham, and James Cartwright) was essentially completed prior to the May 2011 Council meeting. There has been one occasion since then when one person, for personal reasons, has had to resign from a committee, so the Appointments Committee was reactivated to assist with a new appointment. Although I could have moved ahead alone, I felt that since the Committee members had spent a fair amount of time examining all the volunteer forms, they would probably have a better idea of who would be appropriate for the appointment. Karen had to step back because of family issues, so I stepped in to work with Jim and Jennifer.

In addition, I worked with René Mueller and Brian Doyle to inform all the appointees and non-appointees of their status and to thank everyone for volunteering. I also provided Teresa Brinati with an article for *In the Loop* regarding the appointments process.

**“Emerging Leaders” Award**

Following the May 2011 Council meeting where the Council did not approve the Early Career Award, I reexamined the areas of concern to see if the award language could be rewritten to address the issues that were raised. I worked with some colleagues and Teresa Brinati to craft language that would deal with the Council's concerns. Once I had reworked the description, I sent it to Donna McCrea for her reaction, since she had voiced particular concerns at the Council meeting. Donna had some specific editorial suggestions but felt that it answered the concerns that she had voiced. As a result, the proposal has been resubmitted for Council's consideration (Agenda Item II.D.).

## **International Council on Archives Section of Professional Associations (ICA SPA)**

This is a topic that will be addressed in much more detail in my President's report in January. However, I feel that a brief mention should be made here. The conference will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from August 31 to September 2, 2011. I will participate on a panel discussing "Managing Associations in Financial Hard Times." I have worked with Tom Jurczak and Nancy Beaumont on gathering the information necessary for my presentation. In the meantime, all arrangements have been made for the conference, and I will present a detailed report at the January meeting.

## **Executive Committee**

I will not spend much time on this since Brenda will be reporting on the Committee's activities (Agenda Item V.A.). Suffice to say that we have been busy on a variety of fronts.