

**Society of American Archivists
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**Vice President's Report
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Since taking office in August my principal efforts have focused on appointment of the Annual Meeting Task Force, Appointments Committee co-chairs, and the 2013 Program Committee co-chairs, together with affiliated activities to launch those two groups.

Annual Meeting Task Force

I was able to meet the mid-October deadline set for appointment of this high-profile group. Fynnette Eaton and Kathy Marquis agreed to serve as co-chairs. All but two of the more than 50 people who volunteered for the other 20+ positions available accepted my offer of appointment. I found it interesting that, of the four subcommittees laid out in the charge approved in August by Council, the Social Responsibilities group had the fewest volunteers despite the attention paid to that issue at the 2011 Annual Meeting. I used email both to invite members and to inform applicants who weren't chosen and thank them for having offered their service.

At their own volition (and expense), Kathy and Fynnette spent a day at the executive office with Nancy Beaumont to become oriented to annual meeting policies, procedures, and issues. Their notes will prove invaluable.

Members of the Task Force contributed actively to the call for comments on the forthcoming membership survey.

Fynnette and Kathy have gotten things moving well, and the entire task force will meet in Chicago on February 3-4.

Appointments Committee

I was delighted that Scott Schwartz accepted my invitation to chair the Appointments Committee, and the members that he recommended to assist him constitutes an excellent group that covers the broad array of SAA member demographics well. As of this meeting, I look forward to receiving the committee's recommendations as they work through the applications received (for which the deadline was January 13).

2013 Program Committee

Robin Chandler and Laura Tatum will serve as SAA co-chairs of the 2013 Program Committee. (Given that the Council of State Archivists will co-sponsor that meeting, CoSA President Julia Marks Young will appoint a third co-chair.) We also eagerly await the list of volunteers so that we can move forward with appointment of members.

Glossary Working Group

I have made progress toward establishing this new group but have not yet made appointments. Conversations with original author Richard Pearce-Moses, Publications Committee Chair Peter Wosh, Nancy Beaumont, and other office staff have helped me understand the necessary background on what is needed, including the complexities involved in transferring Richard's database to SAA's Drupal implementation of the glossary. A variety of unresolved issues have delayed public release of the glossary on the Drupal site.

Visit to the National Archives

While in Washington D.C. for the Association of Research Libraries annual meeting in October, I was serendipitously able to have individual meetings with Archivist of the United States David Ferriero, Deputy Archivist Deb Wall, and External Relations Director David McMillen, all of which were useful in the context of furthering my understanding of SAA's relationship with NARA. I was able to confirm that the Archivist's active commitment to increasing professional participation (within SAA and beyond) by members of NARA staff is very real, as is his commitment that the Archives itself play a more active role in the professional community.

Possible Future Joint SAA/RBMS Conference

In early January, a suggestion arose on the RBMS (ALA/ACRL/Rare Books and Manuscripts Section) listserv (rbms@ala.org) that RBMS consider holding a joint conference with SAA. Discussion on that listserv was active and uniformly positive. Council discussion was both positive and realistic. I am in touch with the RBMS members who recommend policy for conferences to the RBMS Executive Committee and will await further communication from them before moving forward with more concrete discussions.