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**President's Report
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This report covers the period from January 15 through April 29, 2013.

Strategic Planning

Preparation of the first stages of a renewed strategic plan has consumed an extraordinary amount of time since the Council met in January to begin that work—not only my time, but also that of all Council members. We held two rounds of conference calls to discuss evolving drafts of goals, strategies, and tactics (which are increasingly specific layers of the plan, from the general to the more specific). Our call for input from SAA members (and any other interested persons) resulted in a reasonable number of responses. Much more work lies ahead.

Presidential/Leadership Blog

Off the Record continues to be an active channel for informal communication to the membership and beyond. Twenty-seven posts are now online, nine of which were posted since my previous report to the Council in January. Recent topics have included SAA elections, draft recommendations of the Communications Task Force, a call for comments on the draft strategic plan, the mentor program, SAA's new representative to NHPRC (Peter Gottlieb), the concept of archival privilege, and the *I Found It In The Archives!* contest.

Collaboration with ARL for DAS Workshops

I announced several months ago that SAA is collaborating with the Association of Research Libraries to offer a series of DAS courses to its member libraries' staff. In January ARL put out a call to its members soliciting proposals to host the weeklong suite of workshops—and about 20% of the ca. 125 ARL directors submitted proposals. From these, eleven sites were selected to enable regional proximity for all members throughout the U.S. and Canada. SAA's intent is to offer all of the workshops within the next 18 months or so.

NARA Symposium on Education Across the LAM Community

I reported earlier that David Ferriero (AOTUS) contacted the presidents of SAA, ALA, and AAM (American Alliance of Museums) to ask us to serve as an informal planning committee for a one-day symposium he will host on issues related to education across the archives, library, and museum communities. Unfortunately, the sequester of the federal budget has required that this event be postponed indefinitely.