

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

**President's Report
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While my list of activities is relatively lengthy, much of this can be attributed to the activities of various Council members in undertaking specific projects and addressing specific issues that have arisen during this time period.

- 1. Leadership Orientation and Forum:** Appointed Council members Bill Landis, Beth Kaplan, and Terry Baxter, as well as Courtney Chartier (Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable co-chair, Pinkett Award Subcommittee chair, Annual Meeting Task Force member) and Alison Stankrauff (Issues and Advocacy Roundtable co-chair, College and University Archives Section vice chair, Reference, Access, and Outreach Section steering committee member) to develop an agenda for the Leadership Orientation and Forum for the 2012 Annual Meeting and to create a flexible format that can be used for future meetings.
- 2. NHPRC Funding:**
 - a. Participated in a conference call with Nancy Beaumont, Jackie Dooley, Julia Marks Young, Vicki Walch, and the PAHR Task Force regarding the proposed \$3M funding for NHPRC.
 - b. Worked with Nancy to write the letter in support of funding NHPRC at a \$5M level.
- 3. Advocacy Agenda:** Requested that the Council examine the Advocacy Agenda from 2009-2010 and solicited reactions and advice on how to move advocacy more to the fore of SAA's activities. Asked Dennis Meissner, Tom Frusciano, and Donna McCrea to examine the Strategic priority on public awareness/advocacy, the 2009-2010 Advocacy Agenda, and the comments to prepare a presentation for the June Council meeting.
- 4. Libraries, Archives, and Museums (LAMs):** Initiated discussions between SAA, ALA, and AAM to investigate the possibilities of cooperation and/or collaboration on a variety of topics.
 - a. Contacted Maureen Sullivan, incoming ALA President, and Ford Bell, AAM President, regarding collaboration and cooperation between our organizations and looking to find common ground. Also, I was in touch with Susan Hildreth and Robert Horton at IMLS. I have continued conversations throughout the spring

- and met with Maureen Sullivan and Keith Fiels, Executive Director of ALA, at the Massachusetts Library Association meeting. During this meeting it was agreed that it was imperative that there be a face-to-face planning meeting of the key players in the not-too-distant future. It was decided that Maureen Sullivan would contact Susan Hildreth to investigate the possibility of IMLS funding for such a planning meeting to involve current, immediate-past, and newly elected presidents, executive directors, and IMLS staff.
- b. Conducted a conference call with Su Kim Chung, CALM Chair, Jackie Dooley, Beth Kaplan, and Nancy Beaumont as to directions that CALM can take. Arranged for Jackie and Su Kim to join me at the ALA CALM meeting in Anaheim, CA, in June.
 - c. Participated in a CALM Committee conference call.
 - d. Initiated a conference call with Ford Bell and Eileen Goldspiel of AAM with Nancy Beaumont to discuss possible areas of collaboration and cooperation between SAA and AAM.
5. **Executive Director's Contract:** Negotiated and signed a three-year contract with Nancy Beaumont as Executive Director of SAA (2012-2015).
 6. **SAA/CoSA/NAGARA/NARA Conference Calls:** Participated in SAA, CoSA, NAGARA, and NARA conference calls on a bi-monthly basis to address common issues (January, March, and May).
 7. **CoSA Executive Director:** Participated, with Jackie Dooley and Julia Marks Young, in a conference call about suggestions and requirements for a new executive director of CoSA.
 8. **New Jersey State Archives:** Sent a letter to the New Jersey Secretary of the Treasury protesting the separation of the records management unit from the state archives.
 9. **SAA/NAGARA Joint Meeting MOA:** Distributed a draft NAGARA Memorandum of Agreement for a joint SAA/NAGARA/CoSA meeting in Washington, DC, to the Council for comment. Asked Bill Landis, Beth Kaplan, Scott Cline, and Kate Theimer to work with Nancy Beaumont in examining the subject and to lead a discussion at the June Council meeting.
 10. **Archival Outlook:** Submitted four president's columns to Teresa Brinati for *Archival Outlook*.
 11. **SAA/ACA ICA Representation:**
 - a. Worked with Nancy Beaumont and Brenda Gunn, current President of ACA, to determine the best means to fund and find a replacement for Trudy Peterson as the SAA/ACA representative to ICA and for that person to attend the ICA meeting in Brisbane, Australia, in August 2012.

- b. Contacted Trudy Peterson regarding the requirements of an SAA/ACA representative in terms of time commitments and duties representing the two organizations.

12. Regional Summit:

- a. Worked with Nancy Beaumont to distribute an initial email requesting responses from regional archival organizations regarding their interest in the Summit, information on their organizations, and issues that they would like to see discussed.
- b. Conducted a conference call with Clay Stalls, Eric Milenkiewicz, David Ulrich, and Terry Baxter (Dennis Meissner was brought up-to-date afterwards) regarding the agenda for the Regional Summit.
- c. Developed an initial agenda involving a welcome, brief introductions, a visioning session, discussion of the topics raised (including the three key ones identified in previous responses: advocacy, education, cooperation/collaboration), prioritization of these topics, small group discussions, tangible results, and future activities. This may be modified based on discussions with the eventual facilitator.
- d. Worked with Nancy on a subsequent email to participants as to how many and who would be attending the Summit from their respective organizations.
- e. Contacted Maureen Sullivan about serving as the facilitator for the Summit. Unfortunately, she had previous commitments, but she provided some suggestions as to possibilities.

13. Housing at the SAA Annual Meeting: Worked with Tom Jurczak and Brian Doyle, in Nancy Beaumont's absence, to craft a response to a housing question regarding the Annual Meeting.

14. Plenary Speaker: Worked with Nancy Beaumont on choosing a plenary speaker to invite to the Annual Meeting.

15. Communication: Had at least weekly phone conversations with Nancy Beaumont on a variety of topics, including most of those mentioned above, the Council meeting agenda, the To Do List, etc.

16. Canadian National Archival Development Program: Monitored and worked with Nancy Beaumont on an appropriate response by SAA and publicity regarding the decision to eliminate the National Archival Development Program from the responsibilities of the Library and Archives of Canada (LAC). Completed editing Terry Baxter's draft letter and sent it on to the Honorable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages.