

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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**President's Report
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This report covers the period May 30, 2011, through August 14, 2011. Nancy Beaumont and I have had several lengthy telephone calls throughout the summer and have generally kept in close contact as events and issues have surfaced.

1. On June 14 I accepted David Gracy's resignation as co-chair of the 75th Anniversary Task Force.
2. **NAGARA Conference.** From July 13 to 16 I attended the NAGARA conference in Nashville, during which I met with NAGARA President Paul Bergeron, CoSA President Barbara Teague, and Deputy Archivist of the U.S. Deb Wall.
3. **UNITE and Hyatt Hotel.** Nancy and I have been closely monitoring this situation along with the Council. On July 29 the Council issued an update on the hotel labor dispute for those registered for *ARCHIVES 360*^o. The message appeared in *In the Loop* on the following Tuesday. I worked closely with the Council and Nancy on these messages and subsequent responses to individual members.
4. ***ARCHIVES 360*^o Keynote Speaker.** Nancy and I worked hard on generating suggestions for the 2011 keynote speaker, and Nancy was able to secure NPR's Scott Simon.
5. **SAA Foundation.** I sent letters to SAA's top donors thanking them for previous contributions, telling them about such new initiatives as the Digital Archives Specialist (DAS) program and the Mosaic Scholarships, and encouraging them to donate to the new Strategic Growth Fund (or another fund of their choice) in honor of SAA's 75th Anniversary.
6. **Various and Sundry.** I have discussed a wide variety of issues throughout the summer with Nancy in our calls. Many of these issues are evident in other agenda items for this Council meeting.