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**Action: Publications Editor Contract Renewal  
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**BACKGROUND**

Peter J. Wosh has served with distinction as Editor, Print and Electronic Publications, since March 2007. His contract expires in February 2010 and he is eligible to serve a second three-year term.

**DISCUSSION**

In July and August 2009, then-SAA President Frank Boles solicited feedback on Wosh's performance from Publications Board members, authors, and staff. Feedback was very positive, praising both Wosh's strengths as an administrator and his excellent written and oral communication skills. Boles and SAA Vice President Peter Gottlieb participated in a conversation with Wosh regarding his performance during the 2009 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. More recently, Gottlieb discussed with Wosh the possibility of serving a second three-year term and Wosh affirmed his desire to do so.

If his contract is renewed, Wosh would continue to:

- Serve as chairperson of the Publications Board and recommend Publications Board members to the Appointments Committee.
- Develop and implement editorial policies and procedures.
- Review manuscripts, recommend reviewers, and coordinate review processes.
- Solicit authors and publish works that support the archives profession.
- Identify titles published by other publishing outlets that might be acquired for distribution by SAA or cited as part of the "virtual clearinghouse."
- Continue a fiscally responsible program of publishing and distributing works relating to archival practice, principles, research, and history.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Peter J. Wosh be offered a contract for a second three-year term as Editor, Print and Electronic Publications, for the period March 1, 2010, through February 28, 2013.**

**Support Statement:** Based on comments received during review of his performance, Wosh has done an outstanding job of advancing SAA's book publishing program. He is enthusiastic about serving a second three-year term.

**Fiscal Impact:** Per contract terms. See Executive Session agenda item III.R.