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Report: Editor, Print and Electronic Publications
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Several projects have been moving along since the last Council meeting in August, and I wanted to highlight a few ongoing issues and accomplishments.

First, several modifications have been implemented in our author contracts, in light of the modifications made by the *American Archivist* and recommendations by a Publications Board Task Force that was charged with creating a more author-friendly contract.

Second, we launched several new publications at the Annual Meeting in Austin, including Rand Jimerson's *Archives Power*, Michele Pacifico and Thomas Wilsted's *Archival and Special Collections Facilities*, and Gordon Daines and Cory Nimer's e-publication, *The Interactive Archivist*. Another publication is nearing completion. Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler's *Preserving Archives and Manuscripts* book will be available in February, thereby closing out the Archival Fundamentals Series II. We also have received manuscripts for several ongoing book projects concerning documentation strategies, ethics, union records, and advocacy, so this will be a busy review year for the Publications Board. And we continue to enrich our e-publications by posting some useful classics on the SAA website, such as Gary and Trudy Peterson's *Archives and Manuscripts: Law* (SAA, 1985), which is now out of print and which nicely complements our 2007 publication by Menzi Behrnd-Klodt, *Navigating Legal Issues in Archives*.

Third, the board has been involved with some serious planning for the next iteration of the Archival Fundamentals Series. We met with representatives from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission in August during the AUSTIN 2009 conference to explore the possibility of a planning grant to reconceptualize this series. We have convened a small committee of the Board and hope to have a grant proposal ready for review later in the spring.

I have also spent time on a variety of miscellaneous Publications Board activities. These have included working with new authors and reviewing individual book chapters, representing SAA at a JSTOR meeting, participating in discussions involving the upcoming SAA anniversary, and preparing prefatory material for several new publications.

Finally, I want to thank Nancy Beaumont, Teresa Brinati, and Thomas Frusciano (our Council liaison), as well as the Publications Board, for their characteristically energetic and supportive contributions to the program.