

**Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
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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 May, and I wanted to highlight a few ongoing issues and accomplishments.

First, a Publications Board subcommittee has been reviewing SAA author contracts, in light of the modifications made by the *American Archivist*. We are attempting to create a more author-friendly contract that both protects our significant financial investment in print publications and provides authors with greater flexibility and opportunities to repurpose their work. We hope to have some recommendations ready following this meeting.

Second, we have spent some time considering how best to market our publications in an electronic environment and had a graduate assistant prepare a report concerning Google Books. There seem to be many advantages to enhancing our presence on Google and using this outlet to promote our program. Again, we will be considering this report and hope to have some specific recommendations at our meeting on August 12.

Third, several long-term projects have made excellent progress over the past few months. Kathi Neal graciously agreed to co-edit the *Diversity Reader* with Mary Caldera, and that book now boasts a strong and impressive list of contributors, as well as an excellent advisory board. Gordon Daines and Cory Nimer have submitted *The Interactive Archivist*, their online collection of case studies involving the ways in which archivists have implemented and grappled with various issues involving Web 2.0 technologies. Neal-Schuman Publishers has agreed to partner with SAA on publishing *Public Relations for Archives: A How-To-Do-It Manual*, edited by Russell James, which hopefully will strengthen our relationship with that publisher. They may also wish to partner with us on another proposal involving digitization that we received from several archivists in the United Kingdom.

Finally, we want to thank Todd Daniels-Howell and Kevin Proffitt, who provided excellent service and will be rotating off the Publications Board after the Austin meeting. I also want to thank Nancy Beaumont, Teresa Brinati, Rebecca Hankins, and the Publications Board for their characteristically energetic and supportive contributions to the program.