

# Society of American Archivists Electronic Records Section 2008 Annual Report

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## II. Report from Annual Meeting

Held: August 2008, San Francisco, California

**Old Business:**

Election Results – Long announced the results of the on-line election for Vice Chair/Chair elect and Steering Committee. Long commented on the use/success of the on-line voting process set up by SAA.

Vice chair/Chair elect was Erin O’Meara

Steering Committee was Michael Forstrom

**New Business:**

Council Announcements – Bruce Ambacher

- Electronic balloting
- New investment committee formed by council
- Funding of 2 minority scholarships
- Government Affairs working group being formed
- New taskforces being considered by SAA president Mark Greene to develop core values for the profession and to look at issues surrounding cultural property.
- Education committee discussing a new accreditation initiative.
- RFP for a new Content Management System for the SAA website.

**Program:**

The featured program was an overview of the current NDIIPP projects being sponsored by the Library of Congress. Topics covered include:

Bill LeFurgy of LC, overview of the NDIIPP program

Steve Morris, Head of Digital Library Initiatives at North Carolina State University Libraries, spoke about the GeoMAPP project. This project looks at the transfer and preservation of geospatial data involving the state archives and GIS units of Utah, North Carolina, and Kentucky.

Justin Jaffe with the Washington State Archives discussed the Multi-State Preservation Consortium made up of the Washington State Archives and Alaska State Archives, California State Library, Colorado State Library, Idaho State Archives, Commission for Idaho Libraries, Indiana State Archives, Louisiana State Archives, Montana State Archives, Oregon State Archives, Oregon State Library, Washington State Library. By implementing a cost-effective interstate technological archiving system, the project plans to demonstrate a scalable approach to preserving and making available at-risk digital government information.

Richard Pearce-Moses of the Arizona State Archives talked about the Persistent Digital Archives and Library System (PeDALS) Project. The lead partner is Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records along with additional partners: Florida State Archives, New York State Archives, Wisconsin Historical Society. This project seeks to establish a low-cost, highly automated information network that reaches across multiple states. Results will include techniques for taking in large quantities of state data as well as developing a strong data-management infrastructure.

Robert Horton of the Minnesota Historical Society talked about Preservation of State Government Digital Information Project. The partners of this project are the Minnesota Historical Society, California Digital Library, National Conference of State Legislatures, Illinois State Library, Kansas State Historical Society, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Tennessee State Libraries and Archives, Vermont State Archives. The project is working with legislatures in several states to explore enhanced

access to legislative digital records. Horton described the project by showing how he would speak to legislative leaders both to introduce the project and gain support and cooperation.

More information about the NDIPP projects can be found at the NDIPP website:  
<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/>

### **III. Ongoing Projects**

Following up on the concerns expressed at the 2007 annual meeting, SAA President Mark Greene invited ERS participation on the Technology Best Practices Task Force. Rob Spindler and Mark Conrad represented the ERS on the Task Force.

ERS endorsed two sessions for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

### **IV. Completed Projects**

Suzanna Long, ERS Chair 2008, completed service on the Records Retention Working Group.

ERS had several representative sessions at the 2008 Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted by  
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