

SAA Leaders:

You are receiving this message because you are a current chair, co-chair, vice chair, steering committee member, or intern on one of SAA's many "component groups" – which include sections, roundtables, boards, committees, task forces, and working groups. August begins SAA's leadership cycle, as the Annual Meeting marks the transition to new elected and appointed leaders. If you will be leaving office in August, we encourage you to pass along this invitation to your group's incoming leader(s).

I hope that you will join your component leader colleagues, SAA Council members, SAA staff, and me at the annual SAA Leadership Orientation and Forum, scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, from 10:30 to 11:30 am in Cobalt 505 of the San Diego Hilton Bayfront. Based on your feedback, we've developed an agenda (attached) featuring lightning talks on a variety of practical topics that we hope will assist you in making the transition to component group leadership or, if you've been a leader for a while, give you some good ideas about jumpstarting your group.

For some of you, leadership in this organization is second nature. For others, this new role might find you at the base of the learning curve. One of the most important goals of the Leadership Orientation and Forum is connecting experienced leaders with new ones. We encourage you to continue the conversation after this hour-long meeting – both at the conference and *Beyond*!

To aid in our planning, I'd be grateful if you could let us know if you plan to attend the Leadership Orientation and Forum and/or if your successor plans to attend. Please RSVP to saahq@archivists.org with a simple "I will attend" or "I will not attend" in your subject line. But know that you're welcome to attend even if you change your mind or don't have time to RSVP.

I look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

Shegor Vrantaus-Pardall

Best regards – Gregor