Agenda Item VI.B.

Society of American Archivists
Council Meeting
May 16-17, 2017
Chicago, Illinois

President's Report
(Prepared by Nance McGovern)

Representation and Professional Advocacy

- Invited a dozen professional associations (including libraries, museums, AV, international archives, and other information professions) to attend our Annual Meeting, especially the Town Hall, and to join a discussion to seek opportunities for a unified voice on common issues.
- Met with Archivist of the US David Ferriero at NARA. We had a great discussion of data rescue efforts and the role of archives, about professional education, and the SAA Annual Meeting.
- Met with Bethany Nowviskie of Digital Library Forum about common interests. She has designated Rachel Mattson of DLF's Interest Group on Records Transparency/ Accountability to attend our Annual Meeting on behalf of DLF.
- Represented SAA at the ARL Directors meeting and the Libraries+ Network meeting to talk about collaboration and future work on data rescue efforts.
- Will talk with Maggie Levenson of ICPSR about data rescue and the role of archives.
- Conference call with Association of Canadian Archivists President Luciana Duranti about SAA and ACA. Someone will attend our meeting and I hope to be able to attend ACA's meeting.

Executive Activities

- Regular calls with the Executive Director, sometimes including the Vice President, to deal with current issues and prepare items for the Council.
- Participated in calls with leaders of SAA, CoSA, and NAGARA to share updates.
- Worked with the Executive Director and the Vice President (with input from others) to develop the agenda for the May Council meeting.
- Periodic calls with Meg Phillips of NARA.
- Coordinated with Mark Matienzo and Bertram Lyons on the metadata and digital practice scan.

2017 Annual Meeting Preparations

- Confirmed Greg Eow, Associate Director for Collections at MIT, as plenary speaker.
- Coordinating with Terry Baxter and Council on opportunities to help the organizers of the Liberated Archive Forum.

- Emphasizing conference themes and the Liberated Archive in the call for proposals for the 11th Annual Research Forum, and added a digital-only poster option if people are unable to attend.

Try5 Update

- Continue to promote Try5.
- Tracking indicators of participation online (e.g., tweets and a few blog posts) and offline (e.g., enthusiastic discussions with members and others I see about what they are doing, messages with updates, updates from external groups that are doingTry5).
- Organizing a few more Try5 guest posts on Off the Record.
- Realizing that Try5 step 1 (try 5 technical things) and step 3 (help one person do something technical) are easier than step 2 (share your experience), I'll be catching up on my Try5 examples in June and July, and looking for examples to share.
- Try5 won't end with my term. The hashtag will live on and I'd like to try a Try5 lightning round at the Research Forum next year.

Member Communications

- Three guest posts on Off the Record: Meg Phillips on NARA's efforts during the change in Administration, Lauren Goodley with an update on the Education Committee, and an update from Abbi Nye, the SAA Archivist.
- Three columns in Outlook: "Why Archivists? Making the Case for Our Role in the Future of Collections," "Celebrating the Archival Community: Our Own Records and Milestones," and "What Might a Collaborative Dream Team Look Like?"
- Monitoring an ongoing queue of pending and published statements and updates to members from IPWG, COPP, and COPA.

Governance and General

- Helped organize and execute February 2016 Council conference call.
- Convened search committee for the *American Archivist* Editor (which Teresa Brinati is doing a terrific job of organizing!). Erin Lawrimore, Chris Prom, Jennifer Meehan, Nancy Beaumont, Teresa, and I are on the committee.