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By Erik Moore, University of Minnesota

Being MAC's vice president is a familiar job. I focus on immediate needs of the organization and consider ways to meet future demands, all the while keeping track of our past efforts to understand our current situation. What's past is prologue, or something like that.

In recent months, I have been engaged with a group of fellow MAC members charged with reviewing the planning and implementation of our Fall Symposia. MAC has held 11 symposia since the inaugural event in 2006. We have reviewed past topics, locations, attendance, expenses, and more to determine what makes a good symposium. As we move toward a final report in the spring of 2018, we will look at more data to better understand the benefits the symposia provide MAC members to formulate a continuing, sustainable model for future programs.

Speaking of symposia, my thanks again to Lisa Carter, associate director for Special Collections and Area Studies, and Tamar Chute, university archivist, both at The Ohio State University, for their efforts to plan and host our Fall Symposium, "Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits," in Columbus, Ohio, October 13–14, 2017. A sincere thank you to all the instructors including Ken Aschliman, Joe Heimlich, Justin Luna, and Jenny Robb at The Ohio State University and Merilee Mostovis at the Columbus Museum of Art for contributing their time and expertise.

Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, March 21–24, 2018

The Chicago Local Arrangements Committee, headed by Andrea Bainbridge, DePaul University, and Andy Steadham, Rotary International, and in cooperation with the Chicago Area Archivists, is working to give MAC a great welcome home for our 2018 Annual Meeting.

The cochairs and members of our Program Committee are preparing a fantastic slate of sessions and speakers. Our plenary speaker will be Natalie Moore, a reporter at WBEZ Public Radio in Chicago and the author of *The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation*. The conference and accommodations will be downtown at the Sheraton Grand Chicago and near much of what Chicago has to offer. For more information about what to do and see while in Chicago, be sure to follow the 2018 MAC blog at mac2018.wordpress.com.

2018 Fall Symposium, Iowa City, Iowa, dates to be determined

Join us in Iowa's first capital city and a UNESCO City of Literature for MAC's 2018 Fall Symposium. Our topic will focus on archival and special collection instruction, lesson planning, and metrics. More information about dates (not a Hawkeyes' home-game weekend), location, and registration rates will be available in the spring of 2018.

2019 Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, dates to be determined

Last visited in 1975, Detroit is ready for MAC's return in 2019! Our Local Arrangements Committee cochairs, Rebecca Bizonet and Brian Wilson, are looking forward to serving as our hosts in the Motor City. We are currently identifying a meeting location and dates and will provide that information at the Annual Meeting in Chicago. In the meantime, start making a list of all the things you'll want to do in this iconic American city.

If you have ideas or would like to consider hosting a meeting, please feel free to contact me at moore144@umn.edu. I would welcome the opportunity to help you plan out a proposal.