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Greetings, MAC members:

Gratitude, excitement, and vigilance: I have experienced these states of mind at various times in recent months. Sometimes all three—and more—occur at once, confirming what I suspect all of us already know: that we archivists are living in a challenging time.

First, I want to express my gratitude to Jennifer Johnson, our previous president, for her leadership and for laying the groundwork for MAC's updated strategic plan, now in place. Our work would not be possible without this guidepost, nor would it be possible without our dedicated and capable Council and ex officio leadership. If you would like to see the five-point plan that addresses MAC's projected functions and services, visit www.midwestarchives.org/council_reports.

Second, I look forward to the opportunity to ensure the implementation of key parts of the strategic plan. It will be exciting, and I hope will involve members of MAC who represent a wide range of backgrounds and interests. Throughout the process, Council and I look forward to hearing from you. Our contact information is provided at the back of this issue.

Third, I cannot emphasize enough the fact that our profession must remain vigilant in this uncertain political climate. Many of you may have noted my statement of May 26 on behalf of MAC in response to the Trump administration's initial budget proposal for fiscal year 2018 (www.midwestarchives.org/assets/documents/federalbudgetrequest.pdf). While funding levels have been restored to some extent, substantial reductions remain a possibility as of this writing. I encourage all MAC members to be aware of governmental decisions that affect our profession and to be willing to get involved when those decisions have a detrimental effect on us.

The Fall 2017 Symposium, "Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits," is scheduled for October 13–14 in Columbus, Ohio, and we're gearing up for our Annual Meeting next March in Chicago. Be sure to check out Vice President Erik Moore's column elsewhere in this issue and visit our website for more details as they become available. While this fall's Council meeting in Columbus will address our strategic plan, we will pay particular attention to MAC's financial and membership status—two intertwined factors that determine the health of our organization.

I look forward to serving as your president, and I thank you for this opportunity. If you have any questions, thoughts, or suggestions on how we can improve our services to you, our members, please contact me at david-mccartney@uiowa.edu.

Sincerely,

President, Midwest Archives Conference