Vice President's Column: MAC Meetings and Symposia Update

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I recently had an opportunity to represent MAC at a professional association fair at the University of St. Catherine for its Library and Information Science Program. It was a wonderful experience, not only to connect with graduate students but to let them know what they can expect from a professional association such as MAC. From scholarships to peer-reviewed publishing opportunities, MAC is approachable and beneficial at all stages of one’s career. Many Chicago 2018 erasers were pocketed by those who stopped by, so perhaps we’ll see them at our next Annual Meeting!

And, speaking of Annual Meetings, please join me in congratulating all who were involved in organizing and planning MAC’s Annual Meeting in Omaha, April 5–8, 2017. Specifically, I would like to thank Mary Ellen Ducey, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Amy Schindler, University of Nebraska at Omaha, who served as our LAC co-chairs; Sasha Griffin, Denison University, and Harrison Inefuku, Iowa State University for cochairing our Program Committee; Lisa Sjoberg, Concordia College, and Marcella Huggard, University of Kansas, of MAC’s Education Committee for their efforts; and Nat Wilson, Carleton College, and Paul Eisloeffel, Nebraska State Historical Society, for providing our website and program editing support. Again, thank you to all who participated. I appreciate your work!

Please also join me in thanking those who presented in sessions or provided a poster. This interest and willingness to share professional expertise with colleagues is what makes these meetings a success. As a profession, we are continually learning, and we learn best from each other.
Fall Symposium, “Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits,” Columbus, Ohio, October 13–14, 2017

Join MAC in Columbus, Ohio, to explore exhibit planning and development, engagement, learning opportunities, assessment, and outreach. Our hosts are Lisa Carter, associate director for Special Collections and Area Studies, and Tamar Chute, university archivist, both at The Ohio State University. The instructors will include Erin Fletcher, exhibitions coordinator; Jenny Robb, curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum; and Justin Luna, exhibitions preparator.

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 winter chill may not be quite done with the Windy City when we arrive, but nothing can stop this group of midwestern archivists from having a great time learning from our colleagues. The conference and accommodations will be downtown at the DoubleTree near the Magnificent Mile and much of what Chicago has to offer. Look for announcements from the Program Committee, cochaired by Daria Labinsky, National Archives at St. Louis, and Eira Tansey, University of Cincinnati, on ways you can participate.

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.