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By Erik Moore, University of Minnesota

Hello, MAC! I am very honored to serve as your new vice president and to work across membership to bring our meetings and symposia to fruition. You have been in the very capable hands of David McCartney for the past two years, and I will strive to serve you as well as he has served all of us in MAC.

If you attended the most recent meeting in Milwaukee, then you know exactly how fun, thought provoking, and professionally inspiring a MAC meeting can be. You, MAC's members, not only attend meetings, but make them possible through thousands of hours of local arrangement planning, session proposals, program development, and preparation of high-quality presentations, talks, and posters. It will be a privilege to work with as many of you as I can over the next two years.

Speaking of the next few years, here are some updates on the *who*, *what*, *where*, and *when* for MAC's upcoming meetings and symposia.

### **Fall Symposium, "Archivists and Copyright," Ann Arbor, Michigan, October 7–8, 2016**

Archivists have always had an uneasy relationship with copyright. This one-and-a-half-day workshop will address some of that uneasiness by introducing participants to the Best Practices in Fair Use initiative. Invited speakers include Melissa Levine, lead copyright officer, University Library, University of Michigan, and Aprille Cooke McKay, assistant director for University Collections and Records Management, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan. Martha Conway, Special Collections Library, University of Michigan, and Olga Virakhovskaya, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, are serving as cochairs for the program and local arrangements. Please register and find conference hotel information on the MAC website.

### **Annual Meeting, Omaha, Nebraska, April 5–8, 2017**

If you have ever talked with me for more than five minutes, you know I'm from Omaha. Please mark your calendars and plan to join me at next year's Annual Meeting hosted by our Local Arrangements Committee cochaired by Mary Ellen Ducey, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Amy Schindler, University of Nebraska Omaha. The

Program Committee, cochaired by Sasha Griffin, Denison University, and Harrison Inefuku, Iowa State University, plans Call for proposals by June 30. While in Omaha, you will enjoy the Old Market area, the city's fantastic selection of restaurants, and the vibrant art and music scene. Also, mark your calendars to remember this will serve as MAC's 45th anniversary! I hope somebody brings a cake!

### **Fall Symposium, "Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits," Columbus, Ohio, October 12–13, 2017**

Most archivists are faced with creating exhibits, from one-case displays to multilayered exhibits, but often do not have the necessary training to develop those that are efficient and effective. Join MAC in Columbus, Ohio, to learn 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, dates and place TBA**

MAC's birthplace is Chicago, and we have been away from home since 2010. At the most recent MAC meeting in Milwaukee, Council approved a proposal to return to Chicago in the spring of 2017. We will be working directly with a Chicago local arrangements group headed by Andrea Bainbridge, DePaul University, and Andy Steadham, Rotary International, and in cooperation with the Chicago Area Archivists to identify a MAC-friendly location. Watch this column as well as future announcements from MAC for more information.

From here, MAC's 2018 Fall Symposium and future meetings are a blank page. 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.