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Hello MAC Members,

I am looking forward to our annual meeting, “ArchivesFest,” in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 27–30. It has been 13 years since I was last in Milwaukee, and I am excited to return. The Local Arrangements Committee has planned a number of excellent tours and activities, and has arranged for our opening reception at the Harley-Davidson Museum.® The Program Committee has planned a variety of sessions designed to educate, stimulate conversation, and inspire us when we return to our institutions. Fellow MAC member and current Society of American Archivist (SAA) president Dennis Meissner will kick off the meeting with a plenary address about SAA’s strategic direction and encouraging us to “DIVE (Diversity, Inclusion, Value, and Engagement) into Archives.” Last, plan to attend the MAC Members' Meeting on Friday, April 29, for an update on the state of the organization.

A number of members responded with thoughtful comments about our strategic plan, which Council unveiled in January. We have taken your suggestions and clarified points in the plan that needed further explanation. We also appreciate the number of volunteers interested in working on future initiatives. We will be in touch with you. The final, Council-approved version is available on the MAC website at midwestarc.memberclicks.net/mac-council-minutes-reports.

As I write this, elections are wrapping up for treasurer, vice president, Council, and Nominating Committee. MAC committees are undergoing leadership changes, and volunteers are being recruited to fill committee vacancies. I have had the privilege over the past year of working with an outstanding group of leaders—thank you for your service. And, welcome to our incoming leaders. I look forward to getting to know you. I know we’re going to accomplish great things over the next year.

See you in Milwaukee!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Johnson".

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