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Hello MAC members,

I want to thank the previous MAC president, Amy Cooper Cary, for leaving the organization in such an excellent state. As I have acclimated to my new role this summer, Amy has graciously and patiently responded to my questions as I settle in.

My summer has been busy here at Cargill. We are midway through our 150th anniversary year, and the archives has wrapped up its contributions to 150 stories about Cargill's heritage. We are also arranging artifacts to go on display during the employee celebration in October. In addition, our building is being gutted and redesigned over the next two years, which has entailed relocating Cargill's art collection and will involve moving the archives next spring.

Although summer is a light time for MAC business, there have been a few notable events. On May 27, the MAC Speakers Bureau sponsored a workshop on preservation in Abilene, Kansas, which was well attended and well received. Plans are underway for our Annual Meeting in Milwaukee this spring. A big thank you for all of the excellent program proposals already submitted. Program Committee and Local Arrangements Committee chairs have been selected for our meeting in Omaha in 2017, please see the announcement in this newsletter for additional details. And, if you were able to attend the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, I hope you had a chance to visit the MAC table and say hello.

My focus this fall is on the next Council meeting, which, by the time you read this, will have been held prior to the Fall Symposium. During the meeting, we will undertake a strategic planning session. MAC's current strategic plan takes the organization through 2015, and we will look forward to 2020. A draft will be made available for review later this fall, but if you have thoughts about where MAC should be in the next five years, do not hesitate to get in touch with me at jennifer_i_johnson@cargill.com.

Lastly, I want to draw your attention to a new career planning discussion forum, archivescareerplan.proboards.com, which grew out of the open forum on Career Planning during the Lexington Annual Meeting. Check it out and join the conversation.

Sincerely,

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

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