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The snow may be flying, and you may be in the midst of the new semester when you read this column, although as I write Halloween is right around the corner and so are the little goblins and ghouls who are trick or treating! Not too many tricks from the VP this time though! MAC's 2013 Fall Symposium in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in September was a great success, and our Local Arrangements and Program Committees are working hard to make sure members have lots of treats at upcoming meetings as well.

Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, Westin Crown Center Hotel, April 24–26, 2014, The Syncopations of History

Cochairs Jennifer Audsley Moore and Audrey Coleman of the LAC report that they hope to host the reception at the American Jazz Museum; final details are still to come. The 2014 Annual Meeting has been advertised via a postcard distributed at SAA, the MAC Fall Symposium, and the Kansas Museums Association meeting. We hope you had a chance to get one *and* are planning to attend! The LAC is also busy planning more marketing and fund-raising. The Program Committee and Cochairs Michelle Sweetser and Jeremy Brett received some terrific session, workshop, and graduate student poster proposals, and as I write this the committee is making its final decisions and choices. You won't want to miss this meeting, and since April will be here before we know it, be sure to get the Annual Meeting dates on your calendar now!

Fall Symposium, Illini Union Hotel, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, September 12–13, 2014, Oral History, Archives, and Innovation

Organizing Committee cochair Eric Fair moved out of the MAC area and left the committee in August—MAC is grateful for all of your help, Eric, and sends best wishes for the future! We are pleased to welcome back Anke Voss as cochair with Bethany Anderson. We have a great Organizing Committee team, and plans are moving ahead, so be sure to check the MAC website for more information about the Symposium soon.

Annual Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, May 6–9, 2015

The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held in the beautiful Hilton Lexington Downtown Hotel. Check out its location and amenities at www.lexingtondowntownhotel.com! Costs of a single or double room will be \$139/night. LAC cochairs are Deirdre Scaggs and Heather Fox, and Program Committee cochairs are Stephanie Bricking and Lisa Sjoberg. This would be a great meeting to plan your family's vacation around, so save the dates!

Fall Symposium, 2015

Annual Meeting, 2016

Where would *you* like MAC to meet? MAC is open for proposals, suggestions, and comments, and we need your help in deciding this part of MAC's future. Gather your colleagues to prepare a proposal to share what you love about your archives and areas. Send ideas and proposals to me at Menzi@xyte.com. We would love to hear from you!

On behalf of MAC Council, I also want to invite you to volunteer for a MAC position! Personally, every fall and New Year, I get re-energized to try something new and get involved with a new project. (This fall, it's beginning Italian lessons for me—*buongiorno!*) If you feel the same way, you may consider contributing to MAC. As an organization run by volunteers, MAC depends on its members and especially welcomes new archivists and those with fresh and forward-looking ideas. MAC committees and working groups benefit from your service. Please check out the descriptions of MAC standing committees at www.midwestarchives.org/mac-committees-positions and consider volunteering for future service. Visit www.midwestarchives.org and click on Volunteer with MAC.

You'll be glad you did—and so will MAC!!!