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## President's Page

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Dear MACers:

It's hard to believe that 2012 has come and gone. The fall months disappear so quickly, perhaps because so much is going on! As you will see, MAC has had a productive fall.

In October, 97 archivists and educators came together in Cincinnati to explore the topic "Engaging with Students and Teachers: Integrating Primary Sources in K-16 Curricula." Attendees left the meeting energized by the discussion and armed with new ideas to revolutionize their teaching. Great thanks go to Symposium Planning Committee Chairs Lisa Sjoberg (Program) and Anne Ryckbost (Local Arrangements) and their Committee members: George Bain, Gregory J. Kocken, Doris Malkmus, and Kathryn Otto (Program); and Kevin Grace, Christine Schmid Engels, Diane Mallstrom, Stephanie L. Moll Bricking, and Lucy Putnam (Local Arrangements). It truly was an outstanding experience in a beautiful setting.

Also in October, Council reluctantly accepted Kathy Koch's resignation from Council. Kathy has formerly served MAC as newsletter editor, and, more recently, as a Council member, with dedication, skill, and a lot of hard work. We thank her for her service and wish her well in her future endeavors. To fill this vacancy, we consulted the 2012 election results and are happy to announce that Erik Nordberg has agreed to serve the remainder of this term. Welcome, Erik, and many thanks!

The primary focus of Council's fall meeting was the budget. Please pay close attention to Treasurer Daardi Sizemore's report (pages 14-15), which outlines in detail MAC's financial situation and Council's rationale for proposing a membership dues increase for 2014. Council managed to hold off this increase for 12 years by drawing on MAC's fund reserves to meet budget deficits. Inflation and the cost of significant and needed services, including DMN as our administrative service provider (2007) and MemberClicks for our on-line needs (2009), have made this practice unsustainable. Council proposes this dues increase in concert with implementing cost-saving initiatives, such as establishing the "Go Green" publications campaign, hiring a cost-effective printer and merchant service provider, and strengthening our development efforts to bolster advertising income and sponsorships. Furthermore, MAC is investing our reserve monies in ways that will expand MAC's membership offerings through an educational endowment to fund initiatives such as the Speaker's Bureau and to provide more scholarships to meetings. Please feel free to contact me or other Council members with questions and comments about this proposal. It will be an important vote at the Members' Meeting in Indianapolis 2013.

Earlier last fall, we were informed of UNITE HERE's global boycott of the Hyatt hotel chain, which will affect both our Annual Meeting in Indianapolis and the Fall Symposium in Green Bay. Read more about this issue on page 6 in the newsletter. Council is taking this matter very seriously by drafting a "values statement" for hotel selection procedures that will guide our actions in the future. More to come.

Finally, I want to thank Anke Voss and the Nominating Committee for putting together a great slate of candidates. You don't have to run for office to get involved. The volunteer form on the main page of the MAC Web site is active throughout the year. And, thanks to Web master Stephanie Giordano, I receive E-mail updates each time a new form is submitted, enabling me to forward your information to committees of interest more quickly.

As always, please contact me at any time at [eswain@illinois.edu](mailto:eswain@illinois.edu) or 217-333-7841.

Best wishes,

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