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Mark Shelstad, Vice President, Midwest Archives Conference

MAC successfully completed its fifth annual symposium in Dayton, Ohio, this past October. Held at Wright State University’s Nutter Center, attendees met Thursday night for a reception, followed by a day with instructors Rick Pifer, Chris Prom, Ciaran Trace, and Beth Yakel. The symposium examined the role of user studies in nurturing and sustaining archival programs and how to gather the data needed to make informed decisions based on user needs and priorities. Attendees also broke into small groups to create their own user studies, which they shared with the other groups.

Saint Paul, Minnesota, April 28–30, 2011

The Program and Local Arrangements Committees are putting the final touches on the 2011 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Saint Paul River Front Hotel, which is within walking distance of some of Saint Paul’s best attractions, including the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, and the Landmark Center. The plenary speaker is Dr. Mark Neuzil, faculty member at University of St. Thomas and coauthor of *Views on the Mississippi: The Photographs of Henry Peter Bosse*. A two-day pre-conference EAD workshop will be available, and the Program and Education Committees are pursuing additional workshop topics. For the first time, MAC is sponsoring a navigator program, MAC Pals, which matches experienced members with new members or first-time attendees. The reception will be held at the Wabasha Street Caves, once used as a speakeasy/dance club for gangsters in the 1930s.

Sioux City, Iowa, October 20–21, 2011

The 2011 Symposium will focus on the challenges of preserving magnetic media. One of the speakers is George Blood of Safe Sound Archive, who will present the technological issues associated with this medium, including digitization and reformatting. Elizabeth Clemens from Wayne State University also has agreed to present on selection, description, basic preservation, copyright, and working with donors and vendors. The conference will be held at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, located in downtown Sioux City and a short walk from the historic Fourth Street District. The Wednesday night opening reception will showcase the new Sioux City Public Museum, and a walking tour of downtown Sioux City’s remarkable architecture will be offered following the Thursday afternoon session.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 19–21, 2012

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum will host the reception, a short distance across the Grand River from the hotel. Rachel Vagts and Elizabeth Meyers have begun assembling a Program Committee, and it’s never too early to begin sharing session ideas with them.

Plans are underway for more annual meetings and symposia farther down the road, but I welcome all ideas and suggestions, mark.shelstad@utsa.edu.