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Dear MAC Members,

It has felt like the Midwest has been in the clutches of Old Man Winter forever, and most of us are probably pretty tired of hearing about snow and the polar vortex. So let's set our sights on something more pleasant, shall we? How about Kansas City, Missouri, in the spring? Put the date on your calendars for the MAC Annual Meeting, April 24–26, 2014!

The MAC Local Arrangements and Program Committees have worked hard to be sure that we have a great time in the City of Fountains! The Westin Crown Center is well placed for access to museums, restaurants, and many local attractions. The meeting's traditional tours, vendor fair, reception, and other events give us ample time to reconnect with our colleagues. The excellent program speaks to some of our most interesting and pressing concerns in the profession (in particular, I love the addition of the MAC 2014 debates). The Education Committee is offering popular workshops and a series of open forums, to be held on Friday at lunchtime, that promise to be engaging discussions. In short, I'm anticipating a terrific meeting!

You'll have the opportunity to try a new service at this year's Annual Meeting. We'll be testing SCHED through sched.org, which will allow users to access an online program listing sessions, events, and activities with times and room numbers. Members can customize the program and print out a pocket version. Stay tuned for more information on how to access this service, and please be prepared to give us your feedback!

Secretary Michael Doylen has summarized Council's activities this fall in his "Between Council Meeting Actions" segment of this newsletter, but I want to remind you to attend the Members' Meeting on Friday, April 25. This is an opportunity for you to hear directly from your leadership about the state of MAC and upcoming projects and meetings. It's also an opportunity for us to hear from you—ask us questions, give us feedback, and share your ideas.

Finally, as I wind up this first year of my presidential term, MAC elections are underway. We'll see the results before we meet in April, but I'd like to take an opportunity to thank all Council Members and Committee Chairs (both outgoing and incoming!) for their hard work. MAC volunteers strive to provide quality professional development opportunities for members. I'm proud to be a part of the leadership of this organization, and I look forward to working with you in 2014!

My best wishes to you all,

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