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Greetings! As I turn over the vice president's duties after the Annual Meeting, this is my last column. I've been honored to serve as vice president these two years, and I've really enjoyed the work, in large part because of the wonderful interactions with MAC's terrific leaders, committees, and of course, members. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

While at press time we didn't yet know whom the new vice president would be, both candidates are very well qualified and either would do an excellent job serving MAC. MAC is fortunate to have a great group of young, new, energetic archivists eager to work in leadership roles, as well as more experienced hands to help show the way. This combination really benefits the organization. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and agreed to serve on a committee, working group, or elected office, and who helped welcome new members to MAC. I can't say enough about the wonderful volunteer Program and Local Arrangements Committee members who work so hard to make MAC's meetings some of the best. All of your efforts make MAC the great organization that it is. Thank you for all you do! (And keep doing it!)

Here are a few updates on upcoming MAC meetings.

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

The Annual Meeting is just a few weeks away! The outstanding program is set, and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is in full swing. Thanks to the exceptional work of LAC fund-raiser Heidi Hornaday and the generosity of MAC's donors, our fund-raising goals are right on track. Exciting tours to several treasured archival facilities have been arranged, final touches are being placed on a jazzy opening reception, and work on the final program of events and workshops has just been completed. We are proud and excited to host MAC in Kansas City this April and can't wait for you to see what we have in store!

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

The digital age has changed many things for archives and archivists, including the ways we collect, curate, and disseminate oral histories. The 2014 MAC Fall Symposium, Oral History, Archives, and Innovation, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) will address the opportunities and challenges of the digital on the "living source." Doug Boyd, PhD, director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky, will lead an innovative program that combines the theoretical with the practical and examines the many opportunities of digital technologies. Under discussion will be transcription and indexing, collection management strategies, digital preservation, digital audio and video, legal and ethical issues, metadata, and digital tools such as the open source, web-based OHMS (Oral History Metadata Synchronizer) system for enhancing access to oral history online. So come to Urbana-Champaign in September and prepare to innovate!

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. The LAC is looking into reception sites. They have contacted a local bourbon historian and hope to be able to organize a free tour and tasting at a nearby distillery (also a National Historic Landmark). This would be a great meeting to plan your family's vacation around, so save the dates!