



## **Vice President's Column: MAC Meetings and Symposia Update**

*By Erik Moore, University of Minnesota*

As many of you know, MAC is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. Without giving my exact age, I will simply say I am older than MAC. If history is everything that happens before you were born, and the present is what happens afterward, then MAC has always been in my present. Actually, I think that is a nice way to think about archives, always in our present. The information we manage and the content we preserve are meant for the future, be it tomorrow or 100 years from now, but our present work makes this possible. And, at our meetings and symposia we can share these experiences.

Speaking of meetings, I am completely amazed at the hard work dedicated MAC members undertake to bring us together for the Annual Meeting. Our meeting in Omaha, April 5–8, 2017, is my case in point. I want to thank everyone who was involved in the planning, preparations, and behind-the-scenes activities. Unfortunately, I could never name them all—that is exactly how much energy these conferences take to come together. I will thank Mary Ellen Ducey, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Amy Schindler, University of Nebraska Omaha, who served as our LAC cochairs; Sasha Griffin, Denison University, and Harrison Inefuku, Iowa State University, for cochairing our Program Committee; Lisa Sjoberg, Concordia College, and Marcella Huggard, University of Kansas, of MAC's Education Committee for their efforts; and Nat Wilson, Carleton College, and Paul Eisloeffel, Nebraska State Historical Society, for providing our website and editing support. Again, thank you to all who participated. Your work is appreciated.

### **Fall Symposium, “Transitioning from Good to Great Exhibits,” Columbus, Ohio, October 12–13, 2017**

Join MAC in Columbus, Ohio, to explore exhibit planning and development, engagement, learning opportunities, assessment, and outreach. Our hosts are Lisa Carter, associate director for special collections and area studies, and Tamar Chute, university archivist, both at The Ohio State University. The instructors will include Erin Fletcher, exhibitions coordinator; Jenny Robb, curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum; and Justin Luna,

exhibitions preparator. MAC is currently finalizing hotel arrangements and local planning. More information will be available later in the spring of 2017.

### **Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, March 21–24, 2018**

The Chicago Local Arrangements Committee headed by Andrea Bainbridge, DePaul University, and Andy Steadham, Rotary International, and in cooperation with the Chicago Area Archivists, is working to give MAC a great welcome home for our 2018 Annual Meeting. The winter chill may not be quite done with the Windy City when we arrive, but nothing can stop this group of midwestern archivists from having a great time learning from our colleagues. The conference and accommodations will be downtown at the DoubleTree near the Magnificent Mile and much of what Chicago has to offer. By this summer, begin to look for announcements from the Program Committee on how to participate.

### **The 2018 Fall Symposium and future Annual Meetings are in early stages of planning.**

More information regarding these future meetings will be available in the next issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, if you have ideas or would like to consider hosting a meeting, please feel free to contact me at [moore144@umn.edu](mailto:moore144@umn.edu). I would welcome the opportunity to help you plan out a proposal.