



Vice President's Column: MAC Meetings Update

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MAC has a full slate of upcoming meetings and symposia. These engaging meetings are brought to the MAC membership through the work of the Program, Local Arrangements, and Symposium Committees. If you'd like to bring MAC to your neighborhood, or have ideas for a symposium topic, feel free to contact me at mark.shelstad@utsa.edu.

Sioux City, Iowa, October 20–21, 2011

Symposium Organizing Committee Coordinators Lisa Carter, Paul Eiselhoffel, and David McCartney have assembled an innovative symposium on the challenges of managing analog tape collections. George Blood of George Blood Audio and Video (formerly Safe Sound Archive) will speak on the technological issues associated with this medium, including digitization and reformatting. Elizabeth Clemens from Wayne State will present on selection, description, basic preservation, copyright, and working with donors and vendors. The symposium also includes a case study by Jeff Stein of the Archives of Iowa Broadcasting, who will discuss the challenges of a small shop with large collections and specific preservation strategies which they have employed. The conference will be held at the Sioux City Hotel (formerly the Clarion Hotel), located in downtown Sioux City. The hotel is a short walk from the historic Fourth Street District, featuring a variety of restaurants and specialty shops. The opening reception on Wednesday night will showcase the new Sioux City Public Museum, and a walking tour of downtown Sioux City's remarkable Romanesque Revival architecture will be offered following the Thursday afternoon session.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 19–21, 2012

The theme of the conference is "MAC at Forty: The Future is Now." Program Committee Cochairs Elizabeth Myers and Rachel Vagts are finalizing the sessions and have identified a plenary speaker. Thanks to everyone for your feedback in the on-line survey about the session topics and formats. Nancy Richard, Portia Vescio, and the rest of the Local Arrangements Committee are working on events to help celebrate MAC's 40th anniversary at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids. Just across the Grand River, the reception will be held at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Described as America's most entertaining presidential museum, it includes a replica of the Oval Office and has the original Watergate burglar tools on display.

Cincinnati, Ohio, October 18–20, 2012

This symposium will focus on working with K-12 and undergraduate students to educate them about primary sources. The symposium will present and discuss ideas for implementing literacy standards for primary sources, provide opportunities for dialogue about best practices, and share resources to encourage archival literacy. Hotel negotiations are currently underway, and potential speakers with backgrounds in educational theory and teaching with primary sources have been identified.

Indianapolis, Indiana, April 17–20, 2013

At the spring meeting in St. Paul, Council approved Indianapolis as the site of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Anne Thomason and Meg Miner have been appointed Program Committee cochairs, and Christine Guyonreau and Noraleen Young have been appointed Local Arrangements Committee cochairs. The committees are being assembled, and additional information on the hotel, reception site, tours, and program information will be available in our next issue.



Upcoming MAC Meeting Sites and Dates

Annual Meeting, 2012 Grand Rapids, Michigan

April 19–21, 2012

Fall Symposium, 2012 Cincinnati, Ohio

October 18–20, 2012

Annual Meeting, 2013 Indianapolis, Indiana

April 17–20, 2013