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MAC Archivists Meet in Saint Paul

Over 350 MAC members and friends descended on Saint Paul April 28–30, 2011, for the MAC Annual Meeting. The conference offered a wide selection of workshops, sessions, and other events organized by the Program Committee (PC) and Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), designed to appeal to archivists of all experience levels and repository types.

Despite the unseasonable snowflakes, groups enjoyed Wednesday evening outings to the Minnesota Twins game and a historic pub tour. Thursday morning brought a variety of tours to local repositories, including the Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota Public Radio, and the Science Museum of Minnesota.

The meeting officially kicked off with plenary speaker Dr. Mark Neuzil's address "The Mississippi River of Henry Bosse: Government Photography as History." Conference attendees then flocked to the

MACers enjoy the baseball game between the Minnesota Twins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

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Fall Symposium: Mysteries of Magnetic Tape Revealed!

Sioux City, Iowa, October 19–21, 2011

Test your Iowa trivia, MAC members!

What do advice columnists Dear Abby (Pauline Friedman) and Ann Landers (her sister, Esther), and actors Fred Grandy (Gopher of TV's *The Love Boat*) and Jerry Mathers (Beaver Cleaver of TV's *Leave It To Beaver*) all have in common?

Answer: They were born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa, site of the 2011 MAC Fall Symposium, *Mysteries of Magnetic Tape Revealed*! Take our advice—with or without a situation comedy laugh track—and plan to attend this very informative two-day workshop. If you have wondered how to better manage and make accessible those stacks of

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sessions to learn more on topics as diverse as marketing their collections, to managing electronic records. Sixteen vendors filled the exhibit hall with demonstrations of their products and services (and offered fabulous prizes to those who entered their contests). Friday's Members' Meeting featured a "State of MAC" report from President Tanya Zanish-Belcher, a vote on a revision to MAC's bylaws dissolving the Archives Committee, announcements of Emeritus and Presidents' Award winners; and previews of the 2011 Fall Symposium in Sioux City, Iowa, and the 2012 Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The meeting continued the use of various social media to document the goings-on. Local information provided by the LAC and descriptions of the sessions were posted on the LAC blog (http://2011mac.wordpress.com). Twitter writers and followers tweeted away at #2011mac, sharing their impressions of the speakers, venues, tours, and reception.

Almost 60 students and archivists-in-training attended this year's MAC meeting and took advantage of special opportunities designed by the PC and LAC for them. Friday afternoon featured MAC's first student research session, where Suzanna Conrad (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Edward Benoit (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee) presented their research. On Saturday morning, seven graduate students in archival studies participated in a poster session highlighting their work. Alexis Logsdon, a student at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, won the one hundred-dollar prize for her work at the Quatrefoil Library in Saint Paul.

The MAC Pals program, established by the 2011 LAC, made a successful debut at the Saint Paul meeting. Nineteen current MAC members volunteered to partner up with 29 new members who had requested Pals. The program provided an opportunity for new members to learn about MAC on a personal level and also to network and make contacts with more established colleagues. Many Pals met during the Thursday afternoon break, in a room specially reserved for the official meet-and-greet. Other pairs made arrangements to meet at different times throughout the event. MAC Pal Erik Moore reports, "As a member of MAC, the Pals Program encouraged me to take a step out of my own comfort zone and meet new members and student attendees in a forum that was casual and friendly. Although designed to make newcomers feel more welcome, it had the added benefit of allowing veteran attendees [to] see the meeting through a fresh, exciting perspective."

The reception was held Friday evening at the Wabasha Street Caves, just a short distance from the conference hotel. Attendees sampled Minnesota-themed foods (including a tater tot hot dish and Swedish meatballs) and enjoyed the fully-stocked bar, while they mixed and mingled with their MAC colleagues. In addition, "Dapper Dan" Hogan provided guided tours of the caves, describing the unique history of the venue from the point of view of one of its gangster clientele.

A special thank you goes out to Local Arrangements Committee members Ann Kenne (cochair), Karen Spilman (cochair), Ryan Bean, Stephanie Crowe, Lara Friedman-Shedlov, Ellen Holt-Werle, Jennifer Huebscher, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Kays, Alex Kent, Deborah Kloiber, Jamie Martin, Erik Moore, Ann Mulfort, Daardi Sizemore, Susan Wakefield, Sarah Warmka, and Program Committee members Lynn Smith (cochair), Alison Stankrauff (cochair), Hillary Bober, Tamar Chute, Monte Kniffen, Meg Miner, Jeanne Christie Mithen, Shane Molander, Mark Myers, Danelle Orange, Carole Prietto, Barbara Trippel Simmons, Anthony Smith, Thomas Steman, Joseph Turrini, Rachael Vagts (ex officio), and Elizabeth Myers (ex officio) for planning and executing such a memorable meeting!

MAC 2012 Annual Meeting Call for Papers

The Midwest Archives Conference invites submissions of presentations, sessions, and papers for its Annual Meeting, to be held April 19–21 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The MAC Program Committee invites proposals on any aspect of the archival profession, especially on current issues. Proposals from those in related fields (public history, libraries, museums, genealogy, information science, and records management) and from graduate students are welcome. Individual proposals that need additional presenters or fine-tuning will be considered, although fully realized proposals are preferred. Early proposal submissions are encouraged!

Please submit proposals by September 16, 2011. The submission form is downloadable from the meeting's Web site at http://www.midwestarchives.org/2012cfp. To submit a session proposal, save the form to your computer, complete it, and then send it via E-mail, traditional mail, or fax it to one of the cochairs listed on the form.