MAC Council Action

During its deliberations at the Spring meeting, MAC Council took the following actions:

- Decided to proceed with plans for a 1997 calendar if Bradford Systems is willing to continue underwriting the cost.

- Approved guidelines for the Calendar Committee.

- Tentatively approved the revised Financial Management Policy, calling for final review at the fall Council meeting.

- Instructed Tim Hawkins to proceed with a pilot project to scan (with OCR) the most recent five years of minutes of Council minutes not already in automated format. These minutes will be loaded onto the secretary's laptop and will allow immediate access to past Council decisions and actions during meetings.

- Approved guidelines for a Scholarship Committee, clarifying that applicants may either be a resident of the 12–state MAC region or be enrolled in a graduate archival program in the MAC region. Council also made it clear that minority students are eligible for both the minority scholarship and the general scholarship.

- Made the chair of the Archival Issues (A.I.) Editorial Board an ex–officio member of Council.

- Accepted the recommendation of the A.I. Editorial Board to eliminate the volunteer position of production editor and turn over the bulk of those responsibilities to the publications contractor. Some small portion of the production editors work will be carried on by the Editorial Board chair.

- Authorized the A.I. Editorial Board to spend up to $1,000 to work with the publications contractor to come up with ideas to improve the graphical appearance of the journal and to update and redesign the flyer used to solicit submissions.

- Agreed to sign a contract with SourceOne, a company which provides on–line copies of A.I. articles for a fee to researchers. The contract is non–exclusionary and MAC receives a small percentage of the fee.

- Authorized the publication of an A.I. index which takes up where the previous index left off. This index of article abstracts was recently completed by an MLS student. Council instructed that members receive the index free of charge, but non–members be charged a fee.

- Revised the guidelines of the Newsletter Editorial Board to reflect the realignment of duties now that the publication contractor is on board. The newsletter editor is now responsible for the content of the newsletter, and the publication contractor will be responsible for layout and other production tasks.

- Accepted an invitation from a contingent of Nebraska members to hold the 1999 fall meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska.

- Authorized the expenditure of up to $1,000 to support some aspect of the Society of American Archivists meeting in Chicago in 1997 (such as a hospitality suite), the specifics of which will be determined by Mark Greene, the co–chairs of the MAC 25th anniversary committee—Valerie G. Browne and Frank Cook—and Becky Haglund Tousey.

- Provided feedback to the 25th Anniversary Committee regarding ideas and plans for next year's meetings (including, but not limited to, a special anniversary dinner event and a special commemorative publication) and clarified the committee's role in relation to the Local Arrangements and Program Committees.

- Approved revisions to the Emeritus Membership Committee guidelines which transfer the responsibility of soliciting and reviewing emeritus nominations to the Membership Committee and Membership Coordinator.

- Approved a proposal from the Madison SAA Student Chapter that they be allowed to sell—and keep any profits from the sale of—T-shirts commemorating the fall meeting in Madison, assuming the group can work out the financial details with SAA.

- Declined to accept a proposal that student volunteers at the fall MAC meeting have their meeting registration fee waived. A motion was passed to establish a lower student registration fee at future meetings and asked the Membership Coordinator to look into ways to more effectively reach out and welcome student members.

- Endorsed a preliminary proposal from the spring 1997 meeting Program co–chairs for a very different style of program at the spring meeting. There would not be the traditional concurrent sessions, but several plenary sessions with break–out small discussion groups. The co–chairs will come to Council with a more specific outline at the fall meeting.

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- Charged the Newsletter Editorial Board with content and editorial responsibility for a MAC web page, and asked Tyler Walters to investigate possible hosts for such a site.

- Approved the recommendation of the Minority Scholarship Committee to award scholarships to two candidates. Council proposed revisions to the Minority Scholarship Committee guidelines to ensure the process runs more smoothly. In an effort to "put a face" on the scholarship winners, they will be asked to submit a brief article to the MAC newsletter after they finish their graduate program and encouraged to attend MAC meetings when possible. Council agreed to have the president and development coordinator pursue two concrete possibilities of corporate donations to complete the endowment for the second minority scholarship award.

- Agreed to form an experimental Advocacy Committee for a two–year term, made up of one Council member and five volunteers from the membership, in order to address the question of whether or not Council should take an active advocacy role on issues of concern to the larger archival community, Council.

- Deferred until fall, reports on and discussion of changes in MAC's accounting procedures and the possibility of contracting for formal audits.

MAC Meeting Sites

1996 Fall
Madison, Wisconsin

1997 Fall
St. Louis, Missouri

MAC President's Awards Go to Stewart S. Howe Foundation and Richard L. D. Morse – Continued

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comprising a semi-truck load of boxes, reached the Archives. Howe was also a tireless advocate for the program, persuading both individuals and organizations to add their materials to his. The Howe Foundation established the Stewart S. Howe Archival Program Endowment in 1989 with over $700,000 in funds, and recently transferred its remaining assets so that its contributions total over 1.5 million dollars. Income from the Endowment supports a full–time professional position and graduate student assistants to develop the collections on student life, and has enabled the University of Illinois to become the nation's premier collection in this field. With the new funds the program will extend its collection and develop electronic technology to promote its use.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Foundation's president, Carlyle E. Anderson, was John Straw, Student Life archivist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. With him were William J. Maher, interim director of the University Archives, and Maynard Brichford, former director.

RICHARD L. D. MORSE was nominated by the Kansas State Committee for his support in establishing and developing the Consumer Movement Archives at the Kansas State University Archives. Dr. Morse, professor emeritus of Family Economics and a leader in the consumer movement, donated his personal papers to the Archives upon his retirement in 1987. When he realized that no one was systematically documenting the consumer movement on a national scale, he set out to fill this gap by persuading others to join him in donating their papers and the records of consumer movement organizations. He was instrumental in acquiring the 25 collections that formed the nucleus of the Consumer Movement Archives.

While his collecting efforts by themselves would have made him a worthy recipient of the MAC President's Award, Dr. Morse has made notable financial contributions as well. His initial gift of $100,000 to support the work of the Consumer Movement Archives has funded salaries, supplies, and furnishings for the University Archives. He has also promoted the use of the collections through the Richard Morse Scholarship for research on the consumer movement; through the establishment of the Consumer Movement Archives Lecture Series; and through the publication of a guide. Ongoing support is also provided by proceeds from one of his publications.

Accepting the award on their father's behalf were his daughters, Mary Morse and Susan Morse. With them were Tony Crawford from the Kansas State University Archives and Sheryl Williams, Kansas state chair of the President's Award Committee.

The success of the President's Award Committee rests with MAC's members. Everyone is strongly encouraged to consider who has helped archival programs in recent years and to submit a nomination through state committee chairs. (A complete listing of state chairs will appear in a forthcoming issue of the MAC newsletter.) Nominations for next year's awards must reach Nancy Lankford by November 20, 1996.

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