

To all MAC members:

Greetings from Ohio! I am excited to have this opportunity to lead MAC, and I appreciate your faith in me. I must start by thanking Erik Moore for guiding MAC these last two years. I know we have all benefited from his leadership and dedication both during and before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the spring meeting, MAC Council has taken several steps to build on the work of the previous Council. Of great significance is MAC's new Code of Conduct. The Code was approved in May and was recently added to the MAC website (<https://www.midwestarchives.org/mac-code-of-conduct>). The Code clearly lays out MAC's commitment to providing an environment at our meetings and workshops that is welcoming, inclusive, and respectful. It enforces this with the creation of the Ethics and Inclusion Committee (EIC). The EIC is "responsible for promoting and developing a culture that values diversity, inclusion, and ethical behavior within MAC." Members of the EIC will oversee the reporting process and determine sanctions if necessary. In addition to a chair, we will be searching for two committee members, so please look for a call for volunteers.

Volunteers are the backbone of MAC and there are many of them! Keeping track of volunteers, their terms of service, as well as who has offered to serve, is a challenge. With this in mind, Council has approved a new position of Volunteer Coordinator. This person will keep a list of members interested in volunteering, make sure vacant positions are identified to be filled, and pass along the names of members to committee chairs. If you are interested in becoming the Volunteer Coordinator, please reach out to me. I look forward to establishing this new MAC role!

I hope many of you have considered participating in the Fall Symposium on "Local Collections in the Digital Age." The planning committee has put together a fantastic program, and I thank them for their hard work. And while this is the fall newsletter, we are looking forward to spring and celebrating 50 years of MAC. Please be sure to circle your calendar for May 5–7, 2022, in Madison. Although our plans for the festivities are just beginning, it is sure to be a MAC moment to remember—one of listening and learning, laughing and comradery.

If I or MAC can be of service in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me (chute.6@osu.edu).

Wishing you a wonderful fall.

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