



ACA News

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President's Message

Martin L. Levitt, PhD, CA

American Philosophical Society
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



The leadership and board of ACA, along with our Examination Development Committee, met in Philadelphia at the end of last February. The work of the Academy is being carried forward by an extraordinarily talented team of volunteer leaders, and at this meeting I was struck by just how much effort and good will is expended on behalf of the Academy by its regents, officers, task force chairs, committee members, and others. It is truly an honor for me to work with such dedicated folks in the service of the Academy.

High on our agenda were preparations for the 20 Years/1,000 Members celebration in Austin, Texas. I want the membership of the Academy to know that while I consider these milestones an entirely appropriate moment to reflect on the state of the Academy and to celebrate successes, this is no time to be spending the Academy's prudent budget outside of normal operational expenses. Thus, we have raised funds from several corporate supporters to underwrite the costs of our celebration. Our hearty thanks are due to the sponsors of the celebration (you will find them mentioned herein!). This truly allows us to have our (anniversary) cake and eat it too, without guilt—calories, of course, excepted.

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President's Message

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At the board meeting, we heard excellent reports of progress from task forces now undertaking significant ad hoc business on behalf of the Academy. These included Role Delineation Review (chair: Cindy Smolovik, CA); Records Management (also chaired by the indefatigable Cindy Smolovik); the Task Force on Emeritus Status (chaired by Connell Gallagher, CA Emeritus); and the 20/1,000 Celebration Task Force (chaired by Jane Nokes, CA). Among the highlights of the meeting was a presentation of a beta ACA web site, constructed by webmaster Jordon Steele, CA, in preparation for updating our current website. I hope that the new ACA site will be up and running well before we hit Austin, so watch your e-mail for an announcement.

Among the routine business of the board was the renewal of the contract with Capitol Hill Management Services. CapHill provides the Academy with administrative services, and our relationship is well-regarded by the board and several of the past leaders of the Academy with whom I consulted. The contract renewal was unanimously approved.

The Regents reported that the business of the Academy—such as outreach, certification maintenance, and examination administration—is being ably dispatched, and we will almost certainly have yet another bumper crop of newly minted Certified Archivists in 2009. Also meeting at the end of February was the Examination Development Committee (EDC), ably chaired by Past President and current Regent for Examination Development Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, CA. I served on the EDC myself some

years ago, and know first-hand the labor it takes to refresh the item bank, prepare the examination, review our bibliography, and make sure that the rigorous standards of the Academy and our psychometrician are meticulously adhered to. You can rest assured that our test standards are high and will never waiver.

Past President Judy Cetina, CA, brought a number of new ideas to the board that were well received and distributed for study. Among them was a disaster relief policy, and while ACA has not adopted a formal policy as yet, I want to end these remarks in a similar fashion to the way I have ended other summaries of ACA activities: these are hard times for our country and the world. ACA understands that the financial downturn may have affected your ability to pay dues, so please, if you have a financial hardship, don't let your membership lapse unnecessarily. Contact me or Vice President Mike Bullington, CA, and let us try to find a solution. In these hard times, we all need to pull together, and the ACA is willing to work with you to maintain your credential.

All the best from Philadelphia.

Martin L. Levitt, PhD, CA
President
Academy of Certified Archivists

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Certification Examination?**

Studying for it yourself?

**Check out the Study Forums on the ACA
website:**

<http://www.certifiedarchivists.org/discuss/>

ACA: Views from the First 20 Years

In this anniversary year for ACA, *ACA News* has invited former leaders of the Academy to contribute their recollections, anecdotes, and thoughts about the past as well as the future of ACA. It is my hope that we will be able to present a number of recollections of the Academy in the remaining issues of 2009. We are fortunate to have a contribution from former Academy President Elizabeth Adkins, CA, serve as the first installment. She was ACA Vice President from 1992 until 1995, ACA President from 1995 to 1996, and ACA Regent for Nominations from 1996 to 1997. She received a Distinguished Service Award from the Academy in 2006.

The Role of the ACA Vice President: The Early Years

By Elizabeth W. Adkins, CA

When I was first contacted in 1991 to see if I would be willing to stand for election as ACA Vice President, I was pleasantly surprised and honored. I was also curious: just what was involved in being Vice President? When I saw a description of the responsibilities of the Vice President, I nearly choked.

In those early years of the Academy's governance structure, the Vice President served a two-year term and did not succeed the President, who independently served a separate two-year term. The Regents did not have specific portfolios of responsibility. And the Vice President was responsible for both developing and administering the certification exam.

Now, of course, it's quite different. The Vice President serves one year as Vice President, one year as President, then one year as Regent for Nominations. In addition, one of the Regents is now responsible for exam development while

another is responsible for exam administration. I have to say that this is a much more sane structure, which was put in place in 1994, following the recommendations of a task force that was led by Maygene Daniels, CA.

But when I was being asked to consider standing for the office of Vice President, it did not look like a sane thing to do. Before saying yes, I decided to call the person who was then serving in that office: Deborah Skaggs, CA. Deborah did a nice job of reassuring me that I could do it, although she admitted that it was a lot of work. I learned that she had worked out many of the details of how to lead these two essential ACA functions. So I set aside my doubts and said yes, and was eventually elected as the Academy's third Vice President.

After being elected, I got together with Deborah and she shared with me her three-ring binder that contained almost everything I needed to know to develop and administer the exam. At the time I marveled both at what it had taken to create those procedures, and how organized Deborah was in putting it all together in a way that made it easily

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The Academy of Certified Archivists Celebrates 20/1,000 Dual Milestone

By Jane Nokes, CA
Director, Corporate Archives & Fine Art
Scotiabank Group

As Chair of the Academy's celebration of two important milestones, our 20th anniversary year and our 1,000th member, I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our celebration plans.

More importantly, I want to encourage you to get involved in the celebration and to make your plans to join us in Austin, Texas, on August 13, 2009.

A series of media releases will inform the world of our plans, and each one will be included in a general email to ACA members. As all of us who have been involved with our institutions' anniversaries know, celebrations are for stakeholders but their reach goes far beyond the institution itself. The Academy deserves to be known and celebrated inside and outside our profession, and this year gives us the chance to help reach new audiences. The first media release announced our 20th anniversary and the second announces our 1,000th member. Watch for the next in this series!

All of you will have noticed that we have a jaunty anniversary logo (the ACA logo with a ribbon-like banner and our 1989-2009 dates). The anniversary logo was created for us by designer Carey Ivison, Scotiabank Group – Marketing. Working with a team that included Jim Tobin (Scotiabank Group), Anselm Huelsbergen, CA, and Marty Levitt, CA, Carey captured just the right celebratory feeling with his banner design. The logo will be used on the ACA website, newsletters, and on various applications throughout the year. Watch for it on

banners and other decorations at the anniversary reception in Austin.

Here's where we stand with celebration preparations for the August 13 party:

With the help and support of Nancy Beaumont, Executive Director of the Society of American Archivists, and Letiscia Perrin, Conference & Logistics Consultants, Inc. (event planner for SAA), we have a room at the Austin Hilton for our reception. We have Salon K of the Governor's Ballroom on the 6th Floor of the Austin Hilton Hotel, to be exact. While the 20/1,000 Committee explored moving our event outside the conference hotel, we decided to keep it in the hotel for convenience and security reasons, and because the room rental is free (included in the overall conference contract with the hotel). We have a room large enough to hold the estimated 250 attendees—and, of course, the band (more on that later!).

The reception/party will run from 8:30 pm until 10:30 pm. This timeframe allows plenty of time for meeting and greeting. It also will allow attendees at the SAA President's Reception and Fellows Reception to join us.

Our party will follow our Annual Business Meeting which will feature as our guest speaker the first president of the Academy, Greg Hunter, CA. This promises to be a very special meeting and we're grateful for Greg's willingness to give us the benefit of his memories and views.

We now are working with Letiscia Perrin to select catering details from among the range of hotel menus and options, all with daunting price tags.

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Dual Milestone Celebration

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Our budget—all of it donated funds from sponsors (see below), none of it from Academy coffers—is lean, to say the least. However, in these nasty economic times, we have learned to do more with less, and we are up to this particular challenge. With the help of our sponsors, we have enough to throw a memorable party. With the help of Becky Tousey, CA, Kraft Foods, we will have cookies and chocolate.

Cindy Smolovik, CA, Vice-Chair of the 20/1,000 Committee, while working on a range of aspects for the anniversary such as trying to pry photos out of us for the anniversary display, is on the hunt for a great big cake. Brenda Gunn, CA, and Todd Gilliom, CA, have helped in the search for the perfect one. I have volunteered to be a taste-tester.

Thanks to the initiative of Beth Bensman, CA, Matthew Darby, CA, is arranging to hire a terrific band for our party. Be prepared to dance!

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As of this week, we have a great photographer for the event. Thanks to the efforts of Mike Bullington, CA, Tim Hawkins, CA, has agreed to photograph and do any post-production work for our party. As Mike says, "Tim is a highly qualified photographer and I know he will do an outstanding job. In addition to photographing the celebration, he will be recording members' comments on what it means to be a certified archivist." We are so lucky to have Tim's time and talent and creativity.

Decorating will require a subcommittee of willing workers to get the room ready for us. We also can use donations of posters, balloons, and streamers (preferably in ACA blue, but we'll happily accept any color). If these come to us free, we'll even accept your logo on them! We have ACA logo stickers (larger ones for decorating, small ones for affixing to name badges). Stickers are a gift to ACA. We need a huge banner to welcome everyone.

Judy Cetina, CA, is willing to work with a team of hosts to greet our guests, keep the event running, and ensure that everyone gets a parting gift. Yes, there will be a legacy gift for attendees. Those of you who know me will know that I would not let such a major anniversary and membership milestone pass without some memento. That's all we're going to tell you about the gift. You'll have to show up in Austin to find out more!

We will be announcing more anniversary events and projects as the year progresses.

As most of you will know by now, Session 402 in the SAA-Austin program is titled "The Evolution, Challenges, and Future of Certification" and will be moderated by Marty Levitt and include presentations by Greg Hunter, Lee Miller, CA, and David Gracy, CA. Mark your calendar for

Friday, August 14, 2009 (the morning after our party!). Thanks to Scott Cline, CA, for building this session.

Dignitaries from other archival associations, including SAA and the International Council on Archives, will attend our party. We'll let you know who you can expect to see on August 13.

All of the above requires funding and fanatic devotion to deliver what we hope will be the very best and most memorable event in the Academy's 20-year history.

I am proud to serve and pleased to lead as we move forward on this worthwhile initiative. ♦♦♦♦

ACA in Austin August 12th - 14th 2009 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 12th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Certification Examination

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Annual Board Meeting

Thursday, August 13th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Item-Writing Workshop

7:00 - 8:00 PM Annual Business Meeting

8:00 - 9:30 PM 20th Anniversary
Member Reception

Friday, August 14th

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Session - ACA at 20:
The Evolution,
Challenges, and Future
of Certification

Officers and Board News

President (2008-09)	Martin L. Levitt, PhD, CA American Philosophical Society Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Vice President/ President-Elect (2008-09)	Michael R. Bullington, CA McDonald's Golden Archives Elk Grove, Illinois
Treasurer (2008-10)	Mott R. Linn, DA, CA Clark University Worcester, Massachusetts
Secretary (2007-09)	Shelly Henley Kelly, CA Neumann Library University of Houston- Clear Lake Clear Lake, Texas
Regent for Examination Administration (2007-09)	Connell B. Gallagher, CA Emeritus Underhill, Vermont
Regent for Examination Development (2008-10)	Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, PhD, CA U.S. Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, Colorado
Regent for Certification Maintenance (2007-09)	Shelly Croteau, PhD, CA Missouri State Archives Jefferson City, Missouri
Regent for Outreach (2008-10)	Todd M. Gilliom, CA National Personnel Records Center, NARA St. Louis, Missouri
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Chair, Nominating Committee (2008-09)	Morgan Davis, CA Dole Institute of Politics Lawrence, Kansas

Contact information for the Officers and Regents is available on the ACA website (www.certifiedarchivists.org/html/contacta.html).

From the Vice President

Michael Bullington, CA
McDonald's Golden Archives
Elk Grove, Illinois

It seems that each day we read and hear stories about our nation's and the world's continuing recession. Unemployment rises, corporate earnings are down, and individual retirement portfolios are shrinking. This dismal news is augmented further by emails or phone calls from archival colleagues notifying that they have been released from their positions. Messages of regrets and "best of luck" are relayed to the "sacked" as one muses, "Can it happen to me?"

The easiest reaction would be to hunker down to ride out this economic storm in order to remain unscathed. Yet, this is not a solution. Accountants and human resource types will always win this game of "hide and seek." What to do? What to do?

I believe that to survive, one needs to do the opposite. We need to increase our visibility within our institutions. We need to be innovative and take risks that demonstrate commitment to our institution and our profession. We need to be proactive. We need to be assertive. We need to continue to add value to our institution—through programming, exhibits, outreach, and donor cultivation.

It would be easy for me to remain apart and isolated from the McDonald's home offices. The building that houses the Golden Archives is separated from the office campus by a distance of over ten miles. Yet, I am determined to spend

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Vice President

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more time on our campus to interact with various departments and colleagues—never hastening to add that I am a certified professional archivist. I have also sought ways to demonstrate cost savings, enhance exhibits, and provide assistance for services that are not part of my domain. I have contacted retired officers to solicit records and to record their oral histories. I am constantly aware that I need to add and provide value.

The reality of the current situation is that despite our best efforts we may no longer be employed by our institution. However, trying to emulate the late Claude Rains in his role as the Invisible Man during these times is not a solution. Above I asked rhetorically: “What to do? What to do?” Now I am interested in learning and hearing from you what you are doing to increase your value and that of your department within your organization. I can be reached at michael.bullington@us.mcd.com. ♦♦♦♦

TIME TO RECERTIFY?

The 2009 Certification Maintenance forms are available at the ACA website:
www.certifiedarchivists.org/html/recert.html

If you chose to recertify by petition, completed certification maintenance forms and accompanying material are to be return to the ACA office by

1 JUNE 2009

Certification maintenance by examination requires the completed form be returned by

15 MAY 2009

Instructions are available on the website and any questions can be directed to the Regent for Certification Maintenance, Shelly Croteau, CA:
shelly.croteau@sos.mo.gov or 573 751-4303

From the Webmaster

Jordon Steele, CA

Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Greetings from your Webmaster.

Todd Gilliom and I continue to work on our overhaul of the ACA web site. We are creating the web site using the popular Content Management System, [Joomla](http://www.joomla.org). The resulting web site will be an improved interface for our users and a simplified process for managing and editing the content from the administrative end. The new site should be available on May 15th, 2009.

In other web-related news, ACA continues to expand its presence in the area of social media. If you haven't already, I encourage you to join our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/aca) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/aca) pages. This will help provide you with the most up-to-date information about developments within the Academy.

Finally, to help spread the word about our upcoming 20th Anniversary celebration in Austin this summer, we've created a blog, located at <http://www.certifiedarchivists.org/20-1000blog/>. Bookmark this site, stop by frequently, or subscribe to its RSS feed to keep informed on the latest developments as we plan to celebrate 20 years of the Academy of Certified Archivists.

As always, if you have any questions about the web site or suggestions for how to improve it, you can reach me at: webmaster@certifiedarchivists.org.



From the Secretary

Shelly Henley Kelly, CA

University Archivist

University of Houston-Clear Lake

Summary of Mid-Year Board Meeting

The ACA Board of Regents had its 2009 mid-year meeting at the American Philosophical Society Library in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 1, 2009.

ACA President Marty Levitt, CA, informed the board that at the beginning of his presidency he asked the immediate past six ACA presidents to advise him, informally, on various matters that required some institutional memory. He asked the board to formalize this as an ACA Advisory Council. The board approved that the president has the power to create a voluntary Advisory Council for one year consisting of past-presidents and other officers to serve as institutional memory and informal advisors with no formal power or voting rights.

ACA agreed to participate with Society of American Archivists (SAA) and other organizations as a signer on a letter addressed to the Obama Transition Team regarding "A New Archivist of the United States: Qualities of a Successful Candidate." ACA was also asked to be a formal consultant providing the transition team with a short list of candidates. Marty declined, stating that this could be a controversial and politicized appointment. ACA is non-political and neutral.

Marty has been in communication with the SAA subcommittee on accreditation, advocating that ACA and SAA work together to draft an education message.

Vice President Michael Bullington, CA, reported that he has started surveying job postings to see if they mention the ACA credential and is actively working within his own corporation to have the CA credential recognized in the roster of employee certification qualifications.

Treasurer Mott Linn, CA, reported that our largest income is membership dues and our budget should remain sound as we continue to grow. The Finance Committee discussed current market issues and recommends that as long as we have cash solvency we do not need to cash out from our market accounts. Our largest expense is the Capitol Hill Management contract.

Secretary Shelly Kelly, CA, has updated the Officer-Regent Handbook. The board approved a motion that it is the secretary's responsibility to maintain the current status of the Regent's Handbook and the webmaster's responsibility to make it available online with password protection.

Regent for Examination Administration Connell Gallagher, CA Emeritus, reported that he has been communicating with potential applicants to help them apply to take the exam and reviewing provisional certifications to move them forward. He wants to set up a chat room for the exam.

Regent for Examination Development Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, CA, reported that the Examination Development Committee (EDC) successfully wrote and revised items for the test. An Item Writing Workshop will be scheduled for this summer in Austin, Texas. The EDC also plans on updating the bibliography on our website and in the workbook.

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Regent for Certification Maintenance Shelly Croteau, CA, submitted a written report. Five organizations have applied for and received Archival Recertification Credits for their educational events. 110 people are due for certification maintenance this year.

Regent for Outreach Todd Gilliom, CA, reported that he has revised the ACA pamphlet and is updating the traveling exhibits. Marty suggested that Todd develop a committee to help write a marketing plan to be presented to the board at its meeting in Austin.

Regent for Nominations Judy Cetina, CA, expressed that the Nominations Committee had difficulty identifying candidates to run for office. The board approved the proposed slate of candidates. The ballot will be ready for mailing in April with a return deadline of June 1.

Past President Jane Nokes, CA, is leading a task force to recognize the Academy's 20th Anniversary. The task force has received \$9,100 in pledged or donated funds. A series of media releases will be scheduled throughout the year, targeting specific professions and their publications. The committee hopes to develop an additional travel grant as a legacy project in honor of the class of 1989. Donations will be solicited from founding members.

Cindy Smolovik, CA, head of the Task Force on Role Delineation Statement (RDS) Revision submitted a written report. The task force expects to complete review and revision of the RDS document by the first of June, and the final

document will be formally submitted for approval at the August 2009 board meeting.

Cindy also leads the Task Force on Records Management. The board adopted the Records Retention Schedule as created by Cindy and the task force. It moved to appoint a task force to review and revise the records retention schedule every five years or as necessary.

Connie Gallagher, head of the Task Force on Emeritus Status, is working on a revision for the handbook. Connie and Cindy are developing the details for declaring emeritus.

Newsletter Editor Anselm Huelsbergen, CA, could not attend the meeting. A year ago we were sending out about 200 print copies of the newsletter, but now we send it out electronically, asking those who wish to receive a printed copy to request one. There are about ten members who still request a paper copy.

Steve Grandin reported from Capitol Hill Management. He distributed graphs showing membership growth from 1995-96 through 2008-09 and the number of candidates from 1996 to 2008. The current management contract ends August 31, 2009. Steve provided the board with a proposed contract for discussion. The management fee has increased 2.3% while membership of the association has increased 4.4%. After discussion, the board voted to approve the contract with Capitol Hill Management and sign it.

Other new business included a discussion about whether ACA should have a formal policy for dealing with ACA members affected by natural

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disasters or faced with losing their jobs. Other organizations do not have specific policies. It was suggested that a statement be put on our website stating: "If you have lost your job or are a victim of a natural disaster, please contact your ombudsman. We may be able to help you."

Travel obligations for ACA board meetings were one issue that prevented potential candidates from agreeing to run for office. Judy Cetina asked the board to consider whether there are other means of carrying out a mid-year meeting that do not include travel. Steve pointed out that other organizations hold mid-year meetings in a location central to the majority of their board members. The issue was tabled.

At the 2008 annual meeting the board asked Jordon to explore electronic voting. Jordon is talking with Brian Doyle about the SAA model and will have more information to bring to the meeting in Austin. About 300 people voted in the last ACA election. The cost, largely mailing expenses, was \$950.

The 2010 mid-year meeting will be held at the McDonald's Corporation campus in Illinois in March of 2010.

Individual regent reports and complete minutes of the meeting will be available on the ACA web site at the following URL:

www.certifiedarchivists.org/boardinfo/

From the Regent for Examination Development

Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, PhD, CA
Academy Archivist and Chief, Special Collections
U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

In addition to the ACA Regent for Examination Development, the President, and the Vice President, the members of the Examination Development Committee (EDC) are the following Certified Archivists (committee term in parentheses):

- ◆ Daphne DeLeon, CA (2006-2009)
Nevada State Library and Archives
- ◆ Nancy Melley, CA (2006-2009)
National Archives & Records Administration
- ◆ Melinda Curley, CA (2007-2010)
Lower Colorado River Authority,
Records & Archives
- ◆ Robert McInnes, CA (2007-2010)
Atkins Library - Special Collections
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- ◆ Jane Kenamore, CA (2008-2011)
Kenamore & Klinkow
- ◆ John Fleckner, CA (2008-2011)
University of Maryland

If anyone has questions about the role of the EDC, how the committee members are determined, or any other aspect of the examination development process, please contact the Regent at:

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Michelle Ganz
Archivist and Librarian
Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum
& Lincoln Memorial University Archives
Harrogate, Tennessee

By Linda Hocking, CA

Michelle Ganz, CA, is a recently certified archivist, having past the certification exam in 2008. She received her Masters in Information Resources and Library Sciences in 2006 from the University of Arizona and sat for the exam as soon as she became eligible. After graduation, she was hired as the Archivist and Special Collections Librarian at the Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum and the Lincoln Memorial University Archives, both at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. She is a “lone arranger” with responsibilities at both locations as well as at the University Library, where she spends time working the reference desk. Ganz explains her position like this:

The Museum collection focuses primarily on Abraham Lincoln and his immediate family (parents and children) and the Eastern Theatre of the Civil War. The University Archives focuses on the history of the University and of this area (Eastern Tennessee).

The University Archives also encompasses the Special Collections of the library.... The role of the museum tends to take precedence over the library simply based on use. The museum



Photograph courtesy of Michelle Ganz

Michelle Ganz, CA, became a Certified Archivist in 2008. She currently works as both an archivist and a special collections librarian.

collection is the third largest Lincoln collection in the US, so we get a lot of reference requests and we do a lot of lending with other institutions.

Ganz does not wince at the challenges of these roles, but rather says that she was “attracted to

my position because of the split nature of the work. It gave me the opportunity to work with special collections and archival work.” As only the second trained archivist working with the collection, she has focused a lot of attention on raising awareness within the

university community about the holdings. In addition to word-of-mouth, Ganz opens the vault for tours, invites important visitors to visit the

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Academy Profile

This feature profiles members of the Academy of Certified Archivists. If you would like to suggest someone to be featured, or if you yourself would like to appear in the column, please contact:

Linda Hocking, CA

archivist@litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Academy Profile - Michelle Ganz

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archives, passes out business cards, and partners with other institutions to include holdings in their exhibits. She also visits classrooms at all levels, from elementary through university, to raise student awareness about the holdings.

As the only employee for the museum and archives, Ganz finds time management the most challenging task. She is responsible for cataloging where difficulties abound in establishing provenance for the collection. The oversight for the museum has been sporadic and often under the supervision of historians rather than archivists. "I have very little information about when most of the collection was acquired, making it difficult to assign accession numbers," Ganz says. She is, however, making progress towards cataloging the collections with basic information using OCLC, PastPerfect, and Voyager. So far, she has worked through approximately ten percent of the collection.

To this point, technology hasn't been instrumental to her outreach efforts, though she does cite it as having brought the most profound changes to the ways in which the collection is accessed. Ganz does hope that as she gets closer toward the goal of having things cataloged, she will be able to create a blog or social networking page, create EAD finding aids on the library web site, and create virtual exhibits.

More information about the Abraham Lincoln

Library and Museum can be found at its web site:

www.lmunet.edu/museum/index.html

Linda Hocking, CA, is Curator of Library and Archives at the Litchfield Historical Society in Litchfield, Connecticut.

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transferable to the next Vice President. She made it (relatively) easy for me, and to this day I remain forever grateful.

From my perspective, Deborah Skaggs is one of the many unsung heroes of ACA's early leadership. When I think about what she managed to accomplish in two short years, and how much other work was involved in getting ACA up and running, I find myself really admiring those early, hard-working ACA leaders. And I can't even imagine the work that was involved for those who served on SAA's Interim Board for Certification from 1987 to 1989.

As it turned out, I was the last ACA Vice President to serve the dual role of exam developer and exam administrator. When my term was coming to an end, I was asked if I would be willing to stand for another election. I agreed, was elected Vice President again, and this time went on to become President, then Regent for Nominations. By the time my term as Regent for Nominations came to an end in 1997, I had spent five years serving on ACA's Board of Regents.

I enjoyed every bit of those five years, and consider my ACA service to be among the most enjoyable aspects of my professional involvement and development. It was my honor to serve with outstanding individuals who managed to work through the early kinks of running a certification organization. I am proud of what ACA has achieved since then, and am almost astonished to realize that it has actually been 20 years since the Academy was officially established.



Editor's Endpaper

2009 ACA election ballots have been mailed!
If you have not received a ballot by May 15,
please contact the ACA Secretariat at:
aca@caphill.com or (518) 463-8644

**Completed ballots must be postmarked by:
June 1, 2009**

2009 ACA Election Slate:

Vice President/President Elect

Pam Hackbart-Dean, CA, Southern Illinois
University

David B. Malone, CA, Wheaton College, Illinois

Secretary

Anselm Huelsbergen, CA, University of Missouri
Shelly H. Kelly, CA, University of Houston-
Clear Lake

Regent for Certification Maintenance

Marcus C. Robyns, CA, Northern Michigan
University in Marquette

Kristy K. Sorensen, CA, Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary

Regent for Examination Administration

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In the last issue of *ACA News*, I asked the members to voice their opinion on the two-column layout of the newsletter when viewed on a computer screen. A little more than half of the responses (four out of seven) indicated that a two-column approach was difficult or awkward to read on screen.

It is my hope that we will be able to offer an online version of the newsletter in the near future. Once the redesigned ACA web site is up and running smoothly, I will work with Webmaster Jordon Steele, CA, to explore our options. For the time being, however, *ACA News* will continue to be produced as a PDF with a two-column layout. I appreciate everyone's interest in the newsletter.

With regards,
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