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# From the President

Hello SRMA friends and colleagues. I had a much more cheerful draft of this letter a few weeks ago, but I am grieved that I need to revise it (now multiple times) to reflect our current situation, which is best described as extraordinary. Due to the ongoing global crisis of the COVID-19 virus, many of our institutions are fully or partially closed, travel has been suspended, we've all been directed to reduce our in-person contact with one another and stay at home where possible, and the WAM conference in San Francisco has been cancelled. All of this is leaving many of us with a sense of uncertainty and fear, but also charged with resilience and a sense of responsibility to document this historic time. We are archivists, after all, and this is what we do.

## **WAM Cancellation**

The WAM planning committee struggled quite a bit with reaching the final decision to cancel the conference. We knew it would be best to cancel it for the health and safety of all of our members, however, it wasn't until the Governor of California issued an order to not hold large gatherings that we were finally able to cancel the conference with no financial obligations to the hotel with which we were contracted. Everyone who registered for the conference should have received a refund by now. If you haven't, please contact [localarrangements@calarchivists.org](mailto:localarrangements@calarchivists.org) to make inquiries.

## **Virtual Spring Meeting May 8th – Mark Your Calendars**

Our business meeting was originally scheduled to take place during the WAM conference, but because we had to cancel the conference and due to our stay-at-home mandate from the Colorado Governor, we are instead hosting a virtual meeting on May 8th. I am hoping that some or all of you who had presentations accepted to WAM would still like to present online at this meeting. I'll be reaching out to those of you who had presentations accepted soon, but please feel free to contact me if you would like to be included. I will send out Zoom information to join the meeting on the SRMA email list that morning so it will be easy to find.

## **New Web Portal and Membership Management System**

In the midst of this chaos, there are also a few new things on the horizon. David Fasman and Sean Babbs have been working hard to find us a new web portal and membership management platform. David Fasman presented a report with several options and after discussion and a vote, the board decided to go with the Wild Apricot platform. We will be working over the next few months to work out what we need to do to set up the system and will keep you all apprised of when we are ready to launch.

I look forward to seeing you all virtually at our meeting on May 8th! Take care everyone and stay safe!

All the very best,  
Heather



## **Western Archivists Meeting (WAM) Cancelled**

**The 2020 Western Archivists Meeting (WAM) scheduled for April 22nd - 25th in San Francisco has been cancelled.**

**Full refunds will be issued to all registrants within the next 2-3 weeks. At this time there are no plans for holding WAM later this year or transitioning the program into a virtual environment. A more complete statement on the cancellation will be circulated in the days ahead by the host organizations. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate our way through this.**

**Please feel free to reach out to the Local Arrangements Committee, [localarrangements@calarchivists.org](mailto:localarrangements@calarchivists.org), with any questions and/or concerns that you may have.**

**Sincerely,**

**Eric Milenkiewicz (SCA President)  
Erika Castaño (CIMA President)  
Max Johnson (NWA President)  
Heather Bowden (SRMA President)**

**For more information visit: <https://calarchivists.org/WAM2020>**

# Call for Nominations for 2020-2021 SRMA Board

The Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists has three open board positions:

**Vice President/President Elect:** 3-Yr Term: Vice-President 2020-2021, President 2021-2022, Past President 2022-2023

**Secretary:** 2-Year Term, 2020-2022

**Member-At-Large:** 2-Year Term, 2020-2022. In the first year (2020-2021) the Member-at-Large assists the Program Director in developing annual and semi-annual meeting topics, workshops and related duties. In the 2nd year (2021-2022), the Member-At-Large takes over the Program Director position.

More details on board duties can be found in the bylaws:

<http://www.srmarchivists.org/about-us/documentation/bylaws/>

Bylaws - Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists (SRMA)

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES. Section 1. Classes of Membership. Individual. Open to any person interested in archival activity in the Rocky Mountain region.

[www.srmarchivists.org](http://www.srmarchivists.org)

The Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists board meets approximately every two months, most meetings are about 2 hours, and all meetings in the past three years have included a web conferencing option. Meetings do typically take place during the workday (Monday-Friday 9 AM-5 PM), but the board is almost always polled at least a week in advance of scheduled meetings to ensure maximum availability. Our board is currently entirely from Colorado (and largely clustered in the I-25 corridor), and since we'd love to represent the entirety of the region our association serves, we especially encourage our members from Wyoming and the front range to consider board service. In the same vein, we encourage archivists in historical societies, public libraries, corporate archives, government archives to consider serving on our board.

Those interested in board service please contact SRMA Past President Kate Crowe ([katherine.crowe@du.edu](mailto:katherine.crowe@du.edu)) with a brief candidate statement (a 1-3 sentence bio and 1-2 sentences stating your interest in the position) by **Wednesday, April 15th at 5 PM.**

Ballots will be sent out by April 17th at the latest, and new officers announced at the Virtual Spring Business Meeting on May 8th.



# Governance

**President: Heather Bowden**

Director of Special Collections, Archives, and Preservation  
University of Colorado Boulder Libraries

**Vice President: Megan Friedel**

Head of of Special Collections, Archives,  
and Preservation  
University of Colorado Boulder Libraries

**Past President: Kate Crowe**

Curator of Special Collections and Archives  
University of Denver

**Secretary: Laura Hoff**

**Treasurer: Patty Rettig**

Head Archivist  
Water Resources Archive, Colorado State  
University

**Member-at-Large: Erin McElroy**

Archivist and Librarian  
Iliff School of Theology

**Program Director: Emily Schwartz**

Communications and Student  
Services Specialist  
University of Denver

**Preservation Member-at-Large:  
Aaron Ramirez**

**Membership Coordinator:  
David Fasman**

MLIS Candidate  
University of Denver

**Society Archivist: Kalyani Fernando**

**Newsletter Editor: Nathalie Proulx**

Reference Archivist  
The Dance Archive; University of Denver

**Continuing Education Coordinator:  
Craig Haggit**

Senior Catalog Librarian  
Denver Public Library

**Electronic Resources/Website  
Coordinator: Sean Babbs**

**Need to renew your  
membership?**

Contact David Fasman  
david.fasman@du.edu

**Do you have any interesting projects  
or collections to feature in the next  
issue of *Rocky Mountain Archivist*?**

Contact Nathalie Proulx at  
nathalie.proulx@du.edu