President’s Report for 2010-2011

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Society of North Carolina Archivists as president this past year, and I thank the membership for allowing me the opportunity to do so. If you have an interest in serving your organization or are asked to serve in some capacity, please do so. The experience will enrich everyone.

This year, the executive board did experience one changeover. Sarah-Rice Scott resigned from her position as Treasurer, and Larry Odzak (North Carolina State Archives) graciously agreed to take on the role, and for that, we thank him.

The first executive board meeting was held on March 29, 2010 at Duke University’s Smith Warehouse. Members got to know each other, reviewed committee reports, and heard attendee feedback generated at the 2010 meeting held in Pinehurst. We discussed several topics, including ideas for the location of this year’s meeting, the process of records transfer and management of official SNCA records, and initiating changes to the by-laws, particularly related to certain board member positions. We decided to continue the discussion of by-law changes at the next meeting.

The second meeting was held on June 28, 2010 at the Hodges Reading Room, Jackson Library on the campus of UNC-Greensboro. In discussing what by-law changes could be made at the discretion of the board versus what needs membership approval, several board members noted that the Board Book and the by-laws were difficult to interpret at times due to the inconsistencies between them. We concurred that both documents needed to be reviewed before further discussion about changes could take place.

The board approved my convening an ad hoc committee to undertake this task. For the sake of transparency to the organization’s membership, it was concluded that the committee should consist of SNCA members in good standing who were not currently serving on the board. Dawne Lucas (Duke University Medical Center Archives), agreed to chair this committee and Adonna Thompson (Duke University Medical Center Archives) and Rick Collier (Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library at Duke University) answered her call for volunteers. The committee was charged with reviewing the Board Book and the constitution/by-laws to identify inconsistencies, making recommendations for how these documents could be changed in the future, and making sure the language within the documents was correct. The committee successfully completed their task, and on behalf of the board, I want to publicly thank them for agreeing to serve and for doing such a great job. The new edition of the Board Book and the constitution/by-laws are available on the SNCA website.

Respectfully submitted,

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