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President's Letter

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Dear Membership,

Thank you to Marie Labinis-Craft and the Portland, Oregon art conservation community for planning and hosting the 2010 annual meeting this past September.

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The location was wonderful and the talks very informative and enjoyable. The WAAC annual meetings are such a great place to catch up with new techniques, especially in specialties outside my own, and learn from friends from around the region. My congratulations to the Portland team for pulling together a great event.

In addition I want to thank our outgoing board members: Members-At-Large: Marie Svboda and Albrecht Gumlich, and President Marie Labinis-Craft. Your time and dedication in working with the board over the past few years is greatly appreciated!

A big welcome is extended to the newly elected board members: Daniel Cull, serving as Vice-President, and Sean Charette and Molly Gleeson serving as Members-At Large. Thank you to all those who ran for office in 2010, we hope you will consider service in future years!

The 2010 board election was our first foray into using web services for balloting. The 2010 membership renewal forms included options for members to receive some information and materials via email or online services. Members who selected to receive their annual meeting registration materials online also received the opportunity to vote online through a Survey Monkey ballot. Members who selected to receive the annual meeting materials via regular mail received paper ballots in the mail. (The 2011 membership renewal forms include a specific selection regarding how members would like to receive their ballot.) The election was quite successful with approximately half of our voting membership participating in one form or the other. We look forward to continuing to utilize web services for our elections, in addition we will continue to provide paper ballots to members who prefer this method for voting.

As the new year begins I am excited to announce that the next annual meeting will be held in Austin, Texas, October 19- 22, 2011. The conference talks will be held at the Thompson Conference Center at the University of Texas, Austin. The receptions and tours will be mostly based on and around the campus — and let me assure you that the UT Austin Longhorns football team will be playing an away game that weekend. Catch up on all the latest information regarding the annual meeting on our website: cool.conservation-us.org/waac/

And finally…WAAC has joined Facebook. We will be using our page to alert the conservation community of WAAC related updates and information while directing folks to more in depth information on our website. Come find us and "Like" us!

Happy New Year to you all,

Dana K. Senge