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Plan ahead

Upcoming Exam-sites:

- **1999** - Pittsburgh, PA (SAA Annual Meeting); Seattle, WA; Atlanta, GA; St. Paul, MN
- **2000** - Denver, CO (SAA Annual Meeting); Los Angeles, CA; Detroit, MI; Raleigh/Durham, NC
- **2001** - Washington, D. C. (SAA Annual Meeting); Chicago, IL; Phoenix, AZ; Dallas, TX

Don't forget "Pick-Your-Site"

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EACH ONE REACH ONE

Message from President Susan Box, CA

Thank you to the Academy for letting me serve as your President in our 10th year! I am deeply honored to follow in such stellar footsteps as our past leaders – an outstanding group of archivists who were willing to lead in the face of much controversy and opposition over the years - it truly is an honor to be included in that group.

Yes - the Academy began its 10th year with the close of the 1998 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. Make plans to celebrate the

Academy's 10th anniversary at next year's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa. I am excited about the opportunities this brings for the coming year.

Without taking away from the celebration for next year, I want to look back for a moment at a couple of things the Academy has accomplished

First – after 15 years of research, analysis - and mostly debate the Council and Officers of the Society of American Archivists voted in 1987 in favor of a certification program. The expectation was that certification

would become the mark of professional status for archivists. I think the Academy has accomplished that very well in spite of continued opposition in some quarters. Second – ten years ago this year, an Interim Board devised a plan to accept applications for certification by petition. The hope was that a minimum of 100 archivists would apply by September 1989. But archivists surprised even themselves when 750 applied! 709 applications were approved. At 10 years, the Academy has a stable

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LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD

Message from Past President Gregory Hunter

"Ten Years After: Reflections on ACA's First Year"

By Gregory S. Hunter, CA

Long Island University
First President of ACA

Could ten years have passed so quickly? Can ACA possibly be entering its second decade of existence? Since when did I become an elder statesman of the profession? These and other ques-

tions came to mind when Susie Box asked me to write a newsletter article reflecting on the first year of ACA

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ACA PRESIDENT PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES

By Susan Box, CA President

ACA President, Susan Box, has recently returned from Milan, Italy, where she attended the steering committee meeting of International Council on Archives - Section of Business and Labour Archives (ICA-SBL).

Susan and Jean Elliott at Chase are the two business archivists representing the U. S. on the steering committee which has 15 members from 14 countries. The appoint-

ment is for four years for a maximum of two terms of service.

This year's meeting was held in conjunction with the 24th Annual Conference of the International Association of Labour History Institutions. Held at the Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, the conference was sponsored by Regione Lombardia Assessorato alla cultura and Fondazione Cariplo. Seventy participants from 17 countries attended presentations that included a session

on the labour movement in Italy, its history and archives, and a workshop on Collecting and Appraising Labour and Business Records. Visits to several labour movement archives and business archives in Milan and Turin were also included.

The ICA-SBL steering committee meeting included planning for next year's meeting in New Delhi, India, as well as the International Congress scheduled for 20-28 September, 2000 in Seville, Spain.

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GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR

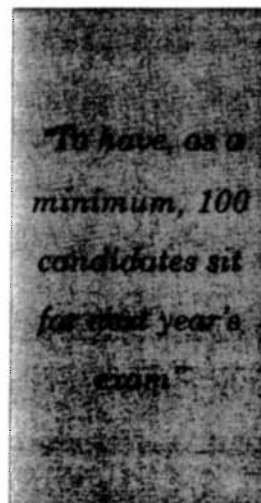
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membership of around 750 (which is the membership of the Institute of Certified Records Managers after 20 years!)

I have three major goals for next year. It will require the resources of all of us to make them happen. I want:

1. To promote ACA and celebrate its accomplishments, I want a speaker, booth or program promoting the Academy at every regional archives conference in 1999. We have the resources, and we must develop a marketing brochure that tells members, and their employers, the benefits of our work and our members, and the importance of certification. We are going to

spread the word that credentials do make a difference - getting a job, keeping a job and - earning a higher salary.



2. A survey of the membership will be sent out soon. This survey is designed to find out the changes in the profession since certification in getting a job and earning a higher salary.

3. "EACH ONE - REACH ONE." Every member needs to reach just one just one employee, one colleague, or one student to apply for candidacy. If each one reaches out to just

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ARCHIVISTS AND THE MILLENNIUM
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, IRELAND
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By Frances Lyons-Bristol, CA

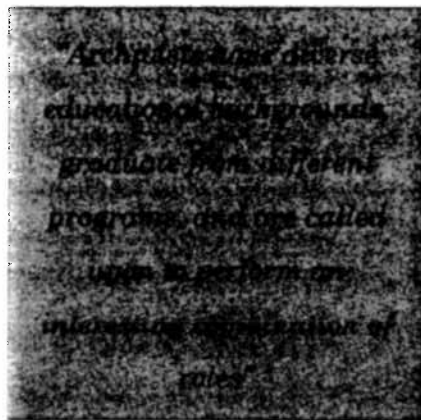
The Archives Department of University College Dublin (UCD) hosted an International Symposium on the subject of Archivists and the Millennium in October 1998. The symposium was held to mark twenty-five years of professional archives training at UCD. The UCD Archives Department is the only training school for archivists in the Republic of Ireland. The facility is both a teaching department and an archives, containing extensive purpose-built strong rooms, research, exhibition and conservation facilities. The repository specializes in

the acquisition and preservation of modern political collections.

Dr. Luciana Duranti gave the opening address on the subject of the future of archival scholarship. The speakers at the conference were Dr. Richard Cox, University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Deborah Jenkins, London Metropolitan Archives, David Thomas, Public Record Office, Kew and Dr. Eric Ketelaar, Universities of Leiden and Amsterdam.

Dr. Cox and Dr. Ketelaar encouraged archivists to engage in public debate on archival issues. Both cited examples from recent newspaper stories, of

issues concern-



ing the role of the archivist in society, and the role of records within government and corporations. Mr. Thomas described current PRO internet initiatives. These projects include PROCat (digital conversion of PRO catalogs and uploading of this data to the PRO web site) and DRUID (a database that allows electronic accessioning of government department papers.)* Dr. Jenkins

spoke about the changing role of the archivist. She noted the increase in the number of paraprofessional positions within archives and commented that today's archivist is less likely to perform desk reference duties and more likely to provide training to paraprofessional staff and users.

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REFLECTIONS ON ACA'S FIRST YEAR

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The 1989 SAA Annual Meeting in St. Louis began much like its predecessors. There were meetings of committees, task forces, and affinity groups (as I believe they were called at the time). What was unprecedented was the evening meeting to officially form ACA. Up until this point, SAA's Interim Board for Certification (IBC) had been responsible for the profession's accreditation process. IBC had coordinated the certification-by-petition process and had developed the first accreditation examination. IBC now was ready to transfer responsibility to the new Academy of Certified Archivists.

It may be hard to believe, but the first class of certified archivists came to St. Louis without knowing who their leaders would be for the year. The first or-

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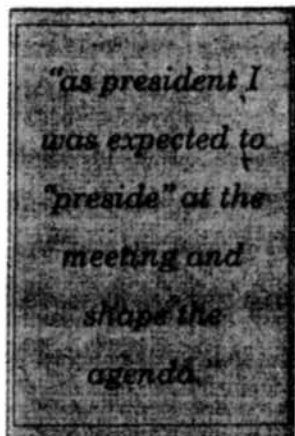
LOOKING BACK AT THE FIRST YEAR

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der of business at the inaugural ACA meeting was to elect officers. Before the meeting, two candidates were nominated for each of the four offices -- but the election was to take place at the meeting. This guaranteed that whoever was elected would begin the year without a well-developed plan of action.

When the votes were tallied, the first ACA officers were: David Olson, Vice President; Karen Benedict, Treasurer; Karen Paul, Secretary; and myself as President. I remember being shocked and overwhelmed at the responsibility. The four of us agreed to meet for breakfast to decide how we would approach our year in office.

When I returned to my room that night, I started thinking about what I would suggest to the other three officers the next morning -- after all, as president I was expected to "preside" at the meeting and shape the agenda. I used a yellow legal pad to outline responsibilities for each officer. Since we had no Board of Regents, I had concluded that each officer would need to take responsibility for a major area of ACA.



At our breakfast meeting we agreed on responsibilities. I would work on ACA's incorporation and the preparation of a constitution and by-laws. David would coordinate the completion of the certification by petition process and the administration of the next examination. Karen Benedict would set up the financial control system and determine the best way to manage ACA's funds. And Karen Paul would prepare the member newsletter and promote ACA and the value of certification.

Each officer had his or her own particular challenges. Surprising as it may be, ACA was not incorporated at the time of the St. Louis meeting. The four officers, in effect, could have been personally liable

for decisions that they made. I worked closely with outside counsel to prepare a constitution and by-laws and to get the organization incorporated. I also was responsible for establishing an ACA secretariat, at that time at the SAA office.

David spent much of the year on certification petitions and the appeal of negative decisions. While in theory these should have been completed before ACA's formation, the sheer volume of petitions guaranteed that the process would take longer than anyone had anticipated. Frank Cook has in the ACA Archives one of the

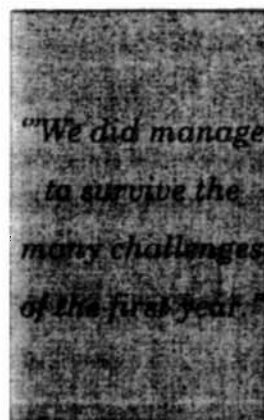
Hollinger boxes that we used to mail petitions back and forth. The condition of the box attests to both the quality of the product and the miles that it traveled via the U.S. Postal Service.

Karen Benedict faced the challenge of establishing a financial control system from scratch and figuring out how to make ACA's initial funds from certification last as long as possible. (At the beginning there were no annual dues.) The situation was compounded by the fact that IBC's procedures required ACA to reimburse SAA for the costs of developing certification over the previous few years.

Karen Paul, in promoting ACA, had to face first hand the divisiveness that the certification process caused in the archival profession.

As a way of trying to heal the wounds, we decided to publish the ACA newsletter as an insert in the SAA newsletter. We thought this was the easiest way to communicate regularly with the wider archival profession.

Well, we did manage to survive the many challenges of the first year. In my own case, I also had a career change: I left ITT Corporation mid-year to teach at Long Island University, leaving my secretarial support in the process. At the 1990 SAA Annual Meeting, the offices again gathered for a meal -- this time to-



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CERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION: A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

**By Rosalye A. Settles, CA
Regent For Examination
Development**

I attained certification by examination in 1993 after two unsuccessful efforts. In my first two attempts, I scored just slightly below the pass point. After my second failure, I began to question myself and the whole test process. How could I have failed after having worked in the field for a number of years and in variety of settings? Who were the people who created the exam and what were thinking about, anyway? With two almost passing scores under my belt, I was to say the least, disappointed. But, I remained undaunted. Why? Because I believed certification was important to my professional growth and development. Upon reflection I came to view the test process as a means of self-assessment. With an adjustment in perspective, I realized that I needed to expand and solidify my archival knowledge. Despite years of work experience and a masters degree in American History, there were aspects of my cho-

"I believed certification was important to my professional growth and development."

sen field I needed to learn more about. So, I began to study and educate myself in specific archival subject domains. Somehow I knew my efforts would lead to passing the certification exam the next time. My educational pursuits eventually lead to a second masters degree in library science from Columbia University in New York City, in preservation. Preservation had always been of interest to me and, yes, it was a subject area I needed to learn more about.

In 1993, my refusal to accept defeat manifested into benefit in the form of a post-card notifying me of my passing score. (One could say three is the charm). I was happy to have finally achieved certification, unaware that my goal to be certified would lead to other professional opportunities directly related to the Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) certification examination.

From 1966-1998 I served on the ACA Exami-

nation Development Committee (EDC), the body tasked with the development of the certification examination. During that time, I was the only female Committee member who had been certified by examination. As I assumed my role as a EDC member, I shifted from being a former test candidate to test creation participant. I would observe the test development process and get the chance to see just how those questions I labored over found their way into the examination.

While working on the EDC I contributed to the development of a certification examination and the creation of the **Handbook for Certification**. I reviewed question statistics, made recommendations for the removal of questions from the item bank and created new items for two of the examination's subject domains. My Committee members and I often engaged in spirited debate on the appropriateness of a

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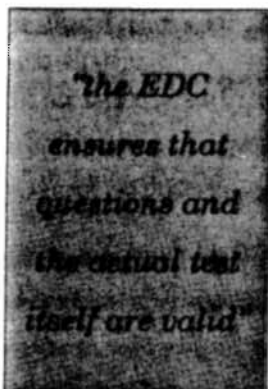
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PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

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particular question. How many people would know the correct answer? Would test takers really have access to the references we cited? Was the knowledge a question sought to test too obscure? Should a question be eliminated or salvaged by revision?

Working in tandem with our psychometrician, experts in statistical testing, I observed how the EDC ensures that questions and the actual test itself are valid. Each year after the test is given, the test is evaluated. Each question is analyzed to see how well it performed i.e. did a large percentage of test takers fail to select the correct answer? If so, why? After the test is reviewed, the passing score is established based on statistical standard errors of measurement. This close scrutiny de-



lays the ACA's notification to test candidates, but is a means of ensuring both the validity of the questions and the examination itself.

The creation and analysis of a professional test instrument is a rigorous and thoughtful series of tasks. It is a continual process of evaluation that is no way capricious, arbitrary or frivolous. My EDC experience provided me with a new perspective for the examination that I had worked so diligently to pass. The ACA's test of archival knowledge is done on a high and demand-

ing level. Not achieving initial success upon taking the exam is not indictment or statement of one's capability; rather, it is an opportunity to continue the on-going learning process and strengthen one's intellectual prowess relative to archives.

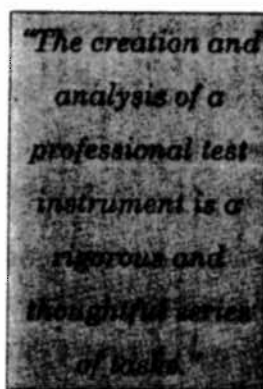
From 1998-2000 I will assume the role of Regent for

the EDC. I bring a dual perspective to this new position, analytical archival knowledge and practical experience as a former test candidate. My fellow Committee members, along with our psychometrician, bring talent, experience and commitment to the process of examination develop-

ment. As we confer, debate and finally concur, we will ensure that the ACA certification examination is both statistically valid and a true reflection of the breadth of knowledge possessed by certified archivists.

Obstacles to success are a means by which we develop ourselves. Often a shift in perspective is necessary for us to see just what we need to see; namely, that delay does not mean denial. Often we need to take a new approach, work from a different vantage point and work a little bit harder.

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IRELAND

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number of speakers commented that now, more than ever, archivists have diverse educational backgrounds, graduate from different programs, and are called upon to perform an increasing combination of roles within institutions. As we approach the millennium then,

surely we have a strong case in favor of certification. Certification is one practical way that we as professionals can demonstrate that we share an understanding of accepted archival theory.

*To learn more about these projects visit the

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TAKING THE EXAM

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Then if we make the necessary adjustments, we can see our goals realized before our very eyes, sometimes in the form of something as small as a post-card in our mailbox.

"we can see our goals realized before our very eyes"

PICK-YOUR-SITE PROGRAM - A WINNER!!

By Becky Haglund Tousey, CA
Regent for Exam Administration

Until this past year, the only way a person could sit for the certification exam was to travel to the city where The Society of American Archivists holds its annual meeting. The Board of Regents recognized that this was a financial obstacle to many. So, in an effort to make the exam more accessible to potential candidates, the board voted to establish what they called the "pick-your-site" option. This provided the opportunity for the exam to be offered in ANY location, provided six individuals in that vicinity qualified to sit for the exam.

We knew the concept was a good one, but we

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FOREIGN COLLEAGUES

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The New Delhi meeting, scheduled for 20-23 October, 1999 will be a joint open meeting with ICA-SKR-Section on Churches and Religious



Institutions and ICA-SPP-Section on Political Parties. ICA-SBL is planning a one day workshop on "how to establish a business archives" and will publish a

series of articles in newspapers in India on various aspect of business archives. The topic chosen for the Congress is "The Globalization of

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PICK-YOUR-SITE

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were not sure exactly how smoothly the process would work. The main challenge we faced was helping applicants find out if others were interested in taking the exam in their city. The ArchivesList on the Internet helped a great deal. Individuals sent e-mail messages asking if there were others in their city who were interested in taking the ACA exam. In each successful "pick-your-site" location, there was at least one candidate who took the initiative to find other candidates and ensure the exam came to their city. Our Secretariat representative Steve Grandin was also pro-active in contacting applicants to let them know that there were others in their city applying to take the exam.

Once the deadlines passed and all the applications had been reviewed, there were two cities which had more than the six required candidates - Salem, OR and Philadelphia, PA. But there were three additional cities with only five candidates - New Orleans, LA; Northridge, CA; and New York, NY. The board discussed the situation via e-mail, and decided to reduce the required number of candidates at a site from six to five.

Once the list of exam locations was set, there were still many logistical challenges. The exams all had to be given at the same time on September 2. Exam sites had to be located in the four original exam sites, plus the "pick-your-site" cities, and proctors found for each site. All these arrangements had to be made via telephone and e-mail. Thanks to the assistance of ACA members, Steve Grandin, and even the candidates them-

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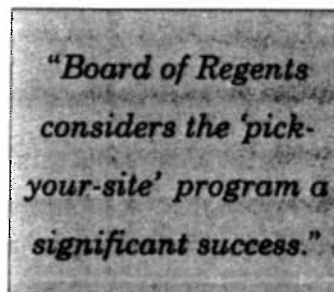
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selves, rooms were reserved at central, convenient locations, and volunteers came forward to proctor each exam.

The entire Board of Regents considers the "pick-your-site" program a significant success. We feel it is directly responsible for the record number of candidates who took the exam this year. We

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AWARD WINNING!!

Charles Schutlz, CA, Past President and current Regent for Nominations has recently been award the David B. Gracy, II award for the best article in the 1996 issue of Provenance.

The article, "Personality Types of Archivists" is based in part on the results of a survey conducted by Charles based on the Keirseley Temperament Sorter.

Congratulations, Charles!

CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE CONTINUES TO BE A SUCCESS

By Michael Holland, CA
Regent for Certification Maintenance

The 1998 Certification Maintenance Review was very successful. This year the committee reviewed petitions from exam years 1990 and 1993. There were a total of 60 certified archivists eligible. A total of 45 petitions were received and reviewed, which is a remarkable 75% of all certi-

fied archivists eligible for recertification by petition. Of the 45 petitioners, 41 passed on first review, 1 passed on appellate review, 1 did not pass, and 2 petitioned for emeritus status and were granted this category of membership.

I am very proud and pleased with the success of the process and the hard efficient work of all of the teams and each review team

member. The process is nothing without the review team members' willingness to volunteer their time and efforts. This year's team did an excellent and exemplary job and deserve credit and many thanks from me and the profession as a whole. In addition, many thanks to Willow Powers, the former Regent for Certification Maintenance for her hard work in developing a peti-

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PROCTOR'S HELP MAKE PICK-YOUR-SITE WORK

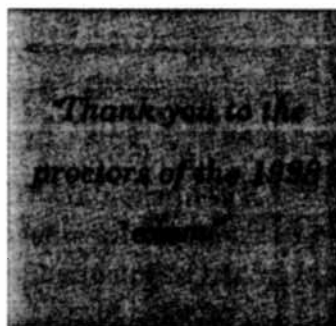
By Becky Haglund Tousey,
Regent for Exam Administration

MANY THANKS TO THE PROCTORS OF THE 1998 CERTIFICATION EXAM WHO ARE ACA MEMBERS.

(members who serve as a proctor are eligible to receive 6

points towards re-certification for this contribution to the profession)

The following members served as proctors for



the 1998 exam.

Michael Bullington, CA
Brenda Gunn, CA

Marvin Huggins, CA
Lawrence Landis, CA
Frances Lyons-Bristol, CA
Leon Miller, CA
Dale Patterson, CA
Leslie Simon, CA

10TH ANNIVERSARY SURVEY

In 1989-90 ACA surveyed the membership in the hopes of finding out who sought certification and what they hoped to achieve by becoming certified. The survey results shows that certification does make a

difference in salary and obtaining a job.

It is time for ACA to survey the membership again. A survey will be mailed to all members soon. Everyone

dislikes questionnaires, but we really need your help. By surveying educational backgrounds, professional status, salary level, expectations, and degree of satisfaction

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tion process that is both fair and highly efficient.

During the next petition year 1999, the Certification Maintenance Committee will face a possible 81 petitions from the exam years 1991 and 1994. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of you eligible to petition to do so. Petition packets will be mailed soon.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's reviewers: Judy Cetina, Marcus Robyns, Garry Harrington, Barbara Dunlap, Austin Hoover, Ken Fieth, Jim Cross, Ellen Garrison, David Horn, Cindy Smolovik and Willow Powers

One of the best ways to understand the process is to be involved in petition reviews. Volunteers are needed to establish the review teams for 1999.

If you are interested in being a reviewer or if you need certification maintenance information please contact: Michael Holland (573)-882-4602, Email: HollandM@missouri.edu.

SURVEY

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with ACA as a whole, we will be able to continue to serve the membership, attract new members, and maintain members up for re-certification.

Please take the time to respond!!



RECORD NUMBERS TAKE 1998 EXAM

77 candidates out of 83 applicants took the 1998 certification examination on September 2. This is up from the 38 applicants in 1997. Please congratulate the following people for passing the exam. ACA encourages all those who pass to join.

Charlene Alipio,
Honolulu, HI
Daphne S.O. Arnaiz-DeLeon,
Santa Fe, NM
Helen Ashmore,
Madison, WI
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Thousand Oaks, CA

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Columbia, MO
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Las Cruces, NM
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Brooklyn, NY
Aurele Dimond Emery*
Topsham, ME

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CLASS OF 1998

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Treasurer, James Byers, reports that the ACA was financially healthy at the end of fiscal year 1997/98 and looking forward to stability for fiscal year 1998/99. Continued conservative investments along with concerted efforts to reduce expenses by the Board of Regents is a major part of maintaining fiscally sound. The other part is support from the membership in the form of dues payment and promoting ACA with others. Thanks to all the members who have paid their dues.

EXAM DEVELOPMENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO MEET IN FEBRUARY

The Exam Development Committee (EDC) will meet in Philadelphia on February 26-28, 1999.

The ACA board members will meet immediately following the EDC meeting on February 28 and March 1, 1999.

Help us stay in touch.

Have you changed jobs, address, or other contact information lately?

Please contact the Secretariat Steve Grandin at 518-463-8644.

Remember - the membership information for ACA is separate from SAA. SAA does not forward your changes to ACA.

LOOKING FOR A STUDY GUIDE?

The *Handbook for Archival Certification* is available to any one seeking a study guide. Please recommend it to your colleagues who are preparing for or thinking about taking the exam.

The guide is more than just sample questions. It includes in-depth discussions, selected readings and commentaries on the answers to the sample questions.

To order a copy please send US \$10.00 plus US \$2.50 shipping and handling to ACA Secretariat at 48 Howard Street, Albany, NY 12207.

PICK YOUR SITE

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learned some lessons during this "maiden voyage," and we look forward to offering the exam in a wide variety of geographic locations again next year. Spread the word!

For more information on pick-your site exam locations contact ACA Secretariat, Steve Grandin at 518-463-8644

The best way to understand the process is to be involved in it.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Certification Maintenance Review Teams.

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GOALS

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one possible candidate we will easily make the goal of 100 candidates.

As we celebrate the past ten years, ACA is looking forward to maintaining standards for education, training and professionalism and take our profession into the 21st century.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FORMED

Philip Mooney, CA Regent for Outreach, has formed a committee to help publicize ACA at regional meetings. So far committee members include Phil as chair, Mike Bullington, CA, Marah DeMeulle and Aimee Felker, CA. **Volunteers are needed** from all regions to balance this committee. Please contact Phil Mooney at (404) 676-3399 or E-mail pmoo-neey@na.ka.com to join the committee.

There are several upcoming programs already underdevelopment. ACA has turned in a proposal to the program committees for the Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting August 23-29, 1999 in Pittsburgh, PA; the Midwestern Archives Conference Annual Meeting May 12-15, 1999 in Chicago, IL; and

IRELAND

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PRO web site at: <http://www.pro.gov.uk>

Frances Bristol-Lyons CA graduated from the UCD Archives training program in 1993. Since graduating she has worked in museum and corporate archives in Dublin, Ireland and New York, including the McGraw-Hill Companies Archivist from 1994 to 1998. Currently, Ms. Bristol-Lyons works in the AIG Archives Department as a Project Archivist.

the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting May 26-30, 1999 in Austin, TX.

Highlights of proposed programs:

SAA – Frank Cook, CA, David Gracy II, CA, Susan Box, CA and a student panelist to be named later will explore the impact of certification in the first decade.

MAC – Jane Kenamore, CA will lead a panel of panelists who have taken the ACA exam.

SSA – ACA President Susan Box, CA will be the keynote speaker. Charles Schultz, CA and David Gracy II, CA will take part in a panel session with ARMA President Tad Howington and Tom Hickerson facilitated by Cindy Smolovik, CA.

FIRST YEAR

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celebrate a year of hard work and a trust fulfilled to the best of our abilities. That night I expressed to David, Karen, and Karen how lucky I felt that the membership has chosen them to lead ACA that first year. Never before or since have I seen three people work harder and dedicate themselves so completely to a professional task. By this article, I am happy to be able to add my "thank you" to ACA's

official records.

Happy Birthday, ACA!

I wish you many more decades of advancing the important profession of archivist.



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES

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Business Archives" and the U.S. will provide a speaker for the presentation on mergers and acquisitions.

The most interesting aspect of participating in the international arena is the informal conversation and interaction outside of the formal conference. There are, of course, many similarities in the profession but also many differences. It is always interesting to compare education and responsibili-

ties as well as funding and politics within organizations. For those who work in multinational corporations it is important to learn about the laws of each country and conferences such as this provide that opportunity.

The Academy of Certified Archivists is one aspect of the U.S. profession that interests our foreign colleagues although many countries have specific archive degrees or university-level archival certification

programs. They are interested to find out that the ACA program is "in addition to" the master's level education, not "instead of." The "pick your own site" program is also creating interest in some countries although it remains to be seen if a uniquely American test will indeed be of interest overseas.

NEW ADVERTISING EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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In order to promote ACA and membership within other archival organizations ACA has started an advertising exchange program beginning with this issue of the *ACA News* and the next issue of *Archival Outlook*. ACA and the Society of American Archivists will be placing each others respective ads in subsequent newsletters.

ACA is interested in expanding this program to include regional or other archival organizations. Please contact: Cindy C. Smolovik, CA, at (214) 670-5270 or E-mail csmolov@ci.dallas.tx.us for more information.

Supporting the archival profession through membership and service to archival organizations is one of the key areas for certification maintenance.

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