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OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT - 2004 Visual Materials Section, Society of American Archivists

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Leave your mailing address on the reverse side so we know who remains to vote in person at the Section meeting in Birmingham, AL. You may bring this ballot with you to the Section Meeting.

If you mail it in, it must be postmarked no later than July 20, 2004.

Mail this ballot to: Ms. Laurie A. Baty
4425 Underwood St.
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You must be a section member to vote

For Visual Materials Section Chair-elect, vote for one of the following:

- _____ James Eason
- _____ Diana Ruby Sanderson
- _____ write in _____

(only individuals who have consented to nomination may be listed)

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

James Eason

Visual materials archivists, even those at large archival repositories, are at risk of professional isolation. Rarely is there more than one visual materials specialist at a given institution, and often we are responsible for a wide array of "problem formats" that don't fit neatly in with traditional textual documents. For these reasons I think that a vibrant and active network of allies and experts is extraordinarily valuable to our small professional community. In my eight years of involvement, I have found the Visual Materials Section to be a very important part of my SAA experience. It has certainly offered the programs and resources most relevant to me.

I am impressed by the momentum that the Visual Materials Section has on a number of fronts. The mid-winter working meetings of the past two years have had an energizing effect that I hope can be carried forward in the years to come. Attendees have committed to help make progress on topics of concern to all of us. As Section Chair, I hope to continue this spirit of active involvement and participation. I am particularly enthusiastic about the efforts the Advanced Workshops working group will be making, since the need for in-depth

training beyond the basics is often mentioned by members. I also see website work to be crucial to our goal of making up-to-date professional information readily available. Such efforts can succeed with broad involvement and dissemination of specific areas of responsibility. Of course, our ongoing efforts to ensure that the SAA annual meeting has rich visual materials offerings and to ensure that our Views newsletter has continued robust editorial support are both crucial as well. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as chair of this Section, and to carry on the good work that is already under way.

James Eason is the Principal Archivist for Pictorial Collections, The Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley

Diana Ruby Sanderson

I have been an active member of the VM section since 1990, and filled the role of "meeting scribe" for every meeting I've attended since. I don't know what that buys me, if anything. But it does mean that I've been at least partially awake during the meetings!

What I've gleaned whilst taking minutes is that the section fills two roles within SAA: 1) It is a place for visual

materials archivists to network and learn from each other and guest speakers about the administration of the collections for which we have been entrusted by our institutions; and 2) It is an advocate for those materials by being a leader in educating other archivists and institutions. This section has a respected reputation for suggesting and presenting relevant programs, sponsoring the best newsletter (and listserv and website) in SAA, working cooperatively with related groups (i.e., roundtables), and being actively proactive through section committees. As chair, I would encourage the continuation of this reputation and work as a section that encourages continuing education through committees and cooperative exchange, planning through annual and mid-winter meetings, and has a lot of fun doing so.

Diana is a 19-year veteran of the archives veteran with degrees in history from Louisiana State University and an in-progress certification in archival studies from East Tennessee State University. After a 17-year career with the Presbyterian Church (USA), she accepted a part-time archivist position with Asheville School, a 104-year-old independent school with a lovely, but unprocessed, archives of which half of the collections are visual materials.

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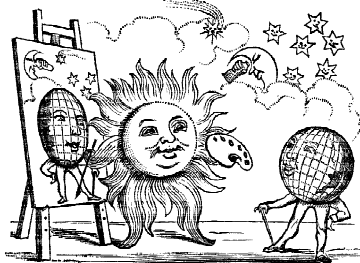
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We will deliver shirts at the Section meeting, but if you prefer, send us the postage and we will mail your shirt to you after the meeting.

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