



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Boeing, Joint Air Base Charleston, and tourism keep our local skies filled with planes. I'm a geek, so I love the air traffic; even if the "sounds of freedom" occasionally wake me at 3 AM. Hundreds of people board Charleston flights daily, coming and going. Some, like my 7-year-old daughter, view air travel as a bit of novelty. Most, I'll wager, view it as a very common means of transportation. But have they, or you, put any thought into air travel other than figuring out how to find the cheapest flight with the shortest layover?

Take a moment to consider what's involved for your next (hopefully) affordable flight. Hundreds of people dedicated hundreds of hours to one single flight. Necessities include obvious logistics such as aircraft maintenance, flight crew, and ground and gate support. Less obvious requirements, such as getting the plane there and fueled, getting the crew scheduled, making certain there's catering for the flight, and even more importantly - making certain the toilets are serviced- are needed as well. And let's not forget those who support the airline, not the least of which is Air Traffic Control.

ACDA is much like a passenger plane. Not a wide-body international flying model! At least not yet. But perhaps a propellered commuter (aka, a puddle jumper). Like a commuter plane, our organization is proven and reliable. We'll get our members where they need to go. But our capacity and range are a bit limited. And we still require a similar amount of support to the larger plane models.

I'm asking you, dear members, to support our puddle jumper. Volunteer to get us off the ground and into a bigger and better model. There are plenty of opportunities with

a wide range of commitment. Of course, you can serve as an officer or board member. That would be wonderful! But those officers need help as well. Serve on a committee. Offer your skills or area of expertise. Maybe you're a whiz with social media. Or you're great at implementing or updating a webpage. Do you have a degree in canon law? Wonderful! Do you make a mean egg salad sandwich that you're willing to share with the president? That's best of all!

Anyway, you get the idea. There are too many seats to fill with too few people. The more members that share their talents with ACDA, the faster we'll get into our luxury jet model.

Heartfelt congratulations to Tanya Taylor-Norwood with the Diocese of Trenton for winning this year's Audrey P. Newcomer Continuing Education Scholarship. The scholarship will go towards an ARMA certificate seminar, "The Essentials of Records and Information Management (RIM)." And thanks to Dr. Emilie "Lee" Leumas and Ann Boltin for managing the applications for Audrey's scholarship.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Washington, DC, later this summer. Ana-Elisa Arredondo and her program committee have scheduled a great day of business and education. Check the listerserv and social media for future details.



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SAVE the DATE!

JULY 26, 2023

*for ACDA's One-Day
Event in Washington,
DC @ St. Matthew the
Apostle Cathedral*



The Program Committee asks that you **SAVE THE DATE** for this year's one-day conference event in Washington, DC, for Wednesday, July 26, 2023. Our meeting location will be at the majestic St. Matthew the Apostle Cathedral, down the street from where the SAA & CoSA are holding their 2023 Joint Annual Meeting (Washington Hilton Hotel).

This July, we will be gathering to experience a peaceful morning mass, light breakfast, an educational session on Public Access Tools, a forum on trending topics, the ACDA annual business meeting, lunch and a tour of the Cathedral. There is no cost to attend this event. Hooray for ACDA member benefits!

Online registration for our event will be open later this month. Keep a look out for our next Listserv, Website, and/or Facebook message with the link!

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Over the past 10 years (!!) that I have been serving as newsletter editor, the way that ACDA members communicate has changed a lot. We have tried to transition the newsletter to keep up with these changes, but the newsletter in its current iteration doesn't really work anymore for how we operate as an organization. However, the newsletter is a valuable resource for all of us, and we wouldn't want to lose it.

Over the past several months, a Communications subcommittee has met a few times to address the way that ACDA as an organization promotes itself—both internally and externally. While we are still working through many of the thoughts and suggestions, one area that we are ready to address is the newsletter. We are going to transition the newsletter from a news source to an informational resource. What does that mean? In the past, the newsletter has been used to make announcements like meeting registration, scholarship announcements, and updates from members. Because of the newsletter publication schedule (twice a year; previously three times per year), by the time the information appeared in the newsletter, much of it was out-of-date. We have a very active listserv that is a much more practical way to communicate time-sensitive information to our members. And in this new digital world, people expect updates as they are happening, not six months later.

We would like to make the newsletter a place you come to learn, rather than to receive informative updates from ACDA. We would also like to make the newsletter more standardized, to make it easier to transition between editors, and to cut down on the number of emails begging for content every six months or so. We have discussed a few features that will (hopefully!) become standard across each issue, but we'd also like to hear from you! What would you like out of the newsletter? What would you like to learn about from your fellow diocesan archivists? If you have any suggestions, please email editor@diocesanarchivists.org, and keep an eye out for the revamped newsletter in Fall 2023!