



## Dear NAME members and journal readers,

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For NAME, the 2018 AAM Annual Meeting in Phoenix marked the end of one two-year board term and the start of the next. I want to express my gratitude to committee chairs and other leaders who have completed their terms and are moving on. Longtime colleagues whose dedication we will miss include Jason Jay Stevens, who spearheaded our remarkable website redesign last year, and Doug Simpson, who has provided leadership and continuity through two terms as president and another two in an advisory role. We have lots of new energy and talent on the team, joining others who continue to serve – you can find all of our names and roles in the masthead on pages six and seven. This issue also marks Paul Orselli's last as Newsline editor; many thanks to him for all of his contributions.

The next AAM Annual Meeting – which will be held May 19–22, 2019 in New Orleans – is in the works, and NAME's Program Committee is dedicated to supporting exhibition-related session and events. We know NAME's membership includes curators, interpretive planners, developers, designers, fabricators, and others who work to make great exhibitions, and we hope to promote sessions that will inspire and inform all of our work. If you have ideas for activities or events at AAM, please be in touch with our program co-chairs, Joanna Groarke and Stacy Wakeford.

We are also planning for this December's leadership meeting in at AAM's offices in Arlington, Virginia. At this annual two-day retreat, we will assemble the new team for the first time and plan the initiatives for the coming year, including how we can best support diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion (DEAI) in the field, and strategies for promoting innovative ideas and best practices through meet-ups and other learning opportunities in the regions. Look for information about upcoming activities on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/groups/name.aam](https://facebook.com/groups/name.aam)) and website ([name-aam.org](http://name-aam.org)).

I look forward to representing NAME's members on the Professional Networks (PN) Council and working with you all to encourage experts and innovators to share their ideas about making great exhibitions.

With sincere gratitude,

**Penny Jennings**  
President

