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When I agreed to run for 1st Vice President I was not aware of how much time it would require to fulfill my duties. Over the past year at work I have been working on a memorial archive for six of our UCSB students who were murdered in May 2014. This task and a memorial exhibit for the 1-year commemoration placed a much higher demand on my work and personal time than I expected. Plus, it was emotionally exhausting. Fortunately, my fellow board members were very understanding and have stepped up to help me with tasks that needed to be done for NAVA. I want to thank them all for their patience and assistance when I needed it.

Many of the duties of the 1st Vice President relate to the annual meeting. I have been extremely grateful to Ken Reynolds for his amazing efforts to organize NAVA 49. His hard work and diligence has allowed me to focus on the task of soliciting and selecting papers for presentation at the meeting. One of my goals for the year was to bring in new presenters who have never given papers at a NAVA meeting. I am happy to see a number of new faces among our speakers and hope that they will be inspired to present to us again at future meetings.

We had 12 proposals for papers that were received by the deadline. Unfortunately, one of them had to withdraw this past month. This year I collected sample materials to share with the presenters. I provided them with files that included the formal paper, the talking points, and the PowerPoint slides for some presentations that were given at previous NAVA meetings. As I leave office, I hope to continue my efforts to assist future speakers. I will be working with Jim Croft on that.

I also had the privilege of representing NAVA at the 26th International Congress of Vexillology in Sydney, Australia last month. NAVA was well represented by both our North American and international members. One of our North American members, Ted Kaye, was named a Fellow of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations. Two other members, Annie Platoff and Steve Knowlton, were the co-authors of the best paper presented at the meeting. Hopefully some of you will think about attending the next ICV in London in 2017. Your next opportunity after that is a little closer to home. It will be held in San Antonio, Texas in 2019.

As the NAVA Digital Librarian I still have a lot of work to do on the Digital Library following the website upgrade. That will be my project after I leave the office of 1st Vice President. After I get everything restored the way I want it, I will be working to add other historical materials that have been produced during the history of NAVA. I may be putting out a call to some of our long-time members to collect those materials to scan.

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