I. Jan. 26, 2023
II. Christina Taylor Gibson, MLA Archivist
III. Committee Members [none]
IV. Board Action Required [none]
V. Brief Summary of Activities
   A. Prepared for field study to begin, including consultation with UMD to shape job advertisement and choose candidates.
   B. Advised MLA members on how and when to donate items for the MLA records.
   C. Spoke and corresponded with several archivists of other professional organizations on best practices for repositories like ours.
   D. Preparing for the MLA conference in March 2023 where I’ll speak at the Business meeting about our records.
VI. Alignment with the 2022-2030 Strategic Plan Objectives (note objective number and very brief text).
   A. Field study aligns with Objective 2.1 most closely, as it provides a mechanism for welcoming and giving training to folks new to the field of archives/librarianship. It also aligns with objective 4.1 as it will ease the communication of what is in the records and where to find it.
   B. Advising on accession policy and procedure does not correlate to a specific objective, but it is core to the appointment and it advances communication and inclusivity. It certainly sets the stage for Objective 2.6 in retaining materials that will aid with that promotion effort.
   C. Spoke and corresponded with several archivists of other professional organizations on best practices for repositories like ours. Responds to Objective 1.3 in developing relationships beyond MLA.
   D. Preparing for the MLA conference in March 2023 where I’ll speak at the Business meeting about our records. Objective 4.1 - strengthening communication by speaking to a large portion of the membership all at once. I am hoping this will make the records more visible to folks in addition to encouraging contributions to them.