

President's Message:

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Summer's here! Many of you have already attended a rug camp or workshop. Some of you are packing for one while others are organizing projects for one later this year.

Be sure to check our advertisers and events for an opportunity to attend a rug camp or visit an exhibit in your area. Our By-laws require the board to meet once a year. Arrangements have been made to meet early this fall in this non-biennial year, but that doesn't mean we haven't been taking care of ATHA business.

One particular topic has been handled through email discussions and voting on ATHA's Rug Registry Program. The board voted to table the rug registry program at this time. Several reasons were discussed for taking this action. Our organization is made up of people, not brick and mortar buildings. A museum or library is the perfect place for safe keeping and a place where the information will have a home for decades.

How safe is that information on someone's computer and in file boxes? We change boards every two years which means boxes of materials are shipped cross country as positions are filled by new people. The rug registry needs to be a long term program. Members who registered under the trial program will be contacted. Watch for future articles with options for registering your rug. Each board is free to set its own priorities. This board felt two items were paramount:

1)
to focus on the newsletter which is the main benefit for most of our members and 2)
work
to improve communications and interaction with our members.

Speaking of communication, please note on your calendar the dates for the Biennial, September 23 to 27, 2009! The Biennial Committee is hard at work making this a special event for us.