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Peggie Stromberg, Executive Director of the Elgin Public Museum, has been elected to the chairmanship of the Small Museum Administrators Committee Professional Network of the American Association of Museums.

Stromberg is a 15 year veteran of the Elgin Public Museum and has been vice-chair of SMAC for the past four years. According to American Association of Museums, there are over 12,000 small museums in the United States. AAM classifies a museum with a budget of less than \$300,000.00 as a small museum. The budget of the Elgin Public Museum is less than half that amount. Elgin actually has three small museums.

Stromberg said that she would work toward museum advocacy at all levels as well as working to promote the value of small museums to the nation's economy, tourism and education. In addition to the national museum position, Stromberg is a member of the Illinois Association of Museums board, is the Illinois State Representative for the Association of Midwest Museums and chair of the board of the local Elgin Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.