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President's Corner

Bob Boissy, NASIG President

Greetings to the hard working serials and electronic resources community. It is about time I updated you a little on the activities of your Executive Board, and most especially those activities related to NASIG 2013. My friend and yours, Susan Davis Bartl has been hard at work with her conference planning committee and the NASIG Facebook account to get you invigorated about our great conference location in Buffalo, NY. For those wanting to make a note on their electronic calendar, remember our Conference date of June 6-9, 2013, and location at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center at Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202. There are other locations in Buffalo with the word "Fountain" in them, so make sure your GPS has the correct address!

The NASIG Board met in Buffalo in early October, and found ourselves right in the heart of the historic town, with great restaurants and shops within easy walking distance. I will not ruin all the fun for Susan and her committee by showering you with details right now, but suffice to say this is going to be Bontemps in Buffalo! The hotel is spacious and friendly with a large central lobby with high walls of glass to let in plenty of natural light. When you go outside, you will enjoy the local architecture and food as much as I did. Just remember to say "wings" without the name of the city in front of it. The people living there know where they are and they know what you want! For those of you who will be driving to Buffalo along the NY State Thruway, I recommend listening as you drive to Alexis de Tocqueville Democracy in America lectures from the

Great Courses series by now retired Geneseo Professor Bill Cook. Tocqueville followed the route of the thruway as he enjoyed the upstate NY of the 1830's and took notes for his famous book. Professor Cook has a way of capturing the feel of the area historically and down to today. I will also say that driving east as the sun rises along the thruway and the mist clears through the Mohawk River Valley is something not easily forgotten.

Karen Davidson and her program planners have been working hard to get you a must see set of programs for 2013, including a set of vision speakers that will bring us the latest in both information technology and policy at the Conference. I am especially keen to hear what is new and innovative in information literacy and use of technology. This year we asked all our presenters to read and consider our core competency document as they made their proposals. I hope this guides the 2013 program to a concentration on just those areas where we all feel we must be most effective to optimize the information ecology of our various organizations. My thanks once again to the Core Competencies group for their major contribution to our community.

Finally, let me end this little piece by plugging our Continuing Education Committee and their effort to bring NASIG programs to you throughout the year. We all know that with travel budgets tighter than ever, it can be hard to attend even those conferences that are crucial to our profession. The Continuing Education Committee will have brought you two NASIG Online events this year by the time this Newsletter is

published. I sincerely hope we can bring more and more of these programs to you in an online format, offering you affordable opportunities for professional development each year. Let CEC know if you have ideas for programs or think maybe you are the expert to present the next great NASIG online event!

Until I see you in Buffalo next June, I wish you all the best. And no, I will not be wearing a barrel when I make my speech.