Hope everyone is enjoying a lovely fall season. Time is steadily marching forward and 2014 is fast approaching! (Where has the year gone??)

The NASIG Executive Board met in early October in Fort Worth at our host hotel. I think everyone will love the location. Step outside the doors of the historic Hilton Fort Worth and you are right in the thick of downtown Fort Worth. There are lots of eclectic restaurants, shops and entertainment. Check out the Fort Worth Visitors Bureau website for all sorts of great information on restaurants, museums, and things to do. (http://www.fortworth.com/).

Just a reminder that our 29th Annual NASIG Conference-Taking Stock & Taming New Frontiers- is May 1-4, 2014. Registration information should be available in late January or early February. Keep an eye on the NASIG Conference website for updates and information. CPC has posted information on the hotel and travel, and additional local information will be posted in December and January.

The Conference Planning and the Program Planning committees are hard at work to give us a great conference. Our Vision Speakers have been announced and we have an excellent line up this year. The pre-conferences are almost set and I think there will be lots of excitement over those offerings. As always, our breakout sessions will be chocked full of good reports, tips and research. It’s hard to believe that there is only six months until conference time. A big thank you to all those on Conference Planning and Program Planning for the hard work!

Speaking of hard work, many other NASIG committees have their noses to the grindstone, too (thanks to all!). I wanted to highlight few of the many projects here:

The Core Competencies Task Force is working on an addendum to the already excellent Core Competencies for Electronic Resources Librarians document to note competencies for positions dealing with the management of print serials. This will be a great addition!

Electronic Communications has been hard at work on the website upgrade and all of the fallout issues. Way to go ECC!!

Financial Development has proposed a Lifetime membership option for NASIG members. This has been approved by the board and will be implemented as soon as possible. More information on this will be coming after the details are confirmed. Also, they are working with PPC and CPC to determine if streaming our Vision Sessions would be possible and what it would involve.

Continuing Education is working on planning a joint webinar with NISO, as well as general NASIG webinars. Also, the publications subcommittee of the CEC is working on a Wikipedia entry on NASIG. That document should be posted soon.

Awards and Recognition is getting ready for the new cycle for awards and updating some of the language for the awards to strengthen the documents.
Conference Proceedings editors are hard at work on the proceedings process for the 2013 conference.

This is just a sampling of the activities in NASIG. As you can see, we have a busy group of folks hard at work.

The Executive Board had a productive meeting in October. We discussed basic organizational issues and committee questions, as well as some of the following topics: how to offer more intensive and possibly on demand continuing education programs, what types of author agreements would be best for our conference proceedings, and what types of celebrations, reflections and events would be best to celebrate NASIG’s 30th anniversary. These discussions and more are continuing. Additional information will be relayed as confirmed.

I wish everyone a safe and peaceful fall and winter season!