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President's Corner

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Hope everyone is having a great summer! It has already been a busy season for NASIG. As the executive board gears up for our yearly adventures, just a reminder to feel free to contact us with ideas, comments, and concerns.

Special thanks to the 2013 Conference Planning Committee and 2013 Program Planning Committee for an excellent conference. The Program Planning Committee (under the leadership of Karen Davidson and Kelli Getz) gave us many excellent programs. Preconferences offered several great options, from cataloging to publishing to copyright. Vision Speakers (Bryan Alexander, Megan Oakleaf and Siva Vaidhyanathan) offered excellent thought provoking ideas, and the many breakout sessions were packed with information and great discussions. The Great Ideas Showcase was new this year and I think many found it a good way to get a taste of projects and technologies in our community. The NASIG Newsletter will supply reports on the various conference programs. It offers information on the programs you might have missed. For those unlucky souls who were unable to attend the conference this year, you will be able to catch up on some of the great programs. (But not Zombie Baseball!)

The Conference Planning Committee (under the leadership of Susan Davis and Cindy Hepfer) offered wonderful special events and graciously welcomed us to Buffalo. Whether it was the Conference Opening Receptions, Zombie Night at the ballpark, or the fun

times at the Transportation Museum, CPC kept the conference logistics on target, and kept us well fed and entertained. Both of these committees worked long hours and wrestled with many issues to pull off a great conference. Please join me in offering a cheer for them. Finally, special thanks to our Sponsors and Vendor Expo participants. Their support and participation is an invaluable part of the conference.

Our current NASIG committees are hard at work. Here is a sampling of highlights of ongoing activities.

The Electronic Communications Committee has had their nose to the grindstone working on a major upgrade to the NASIG website and the administrative functions attached to the website. This is a time consuming and meticulous task. Many thanks to them for their efforts. The new website will offer much cleaner view and there will be many other improvements.

The Conference Planning Committee (under the leadership of Janice Lindquist and Michael Hanson) and Program Planning Committee (under the leadership of Kelli Getz and Anna Creech) are hard at work on planning the 2014 NASIG Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 1-4, 2014. The theme for the 2014 annual conference is "Taking Stock and Taming New Frontiers". The conference will take place at the Hilton Fort Worth right in downtown Fort Worth. Information will be posted on the NASIG website after the upgrade to the website is completed.

Program Planning will be issuing one call for proposals this year from October 1, 2013-November 15, 2013. Please consider submitting a proposal! If you have suggestions for presenters, please contact Program Planning.

The Executive Board has approved the final draft of the Core Competencies for Electronic Resources Librarians. Many thanks to the Core Competencies Task Force for all of the hard work on this important document. More about this later in the newsletter.

The contract for our 2015 conference hotel is in the final stages. An announcement should be coming out soon about the location. We will have a great 30th Anniversary. (I think you will be really excited about this location and special programming!)

Continuing Education is busily planning webinars to keep us in the know for the coming year. Please send suggestions for topics and speakers to them.

The Student Outreach Committee will be surveying library and information school students for ideas and information, and the Financial Development Committee is researching the possibilities of streaming sessions from the annual conference. Membership Development will be polling members unable to attend to the annual conference to gain ideas on making the annual conference even more valuable to our members.

As you can see, we are having a very active summer and on target for having a productive year. Thanks to all our volunteers who are hard at work for NASIG. NASIG is an amazing organization!

As we head toward our 30th Anniversary, I think we can safely say that NASIG is alive and well, and moving full steam ahead.