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President's Corner

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Is it spring yet? I am eagerly awaiting warm weather! While waiting for the calendar to spring forward, we can dream of the lovely locale of the 2016 Annual NASIG Conference.

BREAKING NEWS! The Executive Board voted that in 2016 we will be heading to sunny Albuquerque, New Mexico! Mark your calendars now for June 9-12, 2016. The conference hotel is the Hotel Albuquerque (<http://www.hotelabq.com/>). It offers a great location, with a very short walk to Old Town Albuquerque, and a gracious southwestern feel. As part of the Site Selection Committee, I can offer a personal recommendation for the location. Special thanks to Anne McKee for getting the contract hammered out quickly. So, think sunny, warm New Mexico thoughts until better weather arrives in your area.

Don't forget to register in time for the early bird rates for the 2014 NASIG conference this May. Fort Worth should offer warm weather, lots of great programming, and just plain fun. The Conference Program Committee (CPC) and Program Planning Committee (PPC) are hard at work pulling all of the pieces together to put on a great conference. Please look at the conference website to see all of the fun options for after-business-hours fun and entertainment. PPC has put together a really exciting group of speakers for the conference (<http://nasig2014.sched.org/>). The vendor expo will offer good updates and chance to chat with industry vendors and providers. Schedule a block of time

Thursday afternoon to connect with our vendor expo participants.

A big thank you to all the hard work from CPC and PPC.

NASIG has been busy this winter despite the weather. Thanks to all of the active and energetic volunteers! We could not run NASIG without your efforts.

Here is a sampling of activities: The Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) continues to be hard at work on the new website and cleanup efforts. The Core Competencies Task Force is not resting on their laurels, they have started work on competencies required to manage print serials. The Financial Development Committee (FDC), CPC, PPC, and ECC are all confabbing about the possibility of video recording the 2014 vision sessions and posting them for NASIG members on the NASIG website. – One of the projects the Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is working on is a joint webinar with NISO. Mark your calendars for May 21, 2014 for *Playing the Numbers: Best Practices in Acquiring, Interpreting & Applying Usage Statistics*. The new website upgrade has brought changes for the Database and Directory committee (D & D). They are working their way through new processes and keeping our member databases up to date. *Conference Proceedings* is hard at work getting the 2013 proceedings ready for press. Also, there have been questions and discussions on the copyright and author rights for future proceedings. These discussions will be ongoing over the spring and summer. The Awards and

Recognition committee (A & R) is knee deep in the review, selection, and logistical processing for the 2014 NASIG Awards. The Nominations and Elections committee (N & E) has presented an excellent slate of candidates for the 2014 election. Ballot information will be coming out soon. Please vote!! The Membership Development Committee (MDC) is working on a survey to see what changes might be considered to the conference format to attract those who haven't attended recently. The Student Outreach Committee (SOC) is surveying students to see what would be attractive in a professional organization for newly-minted or soon-to-graduate librarians. And, last but not least, our *NASIG Newsletter* Committee has been hard at work. Much more is in the pipeline for various NASIG committees, but this will give you some updates until conference time.

Well, it is almost time to saddle up and head to Fort Worth for the annual conference. Keep an eye out on NASIG-L for updates and information. Stay warm!

The NASIG Executive Board has been discussing a number of items. One of which is how to keep NASIG vital and growing in the future. To this end, Steve Kelley, NASIG Vice President/President Elect, is convening a task force to review and recommend revisions to the NASIG vision and mission statements. As NASIG moves into its 30th year, it is time to take stock and refresh. More on this process as the task force starts its work.

Just a reminder that NASIG is an all-volunteer organization. NASIG only functions if you volunteer to help! The appointment process for the 2014/2015 NASIG Committees will start soon. Please consider volunteering to work on a committee (http://www.nasig.org/site_page.cfm?pk_association_webpage_menu=708&pk_association_webpage=1268). If you need more information about the committee assignments available, go to the NASIG website where you can see a list of all of the committees and a description of their charges (http://www.nasig.org/site_page.cfm?pk_association_webpage_menu=308&pk_association_webpage=1166). This is a great way to meet fun folks and learn a lot!