



President's Corner

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This is the time of year when many of us become swamped with projects, goals, and agenda items to be completed before the new year. NASIG committees are extremely busy preparing for the 2019 conference, officer election slate, new awards, digital preservation plans, standards, and many other endeavors. The Executive Board is working on initiatives to strengthen our financial profile and to ensure that we can host an affordable, informative, and enjoyable annual conference. One initiative involves increasing sponsorship planning. Kristen Wilson, our current vice president, is working with our sponsorship coordinator, Sarah Pearlmutter, to improve the website and to clarify the benefits of sponsorship. Together, they hope to reach more people and increase sponsorship income.

By the time you read this column you will have heard about the dues increase proposal. After careful consideration of NASIG's financial profile and our goals as an organization, the Executive Board has proposed an increase in membership dues. NASIG has a reputation for offering affordable rates to our members, and we will continue to do so in the future. When we began in 1985, our dues were set at \$15 and have since increased only twice, in 2000 and 2005. The NASIG board is proposing a \$25 increase in dues to the regular and retired member rates. The organizational (bulk membership) rate will also increase, but we will maintain the same level of discount off of the regular member rate. We hope that the impact of the increase on members will be small, while the cumulative investment will have a positive impact on NASIG.

The Board also closely examined conference registration rates and the number and level of discounted registrations. As a result, registration rates will increase slightly for the 2019 conference, and concurrent session speaker compensation will be changed to a \$100 discount. The Atlanta conference was barely in the red, and these adjustments should allow those involved in conference planning to deliver an excellent conference on a balanced budget. The rates schedule will be published following this column.

Finally, the key component to ensure continued success of NASIG is to get your colleagues, library students, and early-career professionals to the conferences! The Executive Board is hatching a "bring a colleague to NASIG" incentive program that will focus on reaching out to people who may not know that NASIG has programming for them. For example, I am actively reaching out to scholarly communications librarians and sharing examples of our programming in their area of interest. So far, I've been met with a common refrain: "I didn't know NASIG did that!" Be on the lookout for details about this plan in early February.

As I wrap up this quarter, I do hope that you read this column in a positive light. NASIG is not in trouble, but we do need to take definitive actions in order to grow our conference and reposition ourselves for future endeavors, such as an online conference and fully Open Access conference proceedings.

2019 Conference Rates

Early Bird

Full Conference Registration – Members \$435
Full Conference Registration – Non-members \$550
Full Conference Registration – Paraprofessionals \$150
Full Conference Registration – Students \$100

Late

Full Conference Registration – Members \$485
Full Conference Registration – Non-members \$600
Full Conference Registration – Paraprofessionals \$250
Full Conference Registration – Students \$150

On-site

On-site Full Conference Registration – Members \$510
On-site Full Conference Registration – Non-members \$625

1-Day Registration

1-Day Conference Registration – Member & Non-member \$250
1-Day Conference Registration – Students & Paraprofessionals \$150

Preconferences

1/2-Day – Member & Non-member \$100
1-Day – Member & Non-member \$200

2019 Proposed Membership Rates

Regular Members – \$100 USD
Retired Members – \$50 USD
Student Members – Free
Lifetime Members – \$1000 USD (one time; Canadian and Mexican members should contact the NASIG Treasurer for the current exchange rate)
Organizational (Bulk Membership) Members – \$270

2019 Speaker Conference Registration Rate

Speakers will receive a \$100 discount on the conference rate of their choice.