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President's Corner

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The 2019 NASIG Conference is less than a month away and promises to be another excellent event. The Conference Planning Committee (CPC) has worked diligently this year to ensure the conference experience and accommodations meet your expectations and the Program Planning Committee (PPC) has an excellent lineup of pre-conferences, vision speakers, and general sessions that cover a wide range of topics from data mining to diversity. You should expect to be comfortable, entertained, and well educated by the end of our time together in Pittsburgh! Our conference comes together each year as a result of countless hours of volunteer service and this effort is to be commended. The NASIG Board is grateful for each and every volunteer who helps ensure our conferences run smoothly and our organization continues to thrive. Thank You!

In April, NASIG announced our next two conference locations, Spokane Washington and Madison Wisconsin. The Site Selection Committee focused on choosing hotels in downtown locations that provide a wide range of dining options, entertainment, and cultural points of interest for conference attendees. We are especially happy to get to a western location to better serve our membership in the western states.

Looking ahead, if the Pittsburgh location is as well received as we think it will be, Site Selection will work towards formalizing a conference rotation between Pittsburgh, Spokane, Madison, and Atlanta. Moving to a rotation will allow NASIG to realize cost savings associated with site selection travel, fall board meeting travel, and multi-year contracts with hotels. We also

hope that returning to known hotels will reduce the burden on the CPC and the conference coordinator. Finally, we hope that a regular conference location will help keep your costs low and simplify logistics associated with conference travel.

The NASIG Board also sees a conference rotation as a way to generate efficiencies that will enable us to offer a fully online option for the NASIG Conference. Streaming the entire conference presents both financial and logistical challenges that the board believes will be reduced by forming long-term relationships with audio/visual providers. Our goal is to offer an extensive streaming package for the 2020 conference to broaden the reach of our conference speakers. We look forward to our 2020 conference in Spokane.

In closing, this is the time of year when we start to see the finish line, and the payoff of a year of hard work is about to be realized. When we are together in about a month, take time to enjoy all the effort that has gone into creating the conference and sustaining the organization. Find a CPC or PPC member and thank them for their contributions. While you're at it, take a moment to thank the newly elected members of the NASIG executive board for their willingness to serve. We can't wait to wrap up another fantastic conference and begin planning for 2020!