



# NASIG NEWSLETTER

Vol. 34, no. 4

December 2019

eISSN 1542-3417

## Executive Board Minutes

---

### NASIG Board Conference Call September 11, 2019

#### Executive Board:

Kristen Wilson, *President*

Betsy Appleton, *Vice President/President-Elect*

Angela Dresselhaus, *Past President*

Beth Ashmore, *Secretary*

Cris Ferguson, *Treasurer-in-Training*

#### Members at Large:

Keondra Bailey

Shannon Keller

Lisa Martincik

Marsha Seamans

Steve Shadle

#### Ex-Officio

Lori Duggan

Chris Bulock

#### Guests

Nicole Ameduri, Fundraising Coordinator

#### Regrets

Jessica Ireland, Treasurer

Eugenia Beh, Ex-Officio

Michael Fernandez, Member at Large

#### Welcome (Wilson)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm Eastern.

#### Site Selection Update

Kristen Wilson reported from the site selection committee that the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh wants to negotiate for the NASIG conference to return in 2023.

**VOTE:** Angela Dresselhaus moved to approve Pittsburgh as the conference site for 2023. Cris Ferguson seconded. 10 votes in favor. 0 votes against. 0 abstentions.

Site selection is still up in the air for 2022. There are reservations about returning to Atlanta because the Buckhead hotel was not popular and there are concerns about travel bans for Georgia. Site selection will be sending out a small number of RFPs to southeastern locations including Atlanta, Richmond and Baltimore. The Equity and Inclusion committee is also interested in adding to site selection criteria that conference sites have diverse populations and be welcoming to people of color. Madison and Spokane are around 80% white, but Atlanta, Baltimore, and Richmond have more diverse populations. The Davenport Grand in Spokane has also asked us to commit to future conference, but we have told them that we need to have the 2020 conference first before we make any decisions.

#### Conference Theme Proposal

The conference planning committee has proposed that the theme for the 2020 conference be NASIG 2020: 35th Annual Conference. They are still working on a logo. Steve Shadle suggested that there may be changes that need to be made to awards that require essays on the conference theme. Shannon Keller said that she will

reach out to Awards and Recognition and make them aware that changes might be necessary.

**VOTE:** Lisa Martincik moved to approve the conference theme. Cris Ferguson seconded. 10 votes in favor. 0 votes against. 0 abstentions.

### **Tiered membership fees**

The board discussed the seven comments from the membership on the tiered membership proposal. The board agreed to ask the membership to vote on the tiered membership fees as they were proposed. Keondra will ask for Bylaws help with how we need to do the online vote and Beth will share information from the last online vote.

### **Fall Board Meeting**

Since we were unable to secure the conference meeting space at the Big Ten Alliance Conference Center in Chicago, we are going to try a series of shorter, themed conference calls for topics that we would normally cover at the fall board meeting. Possible topics could include, conference planning, program planning, vendor engagement, and outsourcing of NASIG work. The board will get a full schedule of the calls so they can participate in any and all of them. The board will need to be sure to identify the key players for each topical area to be sure that they are included.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our subscription to L-Soft was cancelled at the end of August and Jessica Ireland has sent the payment for the last invoice.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm Eastern.

Minutes submitted by:  
Beth Ashmore  
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board