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President's Corner

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Lately it seems that everywhere I go people are talking about 2020. They can't believe it's been two decades since the world worried about Y2K or that the oldest millennials—including yours truly—are closing in on 40. NASIG also celebrates a milestone in 2020, as this year marks 35 years since our first meeting. As we approach the midpoint of our fourth decade, we enjoy the fruits that a mature organization has to offer: an established reputation, a solid member base, and the guidance of the leaders who have helped chart our course. But as a mature organization, we also face certain challenges, particularly those of staying fresh and adapting to our changing profession. The work of the organization this year embodies both of these themes—honoring tradition and moving forward.

Since my last update, the program for the 35th Annual Conference has really come together. We've got an excellent slate of talks planned, which represent the best of NASIG's roots and its expanding scope. NASIG remains the place to be if you want to learn the fundamentals of serials cataloging, licensing, and e-resources management—it's the focus on those core areas that make us such a great entry point for new librarians. But we've also got plenty of talks this year focusing on Open Access (OA), linked data, collection metrics, and new staffing models, all rapidly changing areas that continue to require creativity and flexibility as they seek equilibrium.

Another critical goal this year has been the migration to the new NASIG website. With a new platform selected, this year's work really focused on reviewing and migrating our existing content—no easy task when

you've got 35 years of history behind you. The Web-Based Infrastructure Implementation Task Force did an amazing job of streamlining the site and creating a cleaner, more modern first impression of NASIG on the web. And thanks to the efforts of the Task Force, we were able to roll out the new site and registration process in January. Of course, we still want to preserve our historical documents, and the move to the new site gives us an incentive to look at archival platforms, like the Open Science Foundation, and figure out how we can best preserve our past while moving into the future.

As we consider the face NASIG puts forward to the world, we've also been reflecting on our publications. NASIG is seeking a new editor-in-chief for its *Newsletter*, and we hope to see the new leader move the *Newsletter* forward by taking advantage of the new web platform, working closely with our social media team, and soliciting content that will energize our members. The Board is also continuing to work with UKSG to finalize the transition to OA publishing for our *Proceedings* and will have more concrete details available at this year's conference. In this same vein, NASIG has been invited to participate in a wider discussion at Electronic Resources and Libraries relating to the state of scholarly publishing for serials and e-resources content. We'll join representatives from other publications and conferences in our space to explore the idea of a cohesive, open publishing strategy for the whole community. I'm excited to see where those ideas will lead us.

The balance between old and new, tradition and exploration, is not an easy one to maintain, and it can't

be done by one person. All the work I've talked about here has happened thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members—those who have seen the organization throughout most of its lifespan and those who have joined in just the past year. Thank you all!