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President's Corner

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Once again, I'm writing the President's Corner just after a Board meeting! The Board met in Raleigh the third week of January (yes, during the snowstorm) for not just a day-long Board meeting, but also for a full day of strategic planning with our own October Ivins as facilitator! Having a facilitator who was not only familiar with the landscape of our profession, but a long-time NASIG member and former President to boot was a huge boon in preparing for the session. We were able to focus on moving forward rather than educating the facilitator, and October has been involved with several other associations and their strategic planning activities.

The strategic planning session went stupendously well, and I'm really excited about the directions the conversations have been going. As we organize our thoughts from that meeting, we'll be sharing more information with the membership and soliciting feedback on the many ideas that arose during the session. All of the Board members managed to get home...eventually...after numerous weather delays. It was kind of a weird treat for me to see icy weather, since we certainly don't get that down here in Florida! I wore all of my winter clothes—everything I own, all at once. I felt like the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man from *Ghostbusters*.

The Program Planning Committee (PPC) and Conference Planning Committee (CPC) are gearing up for a great conference in Albuquerque. The Board had a preview of the accepted slate of programs for the conference,

and I'm already noting several sessions I want to be sure to attend. PPC will have the preliminary conference program posted after they have contacted all of the folks who have submitted proposals, and CPC will add conference registration and hotel information on the website soon. Please check the NASIG website regularly for updates.

One thing to remember is that this year's conference is in a very dry climate. We'll keep water handy; please stay hydrated! Those of us accustomed to particularly humid climates aren't always aware of the volume of water it takes to stay well. We had someone faint in Palm Springs, so please pay attention to what your body needs. No one wants to be that story from the conference, and there are far more enjoyable ways to be that memorable!

The Bylaws Committee has drafted an extensive revision of the NASIG Bylaws to bring them into alignment with the new NASIG Vision and Mission, clarify membership categories, and improve the consistency throughout the document. The Board reviewed the changes and will vote on a final draft soon, which will then be sent to the membership for a vote. Please keep an eye on your email for messages pertaining to that.

In other news, NASIG is now listed in Wikipedia! This was a prolonged effort involving several people, and many thanks to everyone who helped bring this about.

The page is available at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NASIG>. We encourage NASIG members to add to the information on this page.

NASIG is offering free student memberships for one year as a trial, and this initiative has generated a lot of new student members. The Board is discussing ways to get those students involved in NASIG in a meaningful way to create a positive experience for both our student members and for NASIG. The Student Outreach Committee (SOC) and Membership Development Committee (MDC) are also involved in aspects of that effort. We are committed to supporting and encouraging new and future librarians in their professional development. If you have ideas you would like to share, please email info@nasig.org.

By the time I write the next President's Corner, I will have been to the UKSG conference. Speaking of which, the deadline for awards has been extended to February 10, and the Merriman award supports a NASIG member interested in attending the UKSG conference. I'm excited about attending this event for the first time and meeting our counterparts across the water!