As early as 1957, the minutes of the ASIS (then ADI) Board of Directors meetings reflect discussions of the need for local chapters as means of providing year-round forums for ASIS members and of building the ASIS membership.

The honor of being the first chapter goes to Potomac Valley Chapter, for which the record indicates Board recognition in 1958 and an approved charter in 1960. Metropolitan New York and Delaware Valley chapters were formed in 1960.

Throughout the years, chapters have been formed in most of the densely-populated cities of the country and, in more limited population areas, chapters incorporate full states or regions. And, of course, the United States does not provide the boundary for ASIS chapters; chapters exist in Canada, Europe and Asia, as well.

Each ASIS chapter operates semi-autonomously within policies and guidelines established by the Board of Directors. The mutual interests of all chapters and their members are the concern of the Chapter Assembly, a society-wide body with representation from every chapter. The Assembly Director, elected by members of the assembly, serves on the Board of Directors as a voice for all chapters.

Student members of ASIS also have opportunities to participate in chapter activities. Not only are they welcomed as participants in the professional chapters, but they are also encouraged to form student chapters at their institutions. And, to ensure that the needs and interests of students are well-served, an elected Representative for Student Chapters serves in the Chapter Assembly.

The first Chapter Assembly Director, Gerard Platau, was elected in 1968. Since then, F. Kenneth Broome, Frank Slater, Mary Berger, Joe Ann Clifton, Lawrence Woods and Dan Robbins have represented the chapter interests to the ASIS Board.

But the real focus of the chapters is at the local level. Representing as they do the individual members tied together by geographic boundaries, but with a wide range of professional and personal interests, ASIS chapters are the most-frequently used vehicle through which members can meet together to help set the direction of the information profession, as well as of their professional organization.

Following this article are short vignettes about ASIS chapters in 1988.

Frank Slater
Grand Forks, ND
Central Ohio Chapter
The Central Ohio Chapter (COASIS) grew out of a series of informal luncheon meetings held during the early 1960s. To provide a permanent mechanism for information exchange among information companies in the area, Battelle spearheaded the 1963 establishment of COASIS. Past presidents, board members, Award of Merit and Watson Davis Award winners are all represented in the membership. The chapter has hosted two ASIS Annual Meetings.

Elizabeth Sawyer

Chicago Chapter
The Chicago Chapter reflects the openness, diversity and sophistication of Chicago, which is home to as many information professionals per square mile as anywhere else in the nation. Chapter members range from faculty and students at two of the best library schools to employees of businesses at the forefront of technological innovation. The wide spectrum provides ongoing opportunities for professional interaction and development.

Lloyd Davidson

Colorado Centennial Chapter
Membership in the Colorado Centennial Chapter exceeded 100 during the chapter’s first year - 1979 - and just two years later, the chapter hosted the ASIS Mid-Year Meeting in Durango. Also in 1981, a student chapter was chartered at the University of Denver. The chapter enjoys a high measure of local importance, as evidenced by the appearance of the governor of Colorado as featured speaker at a chapter meeting.

Janice Marie

Delaware Valley Chapter
The Delaware Valley Chapter (DVC) covers eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware, but centers in Philadelphia, often called the “Information Capitol of the World.” Since its formation in 1960, the chapter has enjoyed continuous activity, with an average of eight meetings each year, balancing information issues, research, practice and products. Host to four Annual Meetings, the chapter founded the Award of Merit.

Barbara Flood

East Tennessee Chapter
For more than a decade, the East Tennessee Chapter has been a place for information professionals to extend their knowledge and capabilities through interaction. With a large concentration of information-related organizations, the chapter has an active local program, including monthly meetings, an annual computer science fair, student workshops and a new series of technology workshops.

Helen Pfuderer

Georgia Chapter
In 1980, the Georgia Chapter was formed for the large number of ASIS members throughout the state. Through close relationships with the local SLA chapter, Georgia has had a series of successful meetings in Atlanta and in other Georgia cities. As the chapter reaches out to identify new members, it looks forward to hosting the 1988 ASIS Annual Meeting.

Robert Aaron

Indiana Chapter
The Indiana Chapter (I-ASIS) has members throughout Indiana, Kentucky and downstate Illinois. Intensive, full-day meetings are often held to allow participants to make the most of their travel investments. I-ASIS cooperates with other organizations of information professionals and partially supports student memberships in ASIS.

Debora Shaw

Los Angeles Chapter
The Los Angeles Chapter (LACASIS), with 250 members in Southern California, has just celebrated its 25-year anniversary. LACASIS is one of the Society’s strongest and most productive chapters, having hosted three ASIS Annual Meetings and being home to numerous national officers and award winners. In recognition of its activities, LACASIS has twice won the ASIS Chapter-of-the-Year Award.

Sandi Killian

Metropolitan New York Chapter
The Metropolitan New York Chapter was founded in 1960, one of the first three ASIS chapters. As might be expected in a chapter which
includes the nation's largest urban area, membership is diverse and shares a wide range of successes. A highlight of the chapter's history was the hosting of the 1978 ASIS Annual Meeting.

Candy Schwartz

**Michigan Chapter**

The Michigan Chapter was chartered in 1969 and represents ASIS members from such Michigan cities as Ann Arbor, Detroit, Midland and Kalamazoo, as well as from Toledo, Ohio, and Ontario, Canada. In 1988, the chapter hosted the 17th ASIS Mid-Year Meeting, providing a stimulating intellectual environment for the investigation of artificial intelligence.

Paul Addison

**Minnesota Chapter**

The Minnesota Chapter describes itself with three "Cs" - cooperation, communication and change. Cooperation is sharing programs, expenses and activities with other information professionals in the region. Communication is a continuing objective for the chapter, which strives to find new ways to communicate with its members. And change is a byword as the chapter continues to inquir of its members' interests and to remain responsive to them.

Valera Rohrer

**New England Chapter**

The New England Chapter, located in an area which is a major high technology center, a leading academic center, and an area rich in history, tradition and information resources, draws on this richness for both resources and programs. In 1975, the chapter hosted the ASIS Annual Meeting, at which SIG/CON was founded, and in 1987 was host to the very successful 50th Anniversary Conference.

Candy Schwartz

**New Jersey Chapter**

In a state as rich in natural resources and business acumen as New Jersey is, a multidisciplinary society like ASIS is bound to succeed. In the 12 years since its founding, the chapter has won the Chapter-of-the-Year Award, begun a
North European Chapter

The North European Chapter was the first ASIS chapter outside of North America. While the chapter is small, it includes some of the most active researchers, educators and information professionals in northern Europe. This chapter helps to bring our Society into the international arena, making ASIS an international information society.

Candy Schwartz

Northern Ohio Chapter

The Northern Ohio Chapter covers the northern third of the state. In the Cleveland area, most of the membership interest revolves around information businesses and industry. In the Kent/Akron area, most members are associated with the library or the library school at Kent State University. Other members come from public libraries, hospitals and publishing companies throughout the region.

Paul Addison

Oklahoma Chapter

The Oklahoma Chapter represents members in widely-scattered areas of the state. To address the challenge of geographic dispersion, the chapter is planning a fewer number of high-quality and intense meetings for its members.

Debora Shaw

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Pacific Northwest Chapter (PNC) covers approximately 980,000 square miles in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. PNC has sponsored successful chapter research grant awards for members and student paper competitions for students in all information-related fields; has held joint meetings with other information organizations; and is a past Chapter-of-the-Year Award winner.

Jan Schueller

Pittsburgh Chapter

The Pittsburgh Chapter is home to many of the leading educators in information science. In 1980, the chapter hosted the ASIS Mid-Year Meeting and, in 1988, the chapter has launched a major program of renewal and recruitment.

Candy Schwartz

Potomac Valley Chapter

The Potomac Valley Chapter (PVC), ASIS’ first and largest chapter, serves the information community in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, DC. PVC is an active chapter, with excellent meetings, newsletters and an electronic bulletin board. The chapter has earned Chapter-of-the-Year honors twice, while several members have won the ASIS Award of Merit and Watson Davis Award.

Rene Stein

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Chartered in 1961, the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter serves a membership of computer scientists, librarians and information entrepreneurs from diverse organizations in the area. Serving at the leading edge of new information technologies, the chapter helps its members by providing a forum for cross-disciplinary exchange of ideas.

Cecilia Preston

Southern Chapter

The Southern Chapter, serving Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Western Tennessee, represents members affiliated with academic institutions, as well as those involved in archives, data processing, special libraries, subscription services and technology transfer.

Kathy Delker

Southern Ohio Chapter

The logo of the Southern Ohio Chapter, “SOASIS...ON THE MOVE,” is indicative of the many dynamic leaders who have developed within the chapter and gone on to hold national offices in ASIS. SOASIS has hosted three ASIS Mid-Year Meetings and has been named Chapter-of-the-Year twice.

Steve Albert

Taipei Chapter

Since 1982, when 21 ASIS enthusiasts received a chapter charter, the Taipei Chapter has been an active one. The chapter is always well-represented at national meetings and has hosted visits from several ASIS presidents. Representing ASIS in the Far East, the Taipei Chapter makes ASIS a global information society.

Sandi Killian

Texas Chapter

The Texas Chapter, with major concentrations of members in Dallas, Houston and Austin, was host to the 1978 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting. With three schools of library and information science in the state and a growing information profession, the chapter is establishing the Dallas area as a center for ASIS activities.

Debora Shaw

Upstate New York Chapter

The Upstate New York Chapter, dating back to 1962, was an early innovator in ASIS, with such projects as a meeting via teleconference in 1966. With membership in four distinct urban areas and in two student chapters, the chapter is now exploring other methods of overcoming challenges of geographic dispersion.

Candy Schwartz

Western Canada Chapter

The Western Canada Chapter (WesCan) emphasizes information-sharing on a practical level in its annual meeting. Each conference opens with a session at which representatives of the four provinces offer a "show and tell" of the information-related activities in their areas. WesCan members believe that their ability to create a friendly atmosphere makes their meetings special.

Patricia Acton

Wisconsin Chapter

The growing Wisconsin Chapter represents Wisconsin’s leading education, industrial and business information centers. Wisconsin ASIS members appreciate the value of the Society’s meetings and publications as a means of communication among information science and industry professionals with common and complementary interests.

Richard Blue