Dear Colleagues,

Writing this President’s Page in early October as my term winds down, I want to use the opportunity to revisit some of the activities we undertook during the past year and to highlight discussions by the ASIS&T Board of Directors. Subsequent activities by the Board and members will be covered in the President’s Page of incoming president Andrew Dillon.

The Board met in August to review our finances and activities and to consider ways forward for our organization. ASIS&T’s finances continue to be strong under the leadership of Vicki Gregory, ASIS&T treasurer, and Dick Hill, our executive director. Task force and committee volunteers have been working on a variety of projects and deserve our thanks for donating their time and energy to make our organization successful. Their recent accomplishments are highlighted below. In looking to the future, the Board discussed ASIS&T’s name, membership categories and benefits, the Annual Meeting, partnering with other conferences and possible future collaborations with other organizations. Summaries of those discussions are on the following pages.

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...we will be exploring new forms of institutional memberships, initially focusing on what membership benefits might encourage information science educational programs/schools to join ASIS&T.
Diane Neal, Katriina Byström and Andrew Dillon, to create an Annual Meeting guidelines document to assist future co-chairs and headquarter staff. No such documentation exists currently.

The Board further established a second subcommittee, consisting of Cassidy Sugimoto, Shelly Warwick and Dick Hill, to investigate how workshops at the Annual Meeting might better meet the needs of chapters and SIGs.

**Partnering with Other Conferences.** The Board has voted to partner with the Library 2.012 (www.library2.0.com/page/2-012-conference) and the International Symposium on Information Science (ISI2013). Last year the Library 2.011 Conference had 6800 people, who signed up from more than 150 countries. ISI2013 (www.isi2013.de) is the main conference for information science in German-language countries, attracting 200-300 participants. The Board voted to be a no-cost partner for each of these conferences. This type of partnering helps increase ASIS&T’s visibility in communities that overlap with our own with no financial obligation.

**Possible Collaborations with ALISE and iSchools.** The current and incoming presidents of ALISE, the iSchool Caucus and ASIS&T recently held a conference call to discuss possible collaborations among our organizations in the future. During the call we brainstormed regarding possible areas of collaboration, including advocacy for the information professions. We hope these discussions will continue.

**In Conclusion, Thanks to All**

Cassidy Sugimoto (IU) has again worked hard this year on behalf of ASIS&T, serving as Chapter Assembly Chair and member of the Board. Her term ends with the Annual Meeting in October. Other Board members whose terms end this year are Elaine Toms and Prudence Dalrymple. Thank you very much for your efforts.

I also wish to thank the Annual Meeting co-chairs, Crystal Fulton, ShanJu Chang and Julie Hersberger, as well as the many track co-chairs. Few who have not co-chaired a conference of this size realize just how much work is involved in planning a meeting that is not only enjoyable by all, but also inspiring to its audience through the various workshops, presentations, meetings and networking events.

My thanks also to all Board members, including Linda Smith, immediate past president, and Andrew Dillon, incoming president, and to ASIS&T staff. It’s been a pleasure working with everyone this year, and I look forward to serving as immediate past president in the upcoming year. ■