

## Election Underway for ASIS&T Officers and Directors for Seats on Board

**A**s this issue of the *Bulletin* of the American Society for Information Science and Technology is prepared for electronic publication, the deadline is approaching for all voting members of the Society to complete their ballots for the election of new officers and directors. For the first time, the ASIS&T election is being conducted almost exclusively by online voting. Only those who make a specific request to have ballot materials mailed in hard copy will vote that way.

Full results of the election will be available at the ASIS&T website when balloting is completed.

Running for the presidency of ASIS&T, to take office in October as president-elect, are **Donald O. Case** and **Barbara H. Kwasnik**. Two candidates, **Vicki L. Gregory** and **Jon W. Simons**, are running for a three-year term as Society treasurer. In addition, four candidates are vying for two available seats as director-at-large: **Efthimis N. Efthimiadis**, **Beatrice R. Pulliam**, **Victor Rosenberg** and **Barbara M. Wildemuth**. All newly elected members of the ASIS&T Board of Directors will take their seats at the conclusion of the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Milwaukee.

### CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT



**Donald Case** is a professor in the College of Communication and Information Studies at the University of Kentucky, where he previously served as director of the School of Library and Information Science. He holds a Ph.D. in

communication research from Stanford University and an MLS from Syracuse. He has served as director-at-large on the ASIS&T Board of Directors for the past three years. Among his professional honors is the ASIS&T Best Information Science Book Award in 2003 for *Looking for Information: A Survey of Research on Information Seeking, Needs and Behavior*.



**Barbara Kwasnik** is a professor in the Information School at Syracuse University, where she has taught in the areas of knowledge organization and research methods for 20 years. She has served as director of both the MSLIS and Ph.D. programs. She holds a Ph.D. from Rutgers University and an MLS from Queens College, CUNY. Her research interests include issues of adapting classifications and the use of genre information for enhancing information retrieval. Among many honors, she was recognized with the ASIS&T Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award in 2001.

### CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER, 2008-2010



**Vicki Gregory**, professor in the School of Library and Information Science, University of South Florida, has served on the ASIS&T Budget and Finance Committee for the past four years. She has also served in many local and national positions with chapters and Special Interest Groups.



**Jon Simons**, senior systems analyst at Westat, an employee-owned research corporation, develops and manages publication clearinghouse database applications for government clients. Previously, he directed the development and maintenance of ORBIT information retrieval systems at several companies. He has been active member of two ASIS&T chapters, including service as treasurer for Potomac Valley Chapter.

### CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE, 2008-2010 (2 POSITIONS)



**Efthimis Efthimiadis**, associate professor in the Information School at the University of Washington, teaches in the areas of information retrieval, database design and web search, and he conducts research on user-centered design and evaluation of information retrieval systems. A longtime member of ASIS&T, he has served the Society in numerous ways on national committees, awards juries, conference committees and in chapters and SIGs. He holds a Ph.D. in information science from City University, London.



**Beatrice Pulliam**, assistant professor and reference librarian, Providence College, is responsible for reference, user instruction and coordination of library

technology. She holds a master of science degree in library and information science from Simmons College. She joined ASIS&T as a student and has remained involved in a wide variety of chapter and SIG activities since, as well as on national awards juries.



**Victor Rosenberg**, associate professor, School of Information, University of Michigan, previously taught at both University of California at Berkeley and the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Brazil. His broad research interests include electronic commerce, information retrieval, information policy, technology in the humanities and entrepreneurship. His own experience as an entrepreneur includes founding and serving as CEO of Personal Bibliographic Software, Inc., developer of ProCite and BiblioLink software products.



**Barbara Wildemuth** is a professor in the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she previously served as associate dean for undergraduate programs. Her research projects include a collaborative digital library curriculum development effort; a test of the feasibility of recruiting and training medical informationists; the Open Video project, examining people's interactions with a digital video collection; and an assessment of people's needs for personal health records. She holds a Ph.D. from Drexel University.

News about ASIS&T Chapters

The **Southern Ohio Chapter of ASIS&T (SOASIST)** offered Eric Miller, president of Zepheira, The Art of Data, speaking on the Semantic Web as its September meeting. Known for his vision and leadership roles in the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative at OCLC and the Semantic Web Initiative for W3C at MIT, Miller discussed how organizations can achieve data interoperability for seamless integration of online products by leveraging Semantic Web standards.

The **Northern Ohio Chapter of ASIS&T (NORASIST)** invited **David B. Robins**, assistant professor at Kent State University, to discuss *Accessible Design for the Web: Legal Requirements, Standards and Design Tips*, at the chapter's annual business meeting. The presentation focused on how organizations with a web presence can meet legal requirements to make their websites accessible to the blind and other disabled persons. Following the program and the election of officers, those in attendance were invited to tour the newly renovated Cleveland Heights University Heights Public Library.

News about ASIS&T Members

Former ASIS&T president **W. David Penniman**, recently with the University at Buffalo, has assumed new duties as executive director of Nylink, a non-profit membership organization of libraries and cultural heritage organizations throughout New York state and surrounding areas. Before joining the University at Buffalo, he was at the University of Tennessee; served as president and CEO of the Council on Library and Information Resources; and held positions at AT&T Bell Laboratories and OCLC.



**Ronald Rousseau**, associate professor, KHBO, and guest professor at the Antwerp University School for Library and Information Science, is the new president of the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics. He succeeds **Henry Small** of Thomson Scientific. Rousseau has also become the first foreign member of the Chinese Association of Science of Science and S&T Policy Research. ■



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