Jacqueline Brellenthin

VP/Pres-Elect

NASIG Candidate Position Statement

I joined NASIG after attending the conference in Pittsburgh, PA in 2019. My then manager, who was a NASIG member, told me about NASIG and recommended I attend the conference to network and meet other people. As I was just starting out in continuing resources, the collaborative environment was intimidating at first. At the conference, I immediately felt at ease and welcomed into the community. I have gained a lot of confidence in myself by participating in NASIG and through my NASIG colleagues. I enjoy that NASIG offers a wide variety of resources in addition to the annual conference that everyone from students, those just starting in the profession, and the most-seasoned colleagues can share. Since that first conference I attended, I have volunteered with NASIG in a variety of roles including on the Standards Committee, spending a year as chair and continuing on as a member, as a Conference Planning Committee Co-Chair, and, at present, as Conference Coordinator.

My career has included internships, customer service, short-term contracting positions, salaried positions, cataloging, team lead management, and linked data. I’ve had the opportunity to be a mentee and a mentor. My positive experience as a mentee when I first started in librarianship as a second career later in life is something I recognize as special. I continue to train colleagues and participate in volunteer committees both within and outside of my organization.

If elected to serve as Vice President/President Elect I would use this experience and work to publicize NASIG’s offerings. This means working with the Executive Board and committees to find innovative ways to highlight NASIG’s supportive conference community, but also the collaboration beyond conferences where all can learn about each other’s work. I’ll build on NASIG’s strategic plan progress to ensure that participation in the organization is equitable and inclusive for all in the profession, both monetarily and regarding content and membership. This includes working closely with the Equity & Inclusion Committee to find ways to ensure that membership and content is available to all. Also, as we continue to function in a post-pandemic world, I will work with the NASIG Executive Board to help plan a path for NASIG members to continue participating in an affordable way and ensure that costs for future annual conferences remain stable, while exploring virtual options for those who cannot attend. My recent work as Conference Coordinator has given me insight into how the process works and what to reasonably expect with conference costs. Also, I will ensure that NASIG continues to offer the robust and diverse content that allows membership to grow professionally, stay up to date with industry trends, and collaborate and share ideas. It is an honor to be nominated and if selected as VP/PE I will do my best to work with the NASIG board, committees, and membership to remain transparent, open minded, and innovative as we move forward with new technologies and ways to grow and thrive as a diverse and welcoming organization.