

2020 Conference Planning Committee, submitted by Lisa Barricella and Sion Romaine, Co-Chairs

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Continuing Activities, placing emphasis on any activities supporting the 2017-2021 [Strategic Plan](#)

- 2021 Conference in Madison: The Committee will resume its monthly meeting schedule this summer, to begin planning for the in-person conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

Completed Activities

- CPC worked with PPC to update the Conference web site. Slide decks were created for the virtual breaks. Slide decks included information about NASIG (mission & membership), NASIG award winners, and conference sponsors. CPC members “hosted” the virtual breaks on Zoom, allowing PPC members to take a break from their hosting responsibilities.
- Virtual Fun Run was held.

- Virtual Ice Cream break was held, and attendees were encouraged to post pictures of their favorite ice cream treats on Twitter or Facebook.

Questions for Board

- Any theme suggestions (if any) for 2021?
- What type of conference should be planned for 2021?
 - Usual in-person conference, with only vision sessions streamed
 - Some form of hybrid physical-virtual conference
 - In-person conference with vision + some other sessions streamed
 - In-person conference with all sessions streamed
 - In-person conference with some physical sessions and some virtual sessions
- Should CPC/PPC survey attendees to see how many are likely to attend the in-person conference in Madison?
- Should we plan for reduced physical attendance in Madison (eg, renegotiate hotel block, number of break-out rooms needed)?

Recommendations to Board

- The online conference was very well-attended, with most sessions (including the vendor lightning round) averaging around 450 attendees. We should plan for some form of physical+online format again for 2021. We could possibly emphasise NASIG as a member “owned” organization that runs the conference as a break-even event for its members (ie, not run as a for-profit conference).

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