

NAAIC President's Report

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It was a privilege and honor to serve as the NAAIC President during 2000-2002. There is a lot of work that goes into planning, organizing, and conducting the conference's ongoing activities as well as the conference itself. This work is handled by the various committees and takes a great deal of collective effort. I would therefore like to express my sincere appreciation to all the chairpersons and members of the committees for your excellent cooperation and work.

I am especially grateful to Garry Bauchan, Executive Secretary, whose efforts make the NAAIC function efficiently. I am also grateful to Dan Putnam and all the members of the local arrangements committee for organizing such a successful conference, and to John Caddel for agreeing to take on the new role of Treasurer. Thanks to Paul St. Amand, we are still enjoying the benefits of an excellent website. I encourage all members to take advantage of this valuable resource.

We have several challenges in the future including the decrease in attendance at our regional conferences. This challenge may require some changes in how we conduct not only our regional meetings, but also the NAAIC meeting itself. Your interest and participation in the future critical discussions concerning these issues will be important.

Finally, I am confident that under the leadership of Sam Stratton the organization will continue to prosper as we look forward to gathering for the next conference in 2004.