

## President's Message – September 2019

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My goals for the upcoming two years are listed below. I list the goal, a little context and then homework for you. There is work for us all to do!

- Recruiting, retaining and nurturing the next generation of statisticians around the world:
  - Society needs people who can extract insights and information from data. We need to build our community to address this need. *I ask our associations to partner with the YS SIG and the SIG for Women and Statistics to generate new ideas for doing this and to share these ideas with the EC.*
- Communicating with our community: Social Media
  - Social media is one mechanism for quickly interacting and sharing information about our profession and our society. Follow ISI and association Twitter feeds: @IntStat, @IAOS\_Stat, @BernoulliSoc, @iasc\_isi, @iass\_isi, @iase\_isi and @ISBIS\_isi. The ISI-Young Statisticians use the @YS-ISI handle, and I can be found here - @john\_bailer. *Start following and engaging with your colleagues now!*
- Communicating with our community: Telling our stories
  - We need to communicate what we value about our profession and about the ISI community. What are stories you would tell about your associations, committees, interest groups? What interesting work of your colleagues might be of general interest? *I ask each association, committee, and interest group to submit a story each quarter to share stories from your associations and regions with the ISI News – just send your items to [isipo.news@gmail.com](mailto:isipo.news@gmail.com).*
- Expanding and engaging ISI membership from around the world:
  - You have senior colleagues who are deserving of ISI elected membership – send them the link to the nomination form, get them to complete the form, and send you a curriculum vitae or resume.
  - You have students or colleagues starting out in the profession. Talk with them about the value of networking and connecting with colleagues in ISI.

- *I commit to nominate 5 colleagues for ISI Elected Membership in the next 3 months, and I challenge all of you to do the same. (I have my list and I'm working on co-sponsors now!)*
- Ensuring that ISI continues to engage in discussions related to data science:
  - I would like to see a working group of representatives from each association along with committees including YS and Women in Statistics to identify areas of collaboration across the ISI and with other professional societies. *I welcome nominations for serving on this workgroup and if you might be interested in chairing this effort.*
- Securing our financial future:
  - Growing the financial base of ISI will allow us to invest in statistical capacity building initiatives and more. There are a number of strategies from growing the ISI membership, both individual and organizational, to looking for grant and foundation support to sponsoring. We will be starting a \*Funding committee\* to describe and begin to implement strategies for generating revenue. Stay tuned for more details in future messages.

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