

ALISE President's Report, 2018-19

These past 18 months have been intense, interesting, and fruitful. It has been an incredible privilege to serve ALISE in the role of President. Along with my Board colleagues, and a large number of dedicated ALISE volunteers in a range of roles, we have been able to guide the Association through some challenging times. We have accomplished a great deal together, including:

- Moving our annual conference to a time more suited to the typical faculty hiring calendar and to locations affordable for ALISE;
- Making the difficult decision to find a new management company, with the result that our balance sheet is now in the black;
- Launching the ALISE Leadership Academy to build leadership capacity within the field,
- Offering regular webinars on a range of interesting and useful topics;
- Launching the ALISE Book Series, edited by Dietmar Wolfram and Jaya Raju, with the first book manuscript recently submitted to our publisher, Rowman & Littlefield;
- Reaching out to our sister organizations, the iSchools and ASIS&T, to engage in discussions and activities of mutual benefit, such as co-sponsored conference panels, ALISE management of placement services at the ASIS&T conference, and ALISE member engagement in the iSchool conference doctoral student colloquium; and,
- Reaching out to and engaging with our colleagues internationally.

All of these activities in support of our members are the result of the hard work, vision, and investment of many people dedicated to ensuring that ALISE serves its members well, meets their expectations, and supports education for the field. Due to this combined effort, I am optimistic about the future of ALISE, despite declining individual and institutional resources to support organizational memberships and conference attendance. With your support and energy, ALISE can continue to serve the field for many years to come.

I would like to sincerely thank my Board colleagues: Dietmar Wolfram (Past-President), Stephen Bajjaly (President-Elect), Rong Tang (Director, External Relations), Cecilia Salvatore (Director, Membership), Nicole Cooke (Director, SIGs), and Heather Moulaison Sandy (Secretary/Treasurer). These hardworking Board members have done a tremendous job leading ALISE. I wish to express my particular gratitude to Past-President Dietmar Wolfram, who has been endlessly patient with all my questions; any errors or missteps are entirely my own. Special thanks also goes to President-Elect Stephen Bajjaly, who tackled many special projects, helping to lighten my load. Thank you to journal editors John Budd and Denice Adkins, who have revitalized the journal. I would also like to thank our new Executive Director, Cambria Happ, along with her colleagues at McKenna Management. Cambria has jumped in with both feet – asking good questions, helping us to make solid decisions, and supporting all of our endeavors. Sincere thanks also go to our tireless 2019 conference organizers, Diane Kelly and Gary Burnett, as well as the host of others who organized the conference, and who selected our award and grant winners. Thanks to Hannah Gunderman, who did a terrific job managing the conference proceedings. It takes the dedication and energy of a great many people to make ALISE successful – my deepest gratitude goes out to you all.

Respectfully submitted,

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