From The President

Greetings my fellow SWDSI members! As our very successful 2019 conference in Houston is now behind us. It is time for looking forward for another successful conference in San Antonio.

The Call For Papers has been posted on the SWDSI website (http://www.swdsi.org/). If you would like to help or have any suggestions please contact our Program Chair, Dr. Dan Peak (Daniel.Peak@unt.edu) directly. We expect a good participation in the next conference in San Antonio.

It is a great honor to be the president of this particular regional division of DSI. I can go back to more than 20 years when I was first involved in the SWDSI annual meetings, one thing stayed with me all that years long that is the caring and the commitment showed by the officers in charge. They were willing to go extra miles to help and put their experiences in serving the new members and moving the organization forward. I am very confident that you will feel the same way I felt during all these years and you will be self-motivated to get involve and give your best to the SWDSI annual meetings to stay as being one of the most attractive regional conferences. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and spent time and effort in making our organization what it is now.

Khaled Alshare
Qatar University

Report from the Program Chair SWDSI 2019

We had an excellent conference this year because of your submissions and participation! We had 167 submissions with 39 sessions. Additionally, we had two special panels, one workshop, and a doctoral consortium. As usual, a number of new members joined us this year. The total number of the attendees was 156. Your involvement and support are what help our Organization and Conference to be successful.

Our sincere congratulations to the recipients of the following prestigious awards:

- Peggy L. Lane for receiving the Distinguished Service Award.
- Li-Yueh Lee and Phoc Thien Nguyen for receiving the FBD Distinguished Paper Award
- Ahn Ta, Keya Sen, and Xinyu Wei for receiving the Alpha Iota Delta Best Student Paper Awards.
- Balaji Janamanchi for being elected as the secretary for term (2019-2022).
- Venugopal Gopalakrishna-Remani for being elected as Program Chair-Elect (2019-2020).
Here is the new SWDSI 2019-2020 Team

President (2019-2020)
Khaled Alshare
Qatar University

VP - Student Liaison (2018-2021)
Gayle Prybutok
University of North Texas

President-Elect (2019-2020)
Matt Lindsey
Stephen F. Austin State University

VP Finance (2018-2021)
Lynne Cagle Cox
University of North Texas

Program Chair (2019-2020)
Dan Peak
University of North Texas

VP For Participation (2017-2020)
Gina Harden
Stephen F. Austin State University

Past-President (2019-2020)
Mark E. McMurtry
University of Central Arkansas

Secretary (2019-2022)
Balaji Janamanchi
Texas A&M International University

Program Chair-Elect (2019-2020)
Venugopal Gopalakrishna-Remani
University of Texas at Tyler

Council Member (2016-2019)
Xianghui (Richard) Peng
Penn State Behrend

Council Member (2019-2022)
Mary Fischer
The University of Texas at Tyler

Council Member (2017-2020)
Ferdi Eruysal
Texas A&M University – Central Texas

Robert Cutshall
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Council Member (2018-2021)
Will Senn
Emporia State University

Nicholas Evangelopoulos
University of North Texas

Council Member (2017-2020)
Michael Ellis
University of Central Arkansas

Council Member (2019-2022)
Kittipong (Ken) Boonme
Texas Woman’s University

Regional Archivist (unlimited term)
Peggy Lane
University of Louisiana at Monroe

Council Member (2018-2021)
Denise Philpot
University of North Texas

Webmaster (2017-2020)
Carl Rehman, Jr.
University of San Diego
Report from VP-For Participation

As many of you know, SWDSI has a Campus Representative Program. While there are currently 16 SWDSI campus representatives, the SWDSI VP-for participation welcomes additional volunteers for this program. The campus representatives are a grass roots effort to help identify and attract new members. Their primary responsibility is being a liaison between SWDSI organization and their faculty and graduate students. The campus representatives could help us in disseminating information about the call for papers and conference submission procedure. Please consider volunteering. Contact Gina Harden (VP for Participation) for additional information at hardengm@sfasu.edu.

If you did not attend the SWDSI conference this year, you can still maintain current membership by paying a $10 membership fee. Please contact Lynne Cagle Cox (VP Finance) at LynneCagle.Cox@unt.edu to send your $10 check to maintain current membership. During membership renewal with DSI, whether during the year or at the annual meeting, please check your primary regional affiliation. It is imperative that our members check the SWDSI box when they pay their DSI dues as the DSI Home Office collects and disseminates data specific to regional interest and affiliation to all regions following the Annual Meeting and end of the membership year. As a reminder, SWDSI officers are required to maintain current membership in both DSI and SWDSI.

Report on Committees

SWDSI has several committees to which I am pleased to announce who has accepted to serve. These different committees are very important in helping SWDSI prepare for the future as well as recognizing the efforts of our membership. I have listed the membership of each committee so you can contact them with nominations.

Nomination Selection Committee
Chair: Mark E. McMurtrey, University of Central Arkansas
Mohan Rao, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Denise Philpot, University of North Texas

Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee
Chair: Binshan Lin, Louisiana State University Shreveport
Robert Pavur, University of North Texas
John Seydel, Arkansas State University
Michael Ellis, University of Central Arkansas
Kittipong (Ken) Boonme, Texas Woman’s University

Outstanding Educator Award Selection Committee
Chair: Kai Koong, Tuskegee University
Paul Cronan, University of Arkansas
Peggy Lane, University of Louisiana Monroe
Will Senn, Emporia State University
Robert Cutshall, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Strategic Planning Committee
Chair: Robert Pavur, University of North Texas
Paul Cronan, University of Arkansas
Binshan Lin, Louisiana State University Shreveport
Carl Rebman Jr., University of San Diego
SWDSI 2020 Annual Conference

The conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas from March 11–14, 2020. The call for papers can be found at www.swdsi.org.

San Antonio is a beautiful and exciting destination. This is what the tourism guide says about San Antonio:
At its core, our city is dynamic. Our roots run deep, our heritage is rich and our confluence of cultures is celebrated. Our population and cultural influences are diverse – Mexican, Tejano, German, Irish, Czechoslovakian, Arabic and more – and our appreciation of that diversity makes our city shine. Come discover what’s old and explore what’s new in our diverse communities, offerings and celebrations – book your next trip today and come see what we mean. Source: https://www.visitsanantonio.com/san-antonioculture/.

All papers submitted will be peer-refereed and accepted papers will be published in the SWDSI Conference Proceedings. All papers will be considered for the Instructional Innovation Award and the Distinguished Paper Award. Papers submitted by students will be considered for monetary awards. The outstanding papers will also be recommended to a number of journal editors for fast track reviews and possible publication. Abstracts should not exceed three pages and papers should not exceed twenty pages. Authors should submit papers/abstracts via the conference website: http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=swdsi2020. Papers will not be accepted by email. If you encounter difficulties or have any questions, please contact the program chair at Daniel.Peak@unt.edu

Other conference information can also be found at www.swdsi.org

The Deadline for Paper Submissions is October 14, 2019

See you in San Antonio!!!