

Greetings, DSI Colleagues!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. Right now, it feels like these long drowsy days will stretch on forever, but I remind myself that the optimistic bustle of a new academic year is just around the corner!

Back in May, I had the distinct honor of taking office as President of the Decision Sciences Institute for the 2022-23 year ahead. At our May Board meetings, we welcome new members to the Board, in this case: DSI Secretary Anthony Ross, VP Member Services Pamela Rogers, VP Professional Development Ravi Srinivasan, VP Conferences Carmela Di Mauro, and VP Publications Funda Sahin. They join returning board members: DSI Secretary Bertie Greer, VP Americas Peggy Daniels Lee, VP Asia-Pacific Khaled Alshare, VP Information Management Koray Ozpolat and VP Marketing Jason Deane. Returning for a 2nd term we welcome back Bart MacCarthy as VP Europe, while David Dobrzykowski begins his term as President-Elect and Joy Field moves to the role of Immediate Past President. It is a privilege to work with this wonderful group.

This particular May, the DSI Board of Directors meeting echoed with the news of our multiple successful regional conferences earlier that spring, and much of the discussion focused on how to keep that momentum going. Congratulations to everyone involved in last spring's regional meetings! Ahead of us, November brings our first in-person Annual Conference since the pandemic. Aptly themed "Resiliency and Adaptability for a Better Global Future," this event represents an important milestone in our journey forward from the disruptions of the past two years. Convening in Houston, Texas, we'll also be gathering in the community which hosts our Home Office on the nearby campus of the University of Houston. I am so looking forward to seeing many of you there, as this is our first opportunity to catch up in person in a while. Look for great content, great conversations and even a little fun!

The May Board meeting is also the milestone at which each Board member is tasked with specific charges to further the Mission and Vision of the Institute. These Board members then join with their respective DSI Committees to tackle those charges in the year ahead. You can view this year's committees and their charges on our website. Interested??? Working on a DSI Committee is the perfect place to begin if you'd like to become more involved in DSI... contact the Home Office for more information.

Looking into the year ahead, fellow DSI members are now developing further opportunities for us to engage and grow our research and teaching capabilities, in the spaces between our vibrant meetings. No spoilers here, but I am very excited to see what develops. In the near term, please enjoy summer and I hope to see you at a DSI event soon...

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Natalie Simpson".

Natalie Simpson
DSI President