

# PSTG Update – November 2008

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Our final PSTG update for 2008 provides information for our upcoming election and another opportunity to get involved. This update focuses on the following topics:

- 2008 MMIS Conference Summary
- 2009 MMIS Conference Planning
- PSTG Election Process

## **2008 MMIS Conference Summary**

**from Nancy Peterson of NESCSO**

The 2008 MMIS conference attracted the largest number of attendees to date. The 856 attendees represented 48 states. The breakout of state/federal vs. private sector was 30% state/federal and 70% private sector.

There were 46 exhibitors exhibiting in 61 booths (also a record number). We had 5 new companies exhibiting.

In general, exhibitors and sponsors were very pleased with the set-up in Nashville. They were pleased with the traffic as the general sessions and meals were immediately adjacent to the exhibits. For next year, we will be trying to add some additional casual seating in the exhibits area as well as perhaps doing a couple of continental breakfasts there. We will also be simplifying our forms to request booths and sponsorships.

The new process for receptions was accepted and worked out well. There were several comments that music at receptions should not be barrier to conversation and it seemed it was a consistent issue (too loud) at all of the receptions. There were several positive comments on the introduction of charity donations as part of the activities of a reception.

There were a couple of panels which included vendors who unfortunately used the presentation opportunity as a sales pitch. We did have some inexperienced moderators this year and we will be working more closely with our moderators to ensure that vendor participation on a panel is technology neutral.

NESCSO feels that our relationship with the MMIS vendor community was strengthened by the 2008 conference and we are really looking forward to working with everyone in 2009. The full survey results from the MMIS Conference are attached for your review.

## **2009 MMIS Conference Planning**

Once again we will be convening a PSTG Committee to provide input to the Conference Planning effort. If you are interested in participating or having someone from your company participate, please contact

Kay Hallawell at [kay.hallawell@unisys.com](mailto:kay.hallawell@unisys.com). The first meeting is targeted for the first week of December. We look forward to your participation!

## **PSTG Election Process**

The 2009 Board of Directors election process will be starting in mid-November. Renee Bostick, PSTG Secretary, will be requesting nominations for the Board of Directors positions which are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please note that the nominee and all voters must be PSTG members (so join, if you aren't yet a member). Once these nominations are received, the election will be turned over to an independent party for soliciting and tabulating the votes. In early December, the independent party will send out an online ballot to all members. A deadline for submitting the votes will be established. Again, please note that only one vote is allowed for each member company from its identified representative. Once the votes are received, the independent party will tabulate the votes and report on those elected to the Board for the 2009 calendar year.

Joining PSTG is very simple with our new web site. Visit this site and complete the online application!

<http://www.pstg.org/Membership.html>

Thanks to all the PSTG members and participants in the various HIT/HIE and MITA activities. We look forward to continued active participation as we finish 2008 and head into 2009!

Your 2008 PSTG Board of Directors:

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