

President's Report January 21, 2017  
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of the work that has gone into preparation for this year's convention. It always amazes me how much work goes into putting on a convention with so many sessions for over 3000 delegates, and how it is done solely by volunteers. This is definitely nothing short of amazing.

- I would like to thank Yvonne and Larry for all of their efforts in making sure that the venue is ready for our delegates and presenters.
- I would like to thank Andrea and the Program Committee for taking on the huge task of selecting, timetabling, and booking speakers. It is a terrific program with a wide variety of relevant options for our delegates. I have heard nothing but positive things about the program from our featured speakers to the off-site options.
- I would like to thank Tara and her helpers for all of the behind the scenes work in booking and chasing displays to ensure that the Exhibits were taken care of. Our delegates can once again experience anything from reptiles to Tupperware and everything in between.
- Thank you to Sherry and Bertha for keeping our finances in check and up to date and ensuring all of the speakers will be paid.
- Thanks also to Bertha for keeping the website up to date with the most recent convention info for our delegates.
- Thank you to Jen M for creating the duties list for board members and ensuring that the Honorary President will receive their recognition.
- Thanks Sue for keeping a record of all of our board business and communications.
- Last but definitely not least a huge thanks to every single board member for signing up for all of the daily tasks that ensure that our convention will be a success.

It has been great working with our board over the past year in providing another excellent professional learning opportunity for all of our delegates. It is interesting to reflect on how our convention has evolved over the past few years going from having two opening speakers to three, adding sessions through lunch, going paperless and themeless, all the while continuing to serve our delegates extremely well. It has been both challenging and rewarding personally knowing that everything that we have done has been to advance the professional learning experiences for so many. I am proud of what we have accomplished and would like to inform the board at this time that I intend for this convention to be my last as President and I do not wish to seek another term for next year.