



## President's Message

### Happy New Year, Fellow MISAC Members, Partners and Friends!

Ring in 2018 as your new president, I look back in gratitude for the wisdom and support of previous leaders and look forward to leveraging my new leadership role to achieve a long-time personal goal: to elevate the recognition of and respect for both information technology within local government agencies and the public agency information technology professionals who comprise our membership.

This is not only a personal goal for me, but a strategic priority for our organization. As we learned during MISAC's 2017 Annual Conference, IT's a Team Sport. The value of the collective wisdom and experience of our membership is purely invaluable. We need you! Please join me—along with MISAC's State Board and Southern, Northern and Central Chapter leadership—by supporting our efforts to build relationships, enhance resources, provide quality education and advocate for the field about which we care so deeply.



Here are a few ways you can help elevate MISAC in 2018:

**LEARN:** Boost your or your team's technical training with a MuniTech Academy course. Certified Information Security Manager Exam Prep and Certified Cloud Security Professional Boot Camp are taking place this winter. Or take time to develop the human side of technology with soft skills training, offered by new partner Oullette & Associates, also through MuniTech Academy. Visit [www.munitechacademy.org](http://www.munitechacademy.org), or contact Bryon Horn, Education Committee Chair, for more information.

**CONNECT:** Sign up for the MISAC listserv, and tap the expertise of fellow members as a quick problem-solving resource or share your knowledge. Call in for our monthly CIO Roundtable, led by Mitch Cochran, Awards Committee Chair, which features provocative, pertinent topics. Attend a regional chapter meeting, and bring a friend or colleague. And please mark your calendar for MISAC's Annual Conference, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2018, at the Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage.

**VOLUNTEER:** Take on a leadership role in your regional chapter. Join a Committee or volunteer for a special project; I'm looking for additional ways to involve members and retired members, and hope you'll let me know if you have any ideas. You also can share your historical insights, information about or photos of the organization and its members with Tim Ranstrom, Secretary and Historian, or support the efforts of MISAC's Legislative Committee, headed by Hong Sae, Chair.

**RECRUIT:** Share a story in the MISAC Matters weekly or the MISAC quarterly newsletter with a colleague. Use Annual Conference swag as a conversation starter, and tell a friend about how membership in MISAC has benefited you. Every member plays an important role as a steward of our organization and our profession. Invite a colleague or friend to become a new member, and help spread the word!

Thank you all for your confidence and support. I'm here if anyone wants to reach out.

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