A Message from John H. Taylor

FundSvcs founder announces game-changing action for the Advancement Services community.

I am thrilled to announce that FundSvcs is about to experience its greatest and most significant enhancement since its inception.

For those unfamiliar, FundSvcs is *THE* listserv for advancement services professionals internationally. Transferred to aasp several years ago, FundSvcs has become one of the largest subscription-based listservs for the advancement community – now with nearly 3,800 subscribers from more than 24 countries. Since I began FundSvcs in 1994 it has become a repository of more than 600 shared documents and tens of thousands of discussions within the profession.

As a founder and former President of aasp – and recently returned as a Board member – I am ecstatic about our plans to move FundSvcs to a new platform using the most robust community technology platform on the market – Higher Logic. In addition to the FundSvcs discussions and insights, we are expanding into other community functions and calling the entire suite of features **aaspConnect**. This will include a new user-friendly best practices library, insights survey repository, mentor match, and volunteer management.

On September 16th, we will have a soft launch of the new platform and run both platforms concurrently for one week to receive input. Then on September 23rd, we will transition to the new **aaspConnect** platform. For those of you who know and love FundSvcs as I do, you should not see a major change in how FundSvcs email traffic flows. You will, though, see many new cool features and functions.

We will be answering questions and getting feedback on the new platform at Summit 2019 as well. We need your input and commitment to ensure that we take this shared

resource to the next level. At launch, we will have tip sheets and recorded webinars as well as live calls to answer questions.

Higher Logic has launched thousands of communities across a multitude of nonprofits and is the industry leader in online community management. We will continue to build on and expand the features of the Higher Logic platform after we get these new features rolling into the fall.

These enhancements reflect our desire to provide more amenities to our members and the advancement services community at large. As we increase member value, we increase your effectiveness in your career and your organization.

Thank you for giving us your feedback as we endeavor into new and exciting technology enhancements for our community.