The past year for me has been a year of growing and learning. The officers, staff and Executive Committee have been an outstanding group to work with. I began having weekly calls with Curt and we soon expanded that weekly call to include Trish and the officers. While not all officers were able to call in each week many were able to participate on a regular basis. This call has been an amazing way to help keep myself and the other officers very involved with the operations of NSPS. When we first began it was uncharted territory but soon led to a lively and informative weekly conversation. The weekly call gave everyone a chance to discuss ideas and give and receive helpful advice from others. These calls were used to vet items for ExCom meetings. No decision was made, but it was helpful for ideas and support. For instance, we had weekly conversations on Podcasts and Social Media which led to many ideas and leads for future episodes and posts. For me it was an invaluable way to be kept informed and be part of the operations of the organization. I am hoping that the meetings also gave support to the office staff and provided them with advice on daily business from all the officers.

NSPS has started using the program Basecamp on a regular basis and many users are finding it to be a helpful way to communicate and do NSPS business. If you have not been using Basecamp I encourage you to log on and give it a try. It is a new tool and we are learning more daily on how to best utilize its features. Also, there is now a document out there that shows how to shut off all the notifications you may be receiving if you choose.

One of the biggest challenges has been working through the logistics of this upcoming meeting with a Pandemic in our world. I commend all of you that have jumped on board and utilized the GoToMeetings and the training sessions we had for GoToWebinar. I believe a positive outcome of this pandemic will be the use of these two new tools in our toolbox. ExCom has switched to GoToMeeting for our monthly meeting and our weekly talks have now use GoToMeeting.

As Past President I will be the chair of the Nominating Committee. I believe in asking the whole Board on recommendations of who they believe would be a great candidate as our next Vice President. Therefore, at the end of the meeting a survey will be generated asking for your opinion. Please give this some thought and let the Nominating Committee know your choice.

I appreciate your trust in allowing me to serve as your President. Have a safe and wonderful summer.