

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF RUSA

become commonplace. Where, when, and how we meet will have a great impact on how we act as an organization and how we respond to member's needs. We hope that virtual meetings will allow—even encourage—more active member participation. They will provide many new opportunities for networking and teamwork. Change will make us a more robust organization.

I have enjoyed looking over all of the candidate statements, but now it is time to take action and prepare for the future direction of RUSA. I will leave you with one final quote:

I believe that RUSA continues to represent the most compelling space in librarianship—the crossroads where user services meet and are energized by thoughtful use of technology and understanding of collections!

Thus ends this important peroration on the most promising and enduring future of RUSA, the heart of ALA—no, of librarianship.

If you have any ideas you would like to share with me—please let me know! If you read this column, please e-mail me and let me know. In the subject line simply put: I read your column. Please send it to me at susan.beck@rutgers.edu.

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“Best Free Reference Websites: Eleventh Annual List” in the Fall 2009 issue (Volume 49, Number 1) contains an error on page 46. The website listed as “FamilyDoctor.com” should be listed as “FamilyDoctor.org.”

The editor apologizes for the error.

References and Notes

Epigraph: Bill Gates, Nathan Myhrvold, and Peter Rinearson, *The Road Ahead* (New York: Penguin Books, 1996): 316.

1. When I decided to analyze three years of data, the RUSA office staff provided me with a complete set of ballots for each RUSA section. I was then able to massage the data, convert them into rich text format files, and upload them into a qualitative content analysis program called ATLAS.ti (www.atlasti.com). After the upload I coded all of the statements, searched on specific codes, and then synthesized the results.
2. Susan J. Beck, “This is Our Time to Shine: Opportunities in a Recession,” *Reference & User Services Quarterly* 49, no. 1 (Fall 2009): 8–12, 17.