

NISO Elects New Vice Chair and Directors to Serve Community

Baltimore, MD -- June 26, 2015 -- The membership of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has elected new leadership for the 2015-2016 term that begins on July 1, 2015. **Mike Teets**, Executive Director, Strategy, Governance & Architecture at OCLC, who was elected last year and has served as Vice Chair during the current term, will become Chair of NISO for the 2015-16 term.

B. Tommie Usdin, President of Mulberry Technologies, Inc., has been elected to serve as Vice Chair of the NISO Board of Directors. She will transition into the chairmanship in the 2016-17 term next July. Usdin has long been a leader in the technology around content markup and publishing production process and has organized a number of community efforts and conferences on the subject. She has served as an active member of NISO's Board of Directors since 2013 and has been a member of the NISO Journal Article Tag Suite (JATS) working group. She currently also serves as Co-Chair of the JATS standing committee. **Gerry Grenier**, Director of Publishing Technologies at IEEE, who is completing his term as Chair, will cycle into the role as Past Chair on the NISO Board of Directors Executive Committee when his term as Chair ends on June 30, 2015.

"I am honored to step into this leadership role at NISO," said Teets, the incoming Chair. "Over the past several years, NISO has placed itself in the forefront of many technological advances in our community, including alternative metrics for assessment, metadata and indexed content discovery. NISO has achieved this because of its unique role in our community, providing an open forum for libraries, publishers and system developers to address technological and business efficiency issues. Consensus solutions are forged, vetted, and eventually implemented."

"I am very excited about the opportunity to expand my service to the community as part of NISO's leadership," said Usdin. "As NISO's community continues to expand, I hope to continue to raise the NISO's profile and extend its reach, particularly in the areas of production efficiency and systems interoperability, which have been key areas of focus of NISO for years."

The following industry leaders were also elected to seats on the NISO Board of Directors.

- **Sayed Choudhury**, Associate Dean for Research Data Management and Hodson Director of the Digital Research and Curation Center, the Johns Hopkins University Libraries
- **Chris Shillum**, Vice President, Product Management Platform and Content, Reed Elsevier
- **Chuck Thomas**, Executive Director, USMAI Library Consortium

These new members will join the following Directors who will continue their terms through 2015-16 in determining priorities, managing operations and setting strategic direction for the organization.

- **Marian Hollingsworth**, Director of Publisher Relations, Thomson Reuters
- **Evan Owens**, Vice President, Publishing Technologies, Cengage Publisher Services
- **Oliver Pesch**, Chief Product Strategist, EBSCO Information Services
- **Barbara Preece**, Director, Loyola/Notre Dame Library
- **Keith Webster**, Dean of University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University
- **Jabin White**, Vice President, Content Management, ITHAKA
- **Todd Carpenter**, Executive Director, NISO (Ex Officio Member)

"NISO is extremely fortunate that such an accomplished and experienced group of industry leaders is willing and able to serve on our Board and provide guidance to the organization," said Todd Carpenter, Executive Director of NISO. "The Board is representative of our membership roughly equally split among publishers, librarians and vendors. The new group of Directors continues a long tradition of senior leadership seeing the value in NISO's mission and supporting that mission with their time and expertise. We look forward to another productive year under this new Board's leadership."

About NISO

NISO fosters the development and maintenance of standards that facilitate the creation, persistent management, and effective interchange of information so that it can be trusted for use in research and learning. To fulfill this mission, NISO engages libraries, publishers, information aggregators, and other organizations that support learning, research, and scholarship through the creation, organization, management, and curation of knowledge. NISO works with intersecting communities of interest and across the entire lifecycle of an information standard. NISO is a not-for-profit association accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). More information about NISO is available on its website: www.niso.org. For more information please contact NISO on (301) 654-2512 or via email on nisohq@niso.org