

USAID Business Meeting

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Executive Council

- **President:** Mary Ochs
 - **Past President:** Allison Level
 - **President-Elect:** Eileen Herring
 - **Secretary/Treasurer:** Anita Ezzo
 - **NAL Representative:** Maria Pisa; after January 1, Chris Cole
- Ex-Officio Members:** Amy Paster, Archivist and Heather Moberly, Webmaster

Executive Council Directors

- **Directors:**
 - Connie Britton,
 - Valrie Davis Minson
 - Madeleine Charney
 - Claudine Jenda
 - Hope Jansen
 - Marianne Stowell Bracke

Key Activities and Progress on Action Plan

- **Goal 1: Strengthen membership and increase participation in USAIN by members and other food and agriculture information professionals.**
 - Reviewed the USAIN web site to see if changes were needed to communicate more effectively with members and other food and agriculture information professionals.
 - In process of filling vacancies on the Membership Committee
 - Continue to offer scholarships for a first time conference attendee and a student of library and information science, attracting new potential members.

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- **Goal 2: Advocate for public policy, legislation and institutional change that enhance the values and contributions of the agricultural research and information communities.**
 - The Government and Legislative Relations committee responded to the two “Requests for Information” from the U.S. government relating to open access publishing and open data.

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- **Goal 3: Provide educational and professional development opportunities for food and agriculture information specialists**
 - In the conference year, there is no shortage of opportunity to engage in professional development by attending the USAIN conference. The EC is committed to further reviewing how to better offer continuing education for the membership during non-conference years.
 - Exploring a redesign of the USAIN website to better accommodate new strategies for online outreach and training/professional development. This review will continue into the new year under Eileen Herring, President-elect.

Committee and Interest Group Leadership

- Working on assignments during the conference
- If you are interested in serving on a committee or as an interest group convener, but have not been asked, please see a member of the EC!