



## President's Message

### Dear MISAC Members:

The world continues to look to technology to solve its problems. We all feel that pressure as our leadership comes to us asking for help to implement a new app or new tool that will be the centerpoint of solving a community problem. The chance to help our peers in our agency or help the public we serve is a driving force behind the passion that we show for our jobs. It is the goal of your State Board to ensure MISAC is a partner in helping you fulfill that passion, add value in your daily life and help keep your head above water on the projects coming down the pipe. Let's do this: together.

### Addressing Legislative Concerns

Everyone is into technology these days, included elected officials in Sacramento. As evidenced by SB 272, the State can and will develop policies that impact our daily routines. MISAC has made engagement with other associations—many who represent non-technical professions—a priority. The result: Representatives from the League of California Cities and the California Special Districts Association are routinely sitting in MISAC Board meetings to share information about legislation and regulation. Equally important, these organizations are actively seeking feedback from MISAC members on the potential impacts of legislation being proposed so as to provide timely feedback to staff and elected officials who work in the Capitol dome. More than ever, we are working to bridge our technical world into the policy world to add value and fight for reasonable and effective laws and regulations.

### Looking Outward to Support Tech

Our work on legislative activity is reflective of a general goal that the Board has supported for me: deeper strategic connections with the League of California Cities (LOCC). MISAC benefits from having a formal seat at the table on several LOCC committee including: Public Safety; Environmental Quality; and Governance, Transparency and Labor. These positions not only provide a chance for MISAC to opine on issues under consideration by the LOCC, but we have a formal vote on those committees as well.

MISAC also raised our profile with the LOCC community of city staff and council members last year when we presented at the LOCC Annual Conference in Long Beach. The panel was well-received. After submitting another panel idea for the 2017 LOCC Annual Conference, MISAC was again selected to present to the Annual Conference in Sacramento. These high-profile opportunities to showcase the intelligence and breadth of MISAC wisdom will go a long way toward ensuring we have a voice at the table. I particularly want to thank Jim Lewis, City Manager in Pismo Beach for shepherding along our submission and agreeing to preside on our panel.

### Recognizing MISAC Leadership

I am disappointed to share with you that Mariyah Serratos of Cupertino is resigning from her State Board position. Most of you know her, and if you don't, you need to. Mariyah has given much to MISAC in her time on our Board. She ably served as Treasurer and helped us work through budgets and financial issues. Her personality is spirited and full of humor and energy, and I always find myself fired up after my conversations with her. Mariyah has promised that she will continue to serve in a different capacity, but the tendrils of her city work are simply too demanding right now. All of us can certainly understand that challenge. We have been there.

The formal process to replace her on the Board will commence soon.

Serving as your president is a true honor. I very much enjoy the people and personalities who power MISAC into the future, and I hope you find your involvement with MISAC to be as rewarding as I do.

Toward Tomorrow,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'BRYON' in a stylized, cursive font.

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