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Dear ASIDIC Members,

This will be the final letter I send to you as ASIDIC President. My primary reason for writing today is to inform you that the ASIDIC Executive Committee, at a teleconference meeting yesterday, confirmed that the ASIDIC Membership had overwhelmingly approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to dissolve ASIDIC and accept the terms of the merger proposal from the National Federation of Advanced Information Services (NFAIS). The final vote was 28 – 1, representing a clear majority vote of ASIDIC Members in Good Standing, according to the provisions of the ASIDIC Constitution & Bylaws.

ASIDIC members will be hearing from Bonnie Lawlor of NFAIS very soon with details about the terms of their proposal. The Executive Committee strongly encourages all members to accept the one-year complementary membership and use that time to fully experience the benefits of NFAIS membership. My organization, the American Institute of Physics, has been a member of NFAIS for several years and has benefited greatly from NFAIS workshops, newsletters, best practices documents, and, of course, the annual meeting. I am confident that all ASIDIC members will find much of value from an association with NFAIS.

When you go home tonight, raise a glass to ASIDIC in memory of the people and meetings that have been at the heart of the organization. I will think of Taissa Kusma and Margie Hlava, who first encouraged me to become involved in ASIDIC in the early 1990s. I will think of meetings in Orlando, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Salem, Sanibel, Charleston, Albuquerque, and many other interesting places. I will think about boat trips, one-act plays at “adult Disneyland,” tours of Old Town Albuquerque, the Sandia Museum, California Wine Country, and many other amazing places. I will remember first hearing about companies and new technologies like Google, Mark Logic, Mosaic, and WAIS (it was new in 1992!). Most of all, I will remember the interactions with industry legends like Ev Brenner, Roger Summit, and Harry Collier and many up-and-coming “legends to be.”

I am certain that the actions taken by the Executive Committee that have led us to this historic day are the correct steps to take and I am confident that our future will be in good hands as we go forward hand-in-hand with NFAIS. I hope to see all of you down the road at a future NFAIS meeting!

With warm regards,



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