

**2003 ANNUAL REPORT**  
**President Elect**  
**Melanie Anderson**

Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it.

**Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)**

Two years ago when I was approached about running for President Elect-Elect, I decided to take the advice of Theodore Roosevelt. I had absolutely no idea if I would be capable of the task; however, I was willing to learn. Subsequently, I have spent the last two years learning more than I ever imagined that I would learn, and I must thank the Executive Board members for the knowledge that has been shared. June Maranville and Jane Honaker have been exceptional teachers and leaders for our organization, and their leadership examples have been invaluable.

The highlights of this past year have included opportunities for me to be involved in the following: planning and evaluating the 2002 annual conference, participating in collaborative efforts to develop a five year strategic plan, networking with committee chairs and members during the Spring team building workshop, attending the Spring CSAP conference in Rhode Island and the Fall CSAP conference in Atlanta, Georgia, assisting with the transition of a new management company, observing the advocacy efforts of the “legislative team”, collaborating on the development of a new website for the association, and observing and learning from a truly remarkable President, Jane Honaker. These opportunities have contributed greatly to my professional growth and have led to an even greater respect for and commitment to my professional organization.

One of the biggest changes in our organization this year has involved the change in our management company. It has been a pleasure meeting and working with Bob Craven and Diane Yenerall of Craven Management Associates. We owe much credit for some of the recent positive changes to the expertise of these two individuals. I am truly excited about having an opportunity to work with Bob and Diane during the coming year as we continue to strive for excellence.

As my year as President-Elect comes to an end, I realize that the time has come for my “test”. I was certainly busy this past year as I attempted to learn about the responsibilities of the President of this organization. It has been an exciting year and I am looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead. Please consider the above quote when I call upon **you** during the year for help with a specific job. I hope that your reply will be “Certainly, I can!”