This is my last article in Journal of System Safety as the President of the International System Safety Society (ISSS), and I want to say thank you! First, let me thank you for affording me the opportunity, privilege and honor of being your Society President. It has been an experience I will never forget and will always cherish.

I also want to thank you for supporting your Society at both the Society level and the chapter level. Your support at the Society level during the past two years has resulted in very successful International System Safety Conferences (ISSC) in Las Vegas and Atlanta. Conferences are not successful through some magic formula or potion. They are only successful through the hard work, dedication and commitment of you, the Society member.

Attendance at the annual ISSC provided an educational and professional development opportunity like no other. Attendees are exposed to the knowledge and experience of the best in our business through their technical paper presentations, tutorials, roundtables and workshops, all of which improve our skills as system safety professionals. Conferences also create networking opportunities through attendance. Interacting with the other attendees forms the basis for great personal and business relationships. Friendships formed can last a lifetime.

Finally, the ISSC also provides the financial resources necessary to sustain our Society. The success of the Society is a result of your support, not only in the coordination and execution of the ISSC, but also in the dedication and commitment of those Society members who volunteer to execute the duties of elected Society officers and directors. Executing these duties takes not only dedication and commitment, but sacrifice. You have sacrificed your personal time to execute these duties and responsibilities. Thank you!

At the chapter level, nothing happens successfully without you, the members. Coordinating and executing chapter meetings and other chapter events takes the dedication and commitment of those members who volunteer and are duly elected chapter officers, along with other chapter members who support the activities and events. Thank you!

As you can see, our Society and profession are not successful without you, the members. I can’t thank you enough for the support you have provided me as your Society president. Your efforts have improved our Society and our profession.

Thank you for your support, and I hope to see you in Boston!

— Gary D. Braman
President

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Check http://issc2013.system-safety.org for details, including registration and lodging information.