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# 2016 Annual Report

# A Message from the Board Chair, Kevin More

Looking back on 2016, it was a tremendous year for SIM with growing membership, new and innovative programs and new beginnings for our organization. I would like to thank the SIM Board, Management Council, our awesome SIM Staff and Steve for focusing on delivering great products, programs and services to the SIM community. I'm grateful for all of their hard work and dedication to the success of our organization. Please join me in welcoming Joan Holman from SIM Dallas Fort Worth to the SIM National Board of Directors. Joan is a welcome addition to our team and brings with her many years of IT practitioner as well as SIM Chapter leader knowledge and experience.

As we look to the future of our great organization, SIM will continue to update our services, offerings, and implement new ways to engage our members. At the same time, we will continue to focus on our core pillars of value: Networking; Professional Development; and giving back to our communities.

The Regional Leadership Forum (RLF) and Advanced Practices Council (APC) are game changing programs that continue to impact lives, develop outstanding leaders and bring together senior leaders across SIM nation to network, collaborate and learn. As an RLF graduate, I know first-hand how profoundly it changed my life and was a tipping point for my career and leadership journey. APC is an exclusive program for senior IT leaders that provides a trusted network of executive peers combined with customized research on member-chosen topics. I encourage you to get involved in these excellent programs.

We are also growing! I would like to welcome SIM Wichita to the SIM family, and I look forward to welcoming SIM Eugene, SIM San Antonio, SIM Space Coast (Melbourne, FL) and SIM Tampa in 2017!

On behalf of the SIM Board, thank you for your continued support for SIM and the continued growth of our organization!



# A Message from the Chief Executive, Steve Hufford

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2016 is the year that we started to look farther into the future. We are in a competitive environment for our members' time, IT is changing all around us, and the business is more focused than ever on technology. As SIM members and leaders in our organizations and communities, we have a unique opportunity to help to shape the future of IT. SIM is an organization of leaders, and this is what makes us a strong and vibrant organization. You are seasoned, focused and opinionated, and these qualities help to make you a leader in your IT organization. I count on your opinions and feedback to help inform SIM's future direction!

We are moving forward with our technology stack. In 2017 you will start to see some significant changes in how you interact with SIMnet as well as new options and processes for becoming a member and renewing your membership. Please connect with a member of your Chapter Board for upcoming changes, or feel free to reach out to me.

Chapters and programs are all growing, and Chapters are more engaged than ever before! When you send your high-potential people to RLF, when you participate in APC, or when you are an active participant in your Chapter, you are helping to make SIM an exclusive and thriving organization of your peers.

Thank you for being leaders in your field! Thank you for utilizing SIM to develop professionally and personally, and for developing your SIM network! At your next Chapter meeting, please reach out and shake the hand of a Chapter Board member and say thank you for their dedication and service to SIM and your community. I encourage you to learn more about how to get involved as a Chapter Leader. 2017 is a great time to build your SIM network, develop professionally, get your direct reports involved, and learn from your peers!

# SIM Mission and Vision

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## SIM Vision:

To be the most respected society of IT leaders.

## SIM Mission:

SIM brings together IT leaders to share, network and give back to their communities through the collaboration of local chapters.

## SIM members strongly believe in and champion:

- The alignment of IT and business as a valued partnership;
- The creation and sharing of best practices;
- The effective, efficient and innovative business use of information technology to continuously bring to market valuable products and services;
- IT management and leadership skills development that enables our members growth at each stage of their career;
- The replenishment and education of future IT leaders including a strong role in influencing university curricula and continuing education;
- Working with the IT industry to shape its direction;
- Policies and legislation that stimulate innovation, economic development, healthy competition and IT job creation;
- Serving our communities and the industry through giving and outreach



# SIM Value Proposition

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## Our value proposition

- Networking
- Professional & personal development
- Give-back to our communities

## Our core principles

- Chapters are what make us unique and great
- We are a bottom-up federation
- We are focused and oriented on providing excellent service
- The national organization provides services and support for Chapters
- We value every idea and every piece of feedback
- We will grow and transform to be ready for the future
- We minimize bureaucracy & administrivia and focus on the big rocks

# SIM Organization

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The **SIM Board of Directors** is responsible for setting the society's direction and policies, establishing its programs and overseeing the national budget.

The **Chief Executive** supports and oversees SIM's operations, finances and strategy, and manages SIM staff. The Chief Executive reports to and works closely with the Board of Directors.

The **Management Council** consists of SIM's program area directors who ensure SIM's programs and initiatives fulfill the strategic goals of the association.

The strength of SIM is built around its **local Chapters**, where rewarding membership experiences are created by way of knowledge sharing and networking.

SIM's mission is centered around **supporting its chapters**. All programs, services, and support are fashioned and delivered with the chapters in mind. Chapter leader feedback and buy-in is essential to ensure the future of the organization.



# SIM Organization

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## SIM Board of Directors

Kevin More, Chair  
Caren Shiozaki, Vice Chair  
Eric Gorham, Chair Emeritus  
Joel Schwalbe, Treasurer  
Leo Pellerin, Secretary  
Kevin Sauer, Chapter Rep  
Joe Bruhin, Chapter Rep  
Steve Heilenman, Chapter Rep  
Joan Holman, Chapter Rep  
Steve Hufford, Chief Executive

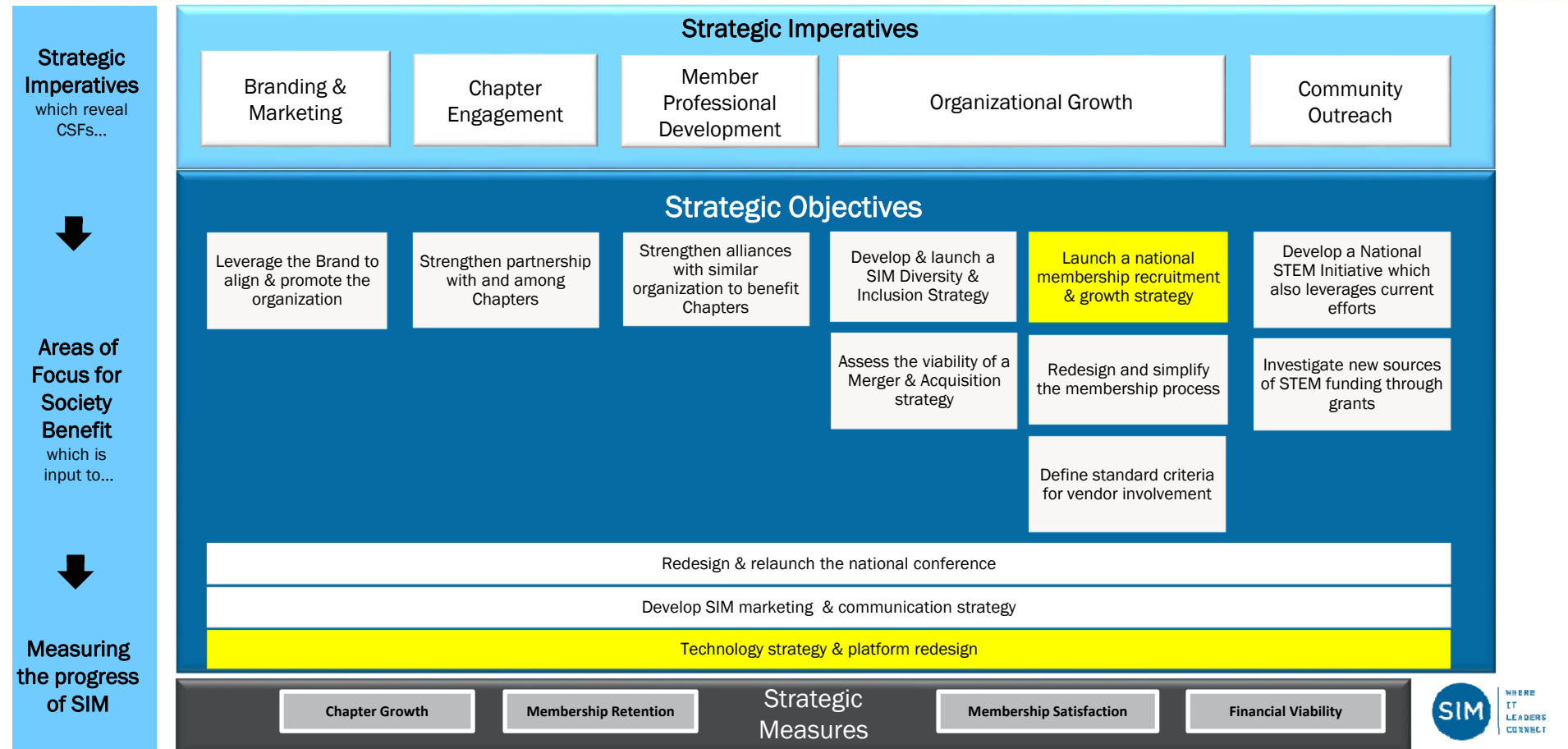
## SIM Management Council

Madeline Weiss – Advanced Practices Council  
June Drewry – Regional Leadership Forum  
Deborah DeCorrevont – Conferences  
Andrew Jackson – Chapter Relations  
Mary Sumner - Academic Programs  
Pat Randall & Gene Janiszewski – Membership  
Keri Pearlson & Mark Hoekstra – Chapter Programs  
Nanci Schimizzi & Janis O'Bryan – STEM Outreach  
Jeff Cole – Core Offerings  
Jeff Skulsky – SIM Foundation  
Judy Arteche-Carr – Partnerships  
Sandi Phillips & Dan Gorecki – Technology  
Sanjay Khatnani – Marketing  
Fawn Medesha – Governance  
Terry Janis – New and Emerging Chapters

## SIM Strategy on a Page

**Our Vision:** SIM is the most respected society of IT Leaders

**Our Mission:** SIM brings together current and emerging IT leaders to share, network and give back to their communities through collaboration of local chapters





## 2016 Key Accomplishments – New Chapters

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In 2016, SIM officially welcomed SIM Wichita. There has been great momentum in Wichita as the Chapter is acquiring new members and meeting regularly.



The exceptional local leadership deserves all the credit for getting this new Chapter up and off to a promising start! If you would like to start a SIM Chapter, please contact Andrew Jackson, Director of New Chapter Development at [ajackson@bravotech.com](mailto:ajackson@bravotech.com).



## 2016 Key Accomplishments – New Chapters

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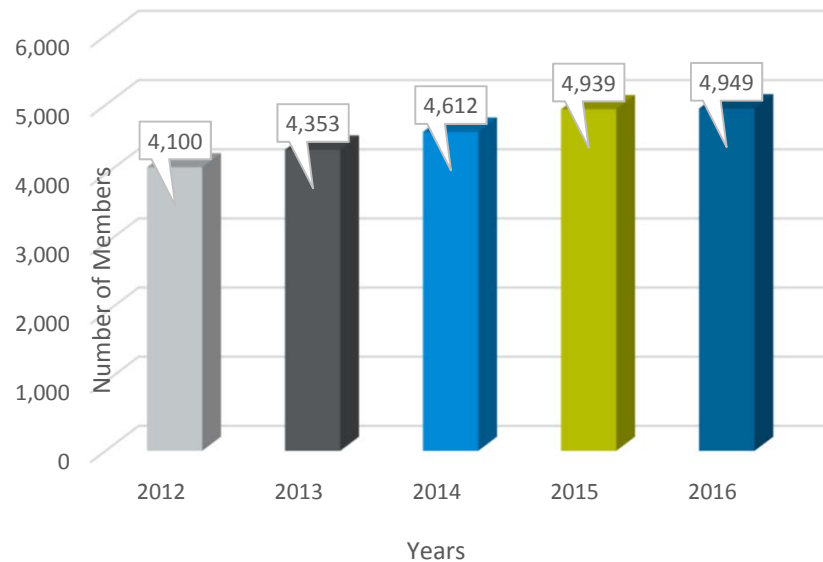
SIM now has 40 chapters in 27 states



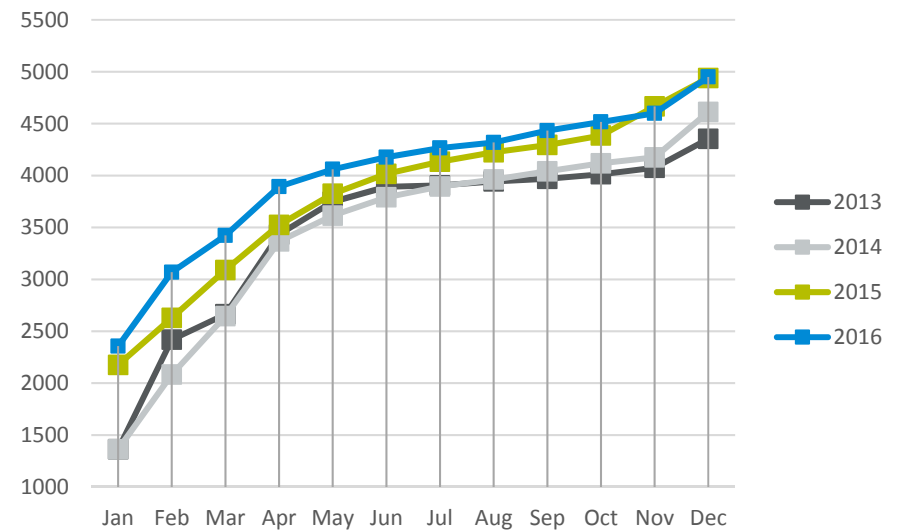
# 2016 Membership Stats

SIM continues to be a strong, growing and vibrant organization.

## Year End Membership Totals



## Year-over-year by Month



## 2016 Membership by Chapter

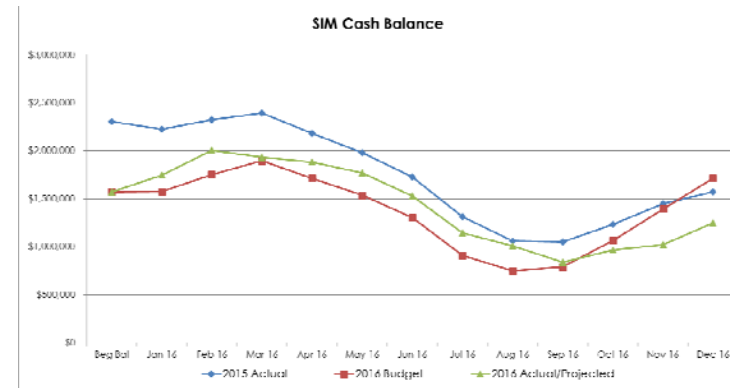
At-Large	45
Alabama	48
Albany	59
Arizona	137
Atlanta	83
Austin Texas	73
Boston	424
Capital Area	100
Central Connecticut	155
Central Florida	139
Charlotte	127
Chicago	264

Colorado	138
Dallas/Fort Worth	275
Detroit	184
Fairfield/Westchester	232
Houston	206
Indianapolis	97
Las Vegas	40
Louisville	13
Memphis	103
Minnesota	49
Nashville	19
New Jersey	314
New York Metro	162

Northeast Ohio	83
Philadelphia	288
Portland	146
RTP	137
San Diego	114
San Francisco	12
Seattle	125
South Florida	11
Southern California	273
St. Louis	92
Toronto	16
Western New York	61
Wichita	31
Wisconsin	71

## 2016 Financial Performance

Year End Revenue - \$4,102,634  
 Year End Expenses - \$3,986,845  
 Year End Net - \$115,789



SIM's annual budget is Board-approved and includes Board Designated funds allocated to support strategic initiatives created to advance the organization and improve value to our members, while leaving sufficient funds to support the day-to-day operations.

### SIM's main sources of revenue:

- RLF Program Registration
- Membership Dues
- APC Membership

### SIM's main expenses:

- Operating costs
- Program Administration
- Strategic Initiatives

# SIM Programs: Get involved!

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**Advanced Practices Council** - Elite forum of senior IT executives who direct customized, independent research on subjects chosen by its members. **Contact: Madeline Weiss, [madeline.weiss@simnet.org](mailto:madeline.weiss@simnet.org)**



**Enterprise Architecture Working Group** - Dedicated to helping IT professionals and their organizations capitalize on the opportunities of EA. **Contact: Bill Peterson, [bpeterson@liquidhub.com](mailto:bpeterson@liquidhub.com)**



**IT Procurement Working Group** - Through shared best practices and strategies, this group helps their member companies improve IT acquisition management; enhance competitiveness, influence legislation affecting acquisitions; and foster collaboration between the various professions. **Contact: Randy Roth, [randy@corporatecontracts.com](mailto:randy@corporatecontracts.com)**



**IT Trends Study** - This high-profile study is conducted every year to help benchmark various areas within the IT industry. **Contact: Leon Kappelman, [leon.kappelman@unt.edu](mailto:leon.kappelman@unt.edu).**



**Members In Transition** - The MIT Program was developed to connect ALL SIM members with the right short or long term opportunities, whether in search of a new role or in transition . **Contact: Stephen Webster, [swebster@mre-consulting.com](mailto:swebster@mre-consulting.com)**





# SIM Programs: Get involved!

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**Regional Leadership Forum** - An intensive, ten-month leadership development program focused on creating authentic leaders. **Contact:** Vincenzo Nelli, [vnelli@simnet.org](mailto:vnelli@simnet.org)



**SIM Women** - Designed to promote communication, mentorship, leadership and career development amongst the female members of SIM. **Contact:** Kristen Lamoreaux, [kristen@lamoreauxsearch.com](mailto:kristen@lamoreauxsearch.com)



**SIM Connect Live** - The premier annual conference for technology executives, practitioners and business leaders. **Contact:** Deborah DeCorrevont, [Deborah.DeCorrevont@msn.com](mailto:Deborah.DeCorrevont@msn.com)



**STEM Outreach** - Supports initiatives focused on contributing to the vitality and continuation of the Information Technology profession, and used by SIM Chapters for their members to give back to their local communities. **Contact:** Nanci Schimizzi, [schimizn2013@gmail.com](mailto:schimizn2013@gmail.com), Janis O'Bryan, [janis.obryan@gmail.com](mailto:janis.obryan@gmail.com)



**Cybersecurity Special Interest Group** - Dedicated to preparing our members and their organizations to meet the challenges and mitigate the risks of tomorrow's ever changing cyber threat landscape. **Contact:** Caren Shiozaki, [CyberSecuritySIG@simnet.org](mailto:CyberSecuritySIG@simnet.org)



# 2016 Key Accomplishments - Advanced Practices Council

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## Three in-person meetings – topics included:

- Converging the Internet of things and the Internet of people through wearable technology
- Silicon Valley IT
- Governing predictive analytics and business intelligence
- Leveraging dispersed knowledge through crowdsourcing
- Relevance, not personalization
- Profiting from the data deluge
- Developing entrepreneurial ecosystems in Chicago
- Ecosystem leadership
- Legal update for CIOs
- Machine learning and the future of process
- Ready or not, here comes the Internet of things



## Membership

- 27 member companies

## Webinars

- Three webinars after each APC meeting highlighting key messages of the presentations
- Partnered with the Capital Area Chapter on a webinar presented by Sam Ransbotham on the Internet of things

# 2016 Key Accomplishments - Advanced Practices Council

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## Research Released to APC Members

### – Reports

- Governing the Wild West of Predictive Analytics and Business Intelligence
- Extending Business Value Through Wearables
- Wisdom of CIOs



## SIMposium

- Held roundtable breakfast at SIMposium 2016 for members and prospects that resulted in a new member



## Contributions

- Contributed to various CIO.com and CIO Insights articles

## Marketing Efforts

- Redesigned APC member's only web pages
- Conducted CIO Roundtables in Princeton, NYC and Detroit to attract new members
- Engaged Scott Pearl to help market the program





# 2016 Key Accomplishments - SIMposium

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Another successful SIMposium, held at the Mohegan Sun Resort in CT, attracted over 770 attendees, which broke the record for highest conference attendance to date!

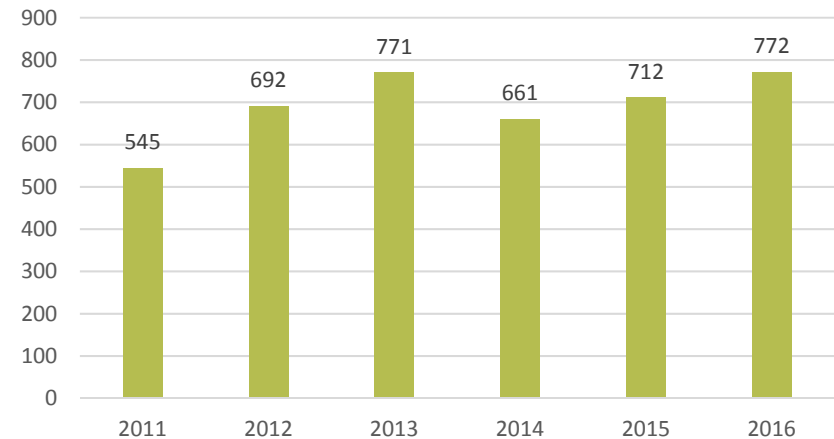


# 2016 Key Accomplishments - SIMposium

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## The Future of Our Conference

- Move toward an exclusive, invite-only, go-to event
- Deliver results to attendees and sponsors
- Heavy focus on senior leadership topics and events
- Potential time frame change (move month and days of the week)
- Create a forum to build deep and trusting relationships
- Take charge of the sponsor relationship, the planning and the location



*SIMposium Attendees*

# 2016 Key Accomplishments – Regional Leadership Forum

## Executive RLF

- 4 sessions held from March 2016 – September 2017
- 20 registered attendees graduated
- Facilitated by Darwin John and Mary Jo Greil
- Adjusted the 2017 program based on learnings

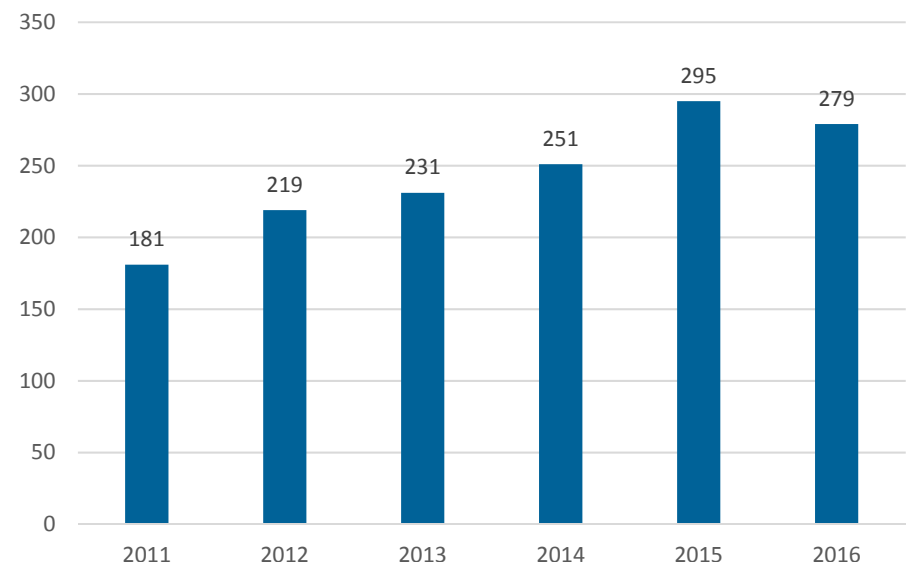
## Registrations

- 9 locations, 10 offerings, all except 2 are doubles
- 279 total registrants in 2016
- Awarded 2 military scholarships in 2016
- 2017 tracking about 15% behind 2016 with 6 forums not started yet

## RLF Directors

- June Drewry, Administration/Finance and New Investments
- Kevin Ryan, Marketing and Relationships Director
- Phil Zwieg, Systems and Conference Director
- Cliff Higbee, Curriculum and Program Director

RLF Registrations 2011 - 2016





## 2016 Key Accomplishments – Regional Leadership Forum

### *SIMposium*

- 215 RLF attendees at *SIMposium* 2016, plus 20 RLF staff
- Graduation Key Note Speaker, Laura Packer
- Great response to conference leadership theme

### Facilitation and Administration

- Continued placing 2 facilitators in every forum
- Apprenticed 1 new facilitator and recruited 4 2017 Apprentices as part of succession planning

### Marketing

- Continued to refine forum web pages for 2017
- Began piloting affinity marketing to keep graduates attached



# 2016 Key Accomplishments – STEM Outreach

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## SIM STEM Outreach by the numbers

- Dollars given or spent: over \$700,000
- Students reached: 8,856
- Years of continuous programming: 31
- SIM member volunteers involved: 347
- Total volunteer hours (mentoring, speaking teaching): over 6,200
- Non-profits involved: 65
- Schools involved: over 241



## Services: Technology Initiative

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- In 2016, SIM set off on a technology redesign and replatform initiative.
- Chapter Board members have been heavily involved and have been included in all stages of the initiative, including requirements gathering, and kept in the loop on the overall progress of the initiative.
- In 2017/2018, we will have new functionality, a new look and feel, and new ways to get SIM information and content.

# Services: Annual Conference

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- We had a very successful **SIMposium** 2016, which marked the end of the name *SIMposium*.
- We are redesigning our conference to make it more interactive, easier to access and more relevant for the future. What people are asking for:
  - “Main stage speakers are interesting, but we really want to hear from each other.”
  - “We are interested in a concentrated experience over a shorter period of time.”
  - “We are more interested in leadership, how to get to the next level, non-technical skills development.”
- New conference is **SIM Connect Live**
  - Our next event is at a new time of the year.
  - SIMposium has been Q4, and the new conference will be Q2.
  - To avoid back-to-back conferences, the next conference will be in Q2 2018.



## Services: Cybersecurity SIG

In 2016, SIM launched its Cybersecurity Special Interest Group

**Mission:** To prepare our members and their organizations to meet the challenges and mitigate the risks of tomorrow's ever changing cyber threat landscape.

**Vision:** The cybersecurity SIG will promote and provide strategic, timely, actionable, and business-focused content and discussion around cybersecurity issues, trends, and best practices, while building and sustaining a high-value network of cybersecurity thought leaders.

**Objectives:**

- **educate** through webinars, forums, conferences
- **enable** by providing access to actionable tools and intellectual assets
- **build** a community where ideas and experience can be shared

[www.simnet.org/cybersecuritysig](http://www.simnet.org/cybersecuritysig)



Thank You!

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As always, thank you for your service to and participation in SIM!

See you in Dallas at SIM Connect Live!



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