



## ***From the President***

### **By Grace Gephardt, President, ASPE**

In early August, I had the pleasure of presenting a plenary talk at **SimGHOSTS 2016 USA** in Peoria, Illinois. SimGHOSTS and ASPE have an affiliate agreement, and both organizations are committed to the growth and improvement of simulation education around the globe. We are also very interested in opportunities for collaboration – as individuals and as organizations.

My talk, *Everyday People: Closing the Gaps in Simulation*, was meant to both provoke curiosity and educate attendees about the many ways that SPs can be integrated with other methods of simulation. I offered definitions (“*What exactly IS an SP?*”), gave suggestions on why (or why not) an SP might be useful in simulation education, and shared the infamous *Seinfeld* clip that involves Kramer’s work as an SP.\* If you’ve never seen it, it’s worth the 4 minutes of laughs!

SimGHOSTS 2016 USA followed two other 2016 conferences that the organization held – one in Melbourne, Australia and the other in London, England. The SimGHOSTS conferences bring together attendees that have strong backgrounds in mechanical and virtual simulation. They are simulation technicians, center directors, clinicians involved in education and vendors revealing the next great simulation tools. They are also enthusiastic, innovative and committed to the advancement of our field!

It was a privilege to be at the USA conference. I urge you to look for ways to participate in collaborative simulation work as ASPE continues sharing our expertise as the Global Network for Human Simulation!

\* The video can be found on youtube by searching “Kramer as a standardized patient.” [Ed.]

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