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I have been involved with TASA since 1995 when I received a postgraduate scholarship to attend the annual conference. In 2000 I convened the TASA conference at Flinders with Jason Pudsey, at which I discovered my penchant for supplying affordable, good quality food and refreshments at public functions. I was on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Sociology* from 2001-2005 and have continued to review articles for both *JoS* and *HSR*. In 2006 I convened the TASA Public Lecture presented by Anthony Elliott. I was elected to the Executive in 2007 as a General Member and then served as Vice-President in 2009-2010. I am now looking forward to the challenges and rewards of being President.