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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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THE REWARDS OF NASIG INVOLVEMENT

Many times during this year I have marveled at the energy and commitment of NASIG members. I am deeply grateful to each of you who have sent messages responding to my columns or announcements on NASIG-L and to those of you who have registered for the Duke conference or renewed your memberships. Every production needs an audience, and you serve NASIG with your support and attendance.

In this final column, I also want to acknowledge the contributions of the many active members who manage and create NASIG activities. We are all indebted to you, and I thank you for your service to NASIG. My comments on the activities that follow are intended to be highlights so please accept my apology if some details are omitted. And apart from altruism, I believe that one gets out of something what one puts into it; I am confident that you have each gained useful skills, knowledge and contacts through your NASIG activities.

Annual Conference Preparation and Evaluation

Our annual conference is in many ways NASIG's crown jewel. Organizing the local arrangements for a conference of 600 people is a huge undertaking, requiring time from both work and personal lives. The Conference Planning Committee handles details ranging from budgeting to selecting venues for evening

entertainment to planning assistance with luggage as attendees arrive. Duke Conference Planning Committee Chair Marcia Tuttle has done a marvelous job of coordinating this range of activities and adjusting for the inevitable unpredictable complications that occur. The hardworking and creative members of this key committee were Barbara Best-Nichols, Eleanor Cook, Christie Degener, Marla Edelman, Nancy Gibbs, Carson Holloway, Mike Markwith, Douglas Stewart, Elaine Teague, Jeri Van Goethem, and Judy Woodburn. The Conference Planning and Program Planning Committees have had the additional challenge this year of incorporating special activities for our tenth conference celebration.

Many committees and several task forces have undertaken special activities to commemorate our tenth anniversary conference, but the primary responsibility rests with the Tenth Anniversary Celebration Task Force, chaired by Esther Sleep. Their recommendations include a champagne toast and birthday cake, a display of archival material, a program session recalling past topics and speakers, special recognition for 22 members who have attended all of the conferences, souvenirs, and a special issue of the Newsletter. The energetic and creative group members are Christie Degener, Carol Magenau, Kat McGrath, Elaine Rast, and Karen Zuidema. Karen Darling has served as liaison to the PPC.

Large amounts of time, energy and creativity are also devoted to developing the intellectual content of the conference. The work of this committee includes reviewing proposals, brainstorming about possible speakers, extending invitations and instructions, and replacing speakers as needed. Planning Committee Co-chairs Bobbie Carlson and Michele Crump and their committee members, Alex Bloss, Karen Cargille, Karen Darling, Pamela Simpson Elsherbini, Lisa Macklin, Mary McLaren, Kathy Meneely, Christa Reinke and Patricia Wallace, have composed a superlative group of plenary and concurrent sessions and workshops which address the conference theme, "Serials to the Tenth Power:

Tradition, Technology and Transformation." They and the CPC have also made some changes to the schedule this year which are designed to alleviate some of the problems of conference size.

The Board and these committees take the ratings and comments you provide on the conference evaluation forms very seriously. This year we formed a task force to reconceptualize the evaluation process, design a new form, and recommend how the process should be conducted. Chair Beverley Geer-Butler and her group, Ladd Brown, Teresa Malinowski, Jennifer Marill, Beatrice McKay and Marla Schwartz, handled their charge superbly and have been given a new job. They are implementing their recommendations by compiling, analyzing, and publicizing the results of the Duke conference evaluation.

Publications and Communication

The permanent record of the program is the conference Proceedings. First time Proceedings Editors Beth Holley and Mary Ann Sheble were superb, and I am delighted that they have agreed to continue. They delivered an edited text to our publisher exactly on time, despite the ninth conference being the largest to date and having several taped talks to transcribe. Bob Persing, this year's indexer, maintained the momentum and completed his work quickly. As a result, the Proceedings of the ninth conference were available in March, nine months after the conference. Bob Persing also chaired the Proceedings Publisher Task Force, with members Emma Cuesta and Ann Okerson. They determined specifications, solicited, and reviewed bids for the Proceedings and made a recommendation to the Board, meeting a very short timetable.

As the Proceedings document our conference, the NASIG Newsletter records Board, committee and task force activity, conference publicity and summaries, member news, and activity in the serials community. Ellen Duranceau expanded the scope of the Newsletter during her first

two-year term as Editor-in-Chief and began a second term this year. She resigned for personal reasons after the September issue went to press but served on the Newsletter Editor search committee and has continued in an unofficial advisory role. I am very appreciative of her past accomplishments and ongoing service to NASIG. We were very fortunate that Maggie Horn was able to step into the Editor-in-Chief position, help select and then train her replacement as Production Editor. Maggie is both a big-picture and a detail person, able to edit submissions for clarity and style, recruit reporters and send clever reminders to those whose submissions are due. She has also cheerfully added items late in the cycle. Her sense of humor keeps everyone working together. Carol MacAdam ensures that the interesting tidbits in the "About NASIG Members" columns make for "must" reading. Steve Savage lays out each issue, and Vikki Medaglia arranges the distribution, resulting in issues that come out in record time from the transmittal of final copy. The committee also worked with the Tenth Anniversary Celebration Task Force to prepare a special issue this spring as part of the celebration.

Another wonderfully productive group is the Database and Directory Committee. Chair Theresa Baker was assisted by members Christine Christiansen, Robert Cleary, Leanne Hillery, Roger Presley, Judith Shelton, and Joan Stephens. Maintaining a database of information about more than 1,000 members is a lot of work. The 1995 Directory, which is now in press, will be the largest ever. Membership size is the largest at annual conference time, so scheduling production at this time will allow inclusion of the largest number of members. Additional material has been added to the front matter, including the Vision Statement, Bylaws and the committee volunteer form. This group interacts with several others, working with the Treasurer and Regional Council and Membership Committee to coordinate the membership renewal process; reporting new member information to the latter group, and reporting both new members and changes in information to the Electronic Communication

Committee and to the Newsletter Columns Editor. This committee also works with the Nominations and Elections Committee checking membership status of nominees and supplying mailing labels for ballots, the Newsletter, and bylaws votes.

The Electronic Communication Committee had another characteristically productive year providing critical communication mechanisms for NASIG. Marilyn Geller, chair, worked with committee members Donnice Cochenour, Ann Ercelawn, Kate Herzog, Betty Landesman, Birdie MacLennan, Steve Oberg and Maggie Rioux. This year maintaining NASIGNET was a bigger job than ever before. In addition to the NASIG-L list, the committee maintained eighteen listservs for NASIG committees and task forces. Recognizing the need to promote easy access for "hot topic" files, they sought Board permission to selectively copy such files to the top level of the gopher. They continued to work with the Proceedings and Newsletter editors to mount those publications on the gopher. Plans to provide additional electronic resources are under development. For the third conference in a row, the ECC has been responsible for a preconference, and a proposal for a workshop was also selected. With three charter members (Marilyn, Ann and Birdie) rotating off this year, the group planned for the transition by training new listowners and a gophermaster.

Awards and Outreach

One of our most successful programs in terms of publicity and recruiting students to serials work is the NASIG Conference Student Grant program. The committee that administers this program made several changes this year, including standardizing the name of the award and renaming itself accordingly to the Conference Student Grant Committee. All correspondence and publicity announcements reflected this change and incorporated a broader definition of serials work to make it clear that students who intended to work in related areas other than library acquisitions and cataloging were eligible. The committee also added

additional awards for students from local library schools as part of the tenth anniversary celebrations. Forty-seven applicants were screened and eight awards were made. My deep appreciation and admiration go to chair Gail Julian and members Mary Devlin, Linda Horiuchi, Ken Kirkland, Margaret Mering, Debbie Leggett Sibley, Kay Teel, and Sarah Tusa. Despite the added duties this year, they made it all happen on time and look effortless.

For several years, the Board had considered recommendations to create a similar conference support award for professionals new to serials work. Our tenth anniversary seemed the perfect time to try this idea, and former Board member Sylvia Martin was willing to chair the NASIG Horizon Award Task Force. She and members Patricia Frade, Anne McKee, Elizabeth Parang, Christine Stamison and Peter Whiting did such an excellent job establishing criteria and a timetable that we then asked them to conduct the award process. They did so with aplomb and selected three recipients. Another group, the Founders Research Award Task Force also worked hard to create criteria and a timetable for an award to fund research in an area of serials with the option of presenting the results at a NASIG conference. Charles May and members Rita Broadway, Cynthia Clark, Sandy Gurshman, Ann O'Neill, Pat Putney, and Steve Savage did a great job designing the award process. The actual implementation was more problematic, reflecting NASIG's lack of experience with such an award, and we had no applicants. We'll try again next year and are very grateful to the task force for establishing a basis for continuation.

Two committees are responsible for various types of outreach efforts. The Regional Councils and Membership Committee, chaired by Joyce Tenney, made progress this year in defining and expanding its role. In addition to attending regional meetings and distributing membership literature and encouraging the state representatives to do so, the committee prepared a version of the membership form for mounting on our gopher, began revising the membership brochure, and assumed responsibility for welcoming new members

from the Treasurer. I appreciate the efforts of members Susan Collins, Beth Holley, Judy Johnson, Leslie Knapp, Julie Su, Kathleen Thorne and Jeri Van Goethem as well as Joyce's.

The Continuing Education Task Force developed a comprehensive report of guidelines and policies for the Continuing Education Committee. Chair John Tagler and members Adrian Alexander, Buzzy Basch, Carol Hawks, Cindy Hepfer, and Kathy Meneely are commended on their excellent work. The report addressed criteria (frequency, topics and geographic spread), collaboration with other NASIG committees, co-sponsorship with other organizations, budgeting, and policies and procedures. The Continuing Education Committee had a slow start as it awaited the task force report, but plans for several workshops are underway. Thanks go to chair Adrian Alexander and members Nancy Chaffin, Mary Fugle, Philip Greene, Kit Kennedy, Janice Lindquist, Linda Meiseles, Denise Novak, Kathy Schmidt, and Marcia Tuttle for their participation.

Core Services

The Bylaws Committee had a relatively quiet year, with no requests for revisions submitted. Gaele Gillespie, chair, and her committee members, Marifran Bustion, Joanne Donovan, Sandy Folsom, and Catherine Nelson, presented recommendations to improve the security and response rate of future ballots. Most of the Finance Committee's work has come in the last part of the year, as they have considered whether a increase in membership dues might be warranted; as they did last year, committee members plan to assist at the Conference Treasurer's table. Chair Dan Tonkery has been supported by members Dorothy Collins, Martha Hill, Harriet Kersey, and Minna Saxe. Dorothy Collins has also done a wonderful job sharing registrar duties with her Conference Planning Committee counterpart, Marla Edelman.

There is no more important job in NASIG than that of ensuring its future leadership. Our nomination process is an open one in which names of potential candidates are solicited from the membership. The responsibility for

contacting nominees, rating those who agree to be considered, selecting candidates, and conducting the election is the responsibility of the Nominations and Elections Committee. This group, chaired by Martin Gordon, reversed a troublesome pattern of recent years by presenting a full slate with no unopposed candidates. We are indebted to Marty and members Judy Johnston, Larry Keating, Steve Murden, Marjorie Wilhite, and Sue Williams for their excellent work in this time consuming and difficult process.

Future Developments

Our next conference will be held at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, June 23-26, 1996. The Southwest Site Selection committee was chaired by Fran Wilkinson and Joan Griffith, Ruth Haest, Anne McKee, and Karen Tallman were members. Several sites were considered and two were visited. Once the Board made a selection, 1996 Conference Planning Committee co-chairs Fran Wilkinson and Joan Griffith were appointed. They have recruited members Sever Bordeianu, Michael Brown, Marilyn Fletcher, Ruth Haest, Anne McKee, and Andrea Testi. In an experiment to try and make conference planning less stressful, the committee started work eighteen months before the conference and has already accomplished a great deal. Fran also updated the Site Selection Manual before passing it along to the next committee.

In March, the Great Lakes Site Selection Committee was appointed to consider 1997 conference site possibilities in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Bill Sozansky, chair, appointed three subcommittees, one for each state. Bill and his committee members have done a great job in a very short time frame, and I greatly appreciate their efforts. Thank you, Michigan Site Selection Team Chair Judy Wilhelme and Rita Echt; Minnesota Site Selection Team, Sue Zuriff, Chair, and Wil Harri, Pam Mills, and Jo Ann Toussaint; and Wisconsin Site Selection Team, Kathy Schmidt, Chair, and Alice Gormley, Kathi Jakubowski, and Dorothy Kanter.

A two year project to compile a Conference Planning manual was chaired by Teresa Malinowski with contributors Jean Callaghan, Susan Davis, Kat McGrath, Jim Mouw, and Pat Putney. The manual they produced was tested by the Duke Conference Planning Committee. Feedback from the CPC will be very valuable as the task force continues to revise the manual. A task force to create a Program Planning manual was established last summer. Chair Julie Gammon and members Michele Crump, Susan Davis, Cindy Hepfer, and October Ivins met to create a detailed outline. The outline has been expanded, and two chapters have been drafted. Bobbie Carlson is also a member, and Terry Horner and Karen Darling are consultants. Work will continue next year.

One of NASIG's most ambitious and far reaching initiatives will also conclude next year. Mary Beth Clack and John Tagler have co-chaired the Strategic Planning Task Force, the third and final phase of a five year strategic planning project they began five years ago. Task force members Barbara Hall, Cindy Hepfer, October Ivins, Birdie MacLennan, Barbara Meyers, Ann Okerson, and Teresa Malinowski helped draft a report which recommended the establishment of six working groups to draft goals and objectives. Their first report is due at the next Board meeting. The working groups are: Membership, Theresa Baker, Chair, with Roger Presley and Joyce Tenney; Education, Marilyn Geller, Chair, with Isabel Czech and Cindy Hepfer; Electronic Communications, Birdie MacLennan, Chair, with Ellen Duranceau and Ann Ercelawn; Financial Planning, Dan Tonkery, Chair, with Tina Feick and Minna Saxe; Professional Liaisons, Susan Malawski, Chair, with Susan Davis and Philip Greene; and Grants and Recognition, Sylvia Martin, Chair, with Sandy Gurshman, Ken Kirkland, and Anne McKee. We hope the final report will be approved in time for publication in the September Newsletter.

Members-at-Large and Archivist

It should be obvious by now how much time many people devote to NASIG. If the secret to

succeeding as a manager is to hire the best people you can find, then the key to directing a volunteer organization is to work with committed and talented people. NASIG is rich in energy and commitment, as suggested by these brief summaries.

Former Board member Elaine Rast concludes her service as NASIG's first Archivist this year. She has collected and organized the files, leaving them in much better shape for her successor than she found them. Elaine prepared a job description for the position. As a member of the Tenth Anniversary Celebration Task Force, Elaine has located pertinent records and helped prepare a display for the conference. Her recommendation to the Board that we continue to maintain the files as a working archive and not formally deposit them at this time has been accepted. As the organization continues to grow, having the ability to refer to earlier records will become increasingly important. We are indebted to Elaine for her work in providing this foundation for the future. A search committee to select a new Archivist was formed in the spring. Regina Reynolds, chair, was joined by Anne McKee and Ellen Finnie Duranceau in this effort.

Jean Callaghan was a new Board member this year who has been able to use her prior NASIG experience in several assignments. Jean served as liaison to two active groups, the Electronic Communication Committee and the Horizon Award Task Force. As a former Newsletter Editor and member of the last Newsletter Editor search committee, Jean was a great help to me on the Search Committee for Newsletter Editor-in-Chief. When the time came to establish a Site Selection Committee for the Great Lakes region (Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin) Jean, who co-chaired the Brown Conference Planning Committee, was an obvious choice. I appreciate Jean's positive attitude and straightforward comments.

Bobbie Carlson was also a newcomer to the Board this year. Bobbie co-chaired the Program Planning Committee, coordinating the plenary and concurrent side of the program.

This is a huge undertaking by itself but I knew from working with Bobbie on the committee over the last few years that she possessed the imagination, organizational skills, range of contacts and drive to succeed in this role and handle Board responsibilities. She also served as liaison to the Bylaws Committee. Bobbie has been a thoughtful contributor to Board discussions, frequently providing opinions that are well considered and clearly stated.

Connie Foster is completing her term as a member-at-large this year. She was an excellent liaison to our new editors for the 1994 Proceedings, helping them learn what was expected, work out details ranging from taping sessions to selecting recorders, and communicating with other groups in NASIG and with the publisher. Connie served as liaison to the Proceedings Publisher Task Force and was instrumental in helping them to meet a very tight deadline. Connie served a second year as liaison to the Conference Student Grant Committee, providing helpful continuity to its new chair during an especially busy year. She accepted the Board's invitation to participate in site visits with the Southwest Site Selection Committee and provided valuable input into our decision making process. It has been a pleasure working with Connie.

Birdie MacLennan continued her commitment to the Electronic Communication Committee serving as an active member and helping to mentor newer members. She chairs the Working Group on Electronic Communications of the Strategic Plan Task Force and is a task force member. She was the liaison this year for two important groups. She assisted the Database and Directory Committee in making the many adjustments needed to change the production schedule and add many new items to the front matter. As liaison to the Conference Evaluation Task Force, Birdie was thorough and conscientious in providing Board feedback to the group, which allowed them to complete their charge. I rely upon Birdie to supply thoughtful comments to Board discussions which respect a variety of views but make a clear recommendation.

Jim Mouw has been a great member-at-large. As liaison to the Conference Planning Committee, he has made significant contributions to coordinating our most complex undertaking to date, the tenth anniversary conference. Jim, who chaired the UIC Conference Planning Committee, has also served as liaison to the Conference Planning Manual Task Force. As liaison to the Founders Research Award Task Force, Jim helped develop a new type of award program for NASIG. Jim's perspective on issues is at once practical and grounded in the NASIG vision. NASIG was very fortunate that two excellent candidates were willing to risk running for President this year rather than the safer route of running for a member-at-large seat. I hope to see Jim on a future NASIG ballot.

John Tagler served as chair and liaison to two groups with far reaching impact. John has played a key role in our strategic planning initiative for several years, co-chairing the membership survey and the Vision Statement task forces. This year he and Mary Beth Clack co-chaired the Strategic Planning Task Force. Their work expanded beyond the committee to involve additional members in six working groups. This group of activities will provide direction to the organization for years to come. John also chaired the Continuing Education Task Force, whose report was published in the last issue of the Newsletter. The policy and guidelines established for the Continuing Education Committee will take NASIG programs to members and prospective members who don't attend the annual conference. John also participated in the Southwest Site Selection site visits. John has not only provided an invaluable publisher's perspective at many points in Board deliberations, but also his logical, elegantly written comments help summarize and reconcile other points of view.

Officers

Dan Tonkery, in his second year as Treasurer, continued to refine and expand the financial reports to provide better analysis of income and

expenditures and thus improve the Board's ability to make decisions. He initiated a discussion of a possible future dues increase with adequate lead time to allow full consideration of alternatives and possible impact. His office again received conference registration forms and handled the financial aspect of registration. For most of the year, he distributed welcome packets to new members. Dan also performed the basic Treasurer's duties of recording membership payments and renewals, handling payments and reimbursements, filing the tax return, and managing our investment income. His businessman's perspective in Board meetings and continuing reminder to consider the cost of each proposal has been very valuable.

Susan Davis does a wonderful job as secretary and I'm sure I'll miss acknowledging something as we seem to add more and more duties to her position. In addition to preparing formal minutes and adding summaries of decisions made in Board List discussions, she coordinates the receipt of program proposals and assists the Program Planning Committee with correspondence and publicity as needed. Susan also works with the Conference Planning Committee, compiling list of committees, networking nodes, and user groups who need meeting space. She distributes orientation packets to new Board members and orders service awards for conference distribution. This year Susan coordinated the group of individuals serving as NASIG's liaisons to other professional organizations and has made good progress in standardizing expectations for their service. She is a member of the Strategic Plan Task Force's Working Group on Professional liaisons. As liaison to the Tenth Anniversary Celebration Task Force, Susan has taken an active role in planning for the celebration and served as guest editor of the special issue of the Newsletter prepared by the group. Susan has begun collecting electronic files of documents prepared by other Board members and committees. In addition, Susan draws on her long and varied experience with NASIG in Board discussions and decisions.

Recognizing these last two officers without sounding maudlin is especially difficult. I have been in daily, and frequently hourly, contact with Julie Gammon and Cindy Hepfer. I could not have asked for two more committed, generous, and capable people to share this year. And they are also two of my favorite people, so I have been very fortunate indeed.

Julie Gammon, Vice President/President Elect, has contributed in many critical areas this year. As a three year veteran and former co-chair of the Program Planning Committee, Julie was an excellent liaison to the Program Planning Committee and shares credit for the terrific program they assembled. She also led the discussions which selected the program theme for 1996. Julie served as chair and liaison of the new Program Planning Manual Task Force, which made substantial progress this year. As liaison to the Regional Councils and Membership Committee, Julie helped the group examine and begin expanding its role. Julie was the liaison to the Southwest Site Selection Committee, providing direction and feedback from the Board. As an enthusiastic supporter of allowing the new 1996 Conference Planning Committee to begin work early, Julie served as its interim liaison until the spring elections. She met an earlier deadline for completing committee appointments and even got her appointment letters out before the conference. Beyond these formal duties, Julie has been constantly involved in a variety of discussions and decisions about NASIG activities and has been a huge help to me. Julie will be a wonderful President, and I look forward to assisting her in any way she wishes.

Cindy Hepfer, as Past President, worked at least as hard as any of us this year. Cindy's commitment to NASIG outreach was evident in several roles. She served on both Continuing Education groups -- as a member of the guidelines task force and as liaison to the Continuing Education Committee and also was

an active member of the Strategic Plan Task Force and its working group on education. Cindy was the most active member of the Program Planning Manual Task Force, drafting chapters on theme development and communication and reports. Cindy was the Board liaison to the Archivist, coordinated getting a job description prepared, and also helped establish and then served on the search committee to select the next Archivist. As liaison to the Nominations and Elections Committee, Cindy handled a very sensitive assignment with her usual grace. These formal assignments don't begin to describe the amount of time and effort Cindy was willing to expend on NASIG again this year. I could not have managed the President's role without the "on the job training" and continual support and advice Cindy offered as needed.

One of the themes that runs through this summary of activity is the increasing interactions between and among the individuals who make up our committees and task forces and serve as liaisons. As one column this year focused on the time context of NASIG work, this one has stressed areas of teamwork, blending, overlap, cooperation and joint projects. NASIG is still small enough to be flexible, constantly striving to follow useful traditions and procedures while allowing and encouraging innovation and improvement. In a period of rapid change with the attendant personal impact so well described at the Vancouver conference, it has delighted me to observe over the course of the year the cooperation and personal support NASIG members have offered one another. Thank you all for making my year as NASIG's President an extraordinarily rewarding experience. I am delighted to welcome Beverley Geer-Butler, Vice-President/President Elect, and new Members at Large Eleanor Cook and Kat McGrath to the Board. I offer my best wishes for another successful year to incoming President Julie Gammon and all NASIG members.

NASIG COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PLANNING (CPC): ANNUAL REPORT
Marcia Tuttle, Chair

The 1994/1995 CPC consisted of the following members: Barbara Best-Nichols, Eleanor Cook, Christie Degener, Marla Edelman, Nancy Gibbs, Carson Holloway, Mike Markwith, Doug Stewart, Elaine Teague, Jeri Van Goethem, Judy Woodburn, and Marcia Tuttle (Chair). Special help from Jim Mouw (Board Liaison).

The group has been working since last summer to produce a very fine annual conference at Duke, June 1-4, at a reasonable cost. Its interim product is the conference brochure

which contains detailed information about the conference. The final product will be the conference itself: formal meeting sessions, associated committee meetings, social activities, tours, and late night networking time.

It has been useful to have the CPC manual, newly created this year, as a guide to the planning. We expect to have comments for the manual creators following the conference.

NASIG CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT
Adrian Alexander, Chair

Members of the Continuing Education Committee for the period June, 1994, to June, 1995, were: Adrian W. Alexander (Chair), Nancy Chaffin, Mary Fugle, Philip E. N. Greene, III, Cindy Hepfer (Board Liaison), Kit Kennedy, Janice Lindquist, Linda Meiseles, Denise Novak, Kathy Schmidt, and Marcia Tuttle.

During the past year, the committee was unable to complete plans for any continuing education programs. However, the following efforts are ongoing and should bring results during the coming year:

1. Denise Novak and Phil Greene are working on a serials management workshop to be held in the Pittsburgh PA area in the fall.
2. Adrian Alexander and Nancy Chaffin have been working on a serials cataloging workshop to be held in the Southwest. NASIG members

Beverley Geer-Butler and Bea McKay, who conducted a very successful workshop on series authority control at the 1994 Annual Conference, have indicated a willingness to participate in this project. Adrian Alexander has approached the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council about holding this workshop next fall in conjunction with the AMIGOS membership meeting in Dallas.

3. Adrian Alexander sent letters in February to the library school deans at the University of North Texas and the University of Texas at Austin proposing that NASIG conduct serials management workshops at their schools. To date, no response has been received from either dean. It is anticipated that October Ivins' planned move to Austin, Texas this summer may prove useful in continuing our efforts there next year.

NASIG DATABASE AND DIRECTORY COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT
Theresa Baker, Chair

Members were: Theresa Baker (Chair), Christine Christiansen, Robert Cleary, Leanne Hillery, Birdie MacLennan (Board Liaison), Roger Presley, Judith Shelton, and Joan Stephens.

Database

The committee kept busy with its usual duties related to the membership database: maintaining the database; printing mailing labels for newsletters, ballots, and conference brochures; and preparing renewal forms and reminders. New member and member change information was sent to Ann Ercelawn (Electronic Communications) and Carol MacAdam (Newsletter) twice monthly. Additionally, this year we began sending new member information to Joyce Tenney (Regional Councils & Membership). As of this report, the membership is at 1,039, which includes 137 new members.

Directory

The Directory production schedule was pushed back this year resulting in a mid-May publication date. The new schedule will allow us to include more members in the Directory, as well as Board and committee members for the upcoming year. The 1995 Directory has 1,000 members listed (a 25% increase over 1994!) and should be mailed out at the beginning of June. Other enhancements made to this year's

Directory include the addition of NASIG's Vision Statement, Bylaws, and a committee volunteer form. Coordinating the production of the Directory is a big job requiring the efforts of all of the D & D Committee, our Board Liaison, members of the Executive Board, and other committees. Much thanks to everyone involved!

Special Projects

The Committee worked with the Board to create a list of "Organization Types." We will ask members to provide us with their organization type on the 1996 renewal forms, and add this information to the database. This will allow us to better monitor the demographics of NASIG.

We began a new procedure for producing mailing labels for the Newsletter this year. Instead of printing labels and mailing them to the Distribution Editor, we are sending the data in an electronic form to the printer. The printer then prints labels and affixes them to the envelopes all in one process. This has been a big time saver for us and also for the Distribution Editor, Vikki Medaglia.

The Committee continues to struggle with committee size and workload distribution issues. We are hoping to find a technological solution to the problem. In the meantime, we will attempt to maintain a group of committee members from one geographic area, as we have done in the past.

NASIG ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT
Marilyn Geller, Chair

Committee members were: Jean Callaghan (Board Liaison), Donnice Cochenour, Ann Ercelawn, Marilyn Geller (Chair), Kate

Herzog, Betty Landesman, Birdie MacLennan, Steve Oberg, and Maggie Rioux.

1. Committee list archive decisions and updating:

In June and July, new committee members' e-mail addresses were gathered, committee lists were updated by Ann, Donnice and Steve. Archive decisions were collected from last year's chairs. Those decisions were passed on to Kevin Curnow (AMS) for implementation. Ann contacted all committee chairs to inform them of the availability of their lists. NASIG has a total of eighteen committee lists this year, four of which were newly established. In May, we will begin the process of reviewing committee list use and contact committee chairs regarding whether to keep or purge their archives.

2. NASIG-L purge:

In coordination with the D&D committee and their annual purge, Ann, Betty, Donnice and Steve modified the NASIG-L subscriber list to reflect accurately paid-up memberships and e-mail addresses. After this modification, Kevin Curnow changed passwords and gopher port for NASIGNET services.

3. NASIGNET Welcome message:

New gopher port and password information was added to this document and it was sent to NASIG-L. It was also installed in the top level of the NASIG gopher. The NASIGNET welcome message was reviewed and edited several times during the year to reflect up-to-date membership and subscriber numbers.

4. Conference proposals:

The committee discussed and developed several proposals which were submitted to the NASIG Secretary to be passed on to the Program Planning Committee. We submitted one plenary proposal, one preconference proposal, one concurrent proposal, two hands-on training workshops, and one workshop about electronic networking in technical services. Several committee members volunteered to be part of various programs. We also included names of other possible speakers. The preconference proposal and one workshop proposal were accepted. The committee has assumed responsibility for the presentation,

introduction, and recording of the preconference program with support from our PPC liaison and help from a variety of CPC members.

5. Listowner trainees:

With an eye towards the future, we asked for volunteers to learn about listownership. Ann developed a job description, and Betty and Steve volunteered to be trainees with the intention of taking over the management of the lists next year. Steve will assume the primary listowner position and Betty the backup listowner position.

6. Gopher trainee:

Along the same lines, Donnice volunteered to work with Maggie on putting material into the gopher. This includes the Newsletter, conference Proceedings, and a variety of time sensitive files. Next year's gopher administration will be the responsibility of Maggie and Donnice.

7. Gopher developments:

Several people have suggested reorganizing the menus in the NASIG gopher. Maggie has initiated a discussion of how we'd like to reorganize this menu. An outline has been developed for the new gopher structure, but it has not yet been acted upon pending additional services from our Internet host. These new services would include indexing capabilities for text files from the Newsletter and Proceedings and menu indexing.

Birdie and Maggie created a plain text version of NASIGNET and Beyond and moved these files into the gopher thereby making the manual electronically accessible to the membership.

In November, the Board approved a suggestion to allow gopher administrators to selectively copy time-sensitive files to the top level menu of the gopher for quicker access. We've had occasion to copy files such as the membership renewal form, the election slate, and the committee volunteer form, among others to this "hot topic" area of the gopher.

8. Other activities

Based on the meeting that Jean and I had with Pat Morgan of AMS in October, the committee made a list of possibilities we'd like to explore with AMS for providing electronic resources to and for the organization. This list was submitted to AMS in February and included, among other things, a request for a web server,

WAIS and JUGHEAD indexing, and an online membership directory. We are still awaiting word from AMS about these possibilities.

9. Future issues:

The Board has requested that the committee look into the mechanics of moderating NASIG-L.

NASIG NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD: ANNUAL REPORT

Marguerite Horn, Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Editorial Board are: Maggie Horn (Editor-in-Chief), Steve Savage, (Production Editor), Carol MacAdam (Columns Editor), Vikki Medaglia (Distribution Editor), and October Ivins (Board Liaison).

Unlike Garrison Keillor, I can not say, "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon!" The beginning of the year saw an initial change in personnel which predicted a smooth transition from experienced Board members to experienced Board members in new positions: Vikki Medaglia replaced Maggie Horn as Distribution Editor, but Maggie stayed on as Production Editor, replacing Kathy Schmidt who had served four years in that capacity. Ellen Duranceau continued as Editor-in-Chief and Carol MacAdam continued as Columns Editor. However, as the September issue went to press, Ellen Duranceau announced her resignation for personal reasons.

Since we were already into a new year of production, the NASIG Executive Board and the Editorial Board decided to look within the Editorial Board for a new Editor-in-Chief, instead of advertising to the membership as a whole. Maggie Horn agreed to be considered for the position and, following an interview with Board members, was appointed to serve out Ellen Duranceau's two-year term. An advertisement was then submitted to NASIG-L for a new Production Editor, and Steve Savage began work on the December issue. This change in personnel was effected with remarkable rapidity and production of issues has not been markedly affected.

This year we have been experimenting with a new method of label production. In the past, the

Distribution Editor received a set of labels from Database & Directory Committee and placed them on the envelopes. Since December, the Distribution Editor has received, instead, a disk with the mailing list and has had the labels produced at the same time as the Newsletter, by the printer. This is proving to be a more efficient method of labeling the issues, but it is slightly more costly. We will be evaluating this procedure as the calendar year progresses.

The Editorial Board has also been charged to investigate desktop publishing programs. Due to the " Sturm und Drang" of the beginning of the year, we have not been able to turn our full attention to this charge but will be doing so in the next few months.

As of this writing, we are in the process of creating that blessing and bane of all serialists: a special issue. Since this is the tenth anniversary year of NASIG, we are producing a special issue which will look back at the ten years of our existence. The contents of the issue are being submitted by the Tenth Anniversary Committee; Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary, is serving as "Guest Editor" for the issue, with Maggie Horn as the Production Editor.

Finally, Ellen Duranceau deserves an enormous "Thank you" and round of applause. She did a wonderful job as Editor-in-Chief for two plus years and has been more than willing to continue to play a supportive and unofficial advisory role to the Board. She greatly expanded the Newsletter during her editorship, and we will be following the path she laid for the next two years.

NASIG NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT
Marty Gordon, Chair

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report of the 1994/1995 Nominations and Elections Committee. Committee members were: Martin Gordon (Chair), Cindy Hepfer (Board Liaison), Larry R. Keating, II, Judith K. Johnston, Steven H. Murden, Marjorie Wilhite, and Susan Williams.

The committee began its work with a "Call for Nominations" issued at the podium during the Business Meeting at the 9th Annual Conference (Vancouver, BC). By the 10/15/95 deadline, the chair received a total of forty-five names placed in nomination via sixteen different nomination forms. Two forms received after the 10/15/94 deadline were not processed. One nominee was disqualified by virtue of membership on the committee; twenty-one other nominees declined to be considered for at least one of the offices for which their name had been brought forward. Three individuals accepted review for the office of Vice-President/President Elect, four for Treasurer, and twenty-one for the six ballot slots for Member-at-Large. Concurrent with the process of nominee contact and review was the employment of the "invitational" contact medium wherein, after a lengthy phone conference between the Chair and the Executive Board Liaison, they contacted various nominees and other eligible individuals regarding any potential interest they may have had regarding certain offices subject to election. After a very difficult review process that involved individual committee assessment of all packets of profile sheets, vita and position statements, ten individuals among the nominees/invitees were recommended to and approved by the Executive Board for ballot slating.

A total of 840 ballots were mailed on 2/8/95 to all active members on record with the Chair of the Database and Directory Committee as of 2/7/95. 508 ballots (60 %) were returned with postmarks of 3/15/95 or earlier. No ballots received on the ballot form had to be disqualified, one attempt to vote via NASIG-L, e-mail and then by a postal mail photocopy of the same was disallowed. The results of the

election were announced in the NASIG Newsletter, vol.10, no. 2 (April, 1995), p. 28, in compliance with Article VII, Section 2, of the By-Laws (4/19/94):

Vice-President / President Elect
& President / Past President
(1995/1996 - 1997/1998)

Beverley Geer-Butler
Trinity University

Treasurer
(1995/1996 - 1996/1997)

Dan Tonkery
Readmore, Inc.

Members-At-Large
(1995/1996 - 1996/1997)

Eleanor I. Cook
Appalachian State University

Birdie MacLennan
University of Vermont

Kat McGrath
University of British Columbia

The committee instituted several changes in enhancements to the process this past year, chief among which were the successful utilization of the "invitational" approach to candidate identification concurrent with the nomination and review process, the use of a logo imprinted ballot that was itself printed on security paper, the provision of an SAE with the ballot, and the clarification of terms of office on the ballot itself. Future committees may wish to address the need to provide an actual script for the initial phone contact of nominees by committee members; a more structured nominee profile analysis sheet that may enable nominees to prepare a more uniform, comprehensive vita; providing examples of previous year position statements to all candidates as an assistance in their preparing their own; and the calendaring of a period of

time when final drafts of ballot enclosures may be reviewed by each candidate prior to printing.

Certain people need to be publicly recognized for their assistance throughout this past nomination and election year. Ann Ercelawn, without whose NASIG-ELECTIONS list the committee never could have hoped to function (NASIG-ELECTIONS grew to an 835k folder by year's end !!); Maggie Horn, who was patient with our meeting Newsletter deadlines, etc.; Theresa Baker, who provided the ballot labels and then addenda the night before the mailing;

and most especially, through it all, Cindy Hepfer, who has the rare and precious ability to truly "liaison" without in any way infringing on a committee's independence.

Most of all, however, as in any democratic process of choice, thanks should be extended to those of you who took time to select NASIG's new leaders and specifically for those among you who were not so self-centered that you would not answer the call to make alternatives possible even though it was not always the easy or safe road to take.

NASIG PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC): ANNUAL REPORT Bobbie Carlson and Michele Crump, Co-Chairs

The Program Planning Committee, reflective of NASIG's goals of member involvement and mentoring, retained the two subcommittee structure established two years ago with the Brown conference. With a total of eleven members, four members have continued from last year. Michele Crump chairs the workshop group, which includes Karen Darling, 1994 plenary/concurrent group member; Lisa Macklin, 1994/95 Student Grants, Chair; Christa Reinke, 1994 workshop leader; and Kathleen Meneely, 1987 Local Arrangements and 1990/91 Nominating Committee. The plenary/concurrent/preconference group is chaired by Bobbie Carlson and includes Alex Bloss, 1994 plenary/concurrent group member; Karen Cargille, non-NASIG programming experience; Mary McLaren, 1990 workshop leader; Pamela Simpson Elsherbini, 1993 workshop leader; and Patricia Wallace, 1991 workshop leader.

We relied heavily on the counsel of the current President, incoming President, past Presidents, the Board, and the Conference Planning Chair. Even some early asked speakers helped us out. The committee owes much thanks to this extended group: October Ivins, Julie Gammon, Cindy Hepfer, Ann Okerson, Marcia Tuttle, Birdie MacLennan, John Tagler, Susan Davis and other Board members. The danger of

making lists like this is that people to thank unintentionally get left off. This indeed will no doubt be the case, since the numbers who actually worked on the program are encompassed by a very large "net."

Past successes of previous years to select and announce a theme in the call for papers prompted us to try the same tactic. The theme, "Serials to the Tenth Power: Tradition, Technology and Transformation," was established just before last year's program. With the new proposal deadline of August 1, 1994 in place and a theme to promote, we solicited proposals that would reflect various talents of the membership and opportunities for development within the serials information chain. The combination of an early announced theme and an aggressive solicitation campaign produced over 60 diverse proposals for review. After much deliberation and discussion, PPC delivered a "semi-final" program copy to the Conference Planning Committee on January 23rd and had our "absolute final" version ready for CPC on February 1, 1995 for production of the registration brochure. Since then, the group has been hard at work with speaker arrangements and has duties that will continue through the 10th anniversary conference at Duke. As always, we have been pleased to find such talented and dedicated NASIG members to

work with on this committee. It truly has been a team effort.

Because the proposals continue to be of superior quality, the decision-making remains a challenge for committee members. Keeping with the past successes of the Electronic Communications Committee's preconferences, we chose to turn the planning for another one over to ECC, with particular help from Birdie MacLennan and Marilyn Geller. This year we added two more workshops to the program bringing the number up to 20 workshop offerings. We are also trying a new schedule for the workshops by repeating them on the same day. Since this is our tenth anniversary, we solicited a very special group of speakers for a NASIG Anniversary Conference Panel to

bring a continuity of thought and an appreciation of those who were NASIG founders and vital spirit. We've revamped the Informal Discussion Groups to become NASIG Networking Nodes that are "chat and chew" opportunities, gathering together people interested in certain topical discussions in informal dining settings. We chose not to repeat concurrent sessions as the schedule became very crowded.

The efforts of PPC coordinated with the help and work of many individuals will come together on June 1-4, 1995 at Duke University. Feedback from the conference evaluations will determine whether or not the above-mentioned experiments were improvements and the program was a success.

NASIG REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT Joyce Tenney, Chair

The committee roster for Regional Councils and Membership for 1994-1995 was: Julie Gammon (Board Liaison), Joyce Tenney (Chair), Susan Collins, Beth Holley, Judy Johnson, Leslie Knapp, Julie Su, Kathleen Thorne, and Jeri Van Goethem.

Regional Councils and Membership has had a very busy year. In addition to our regular duties of attending regional meetings and distributing membership brochures, we added a few extra activities this year and have assumed the duties for welcoming new members with a membership packet and welcome letter, revising the membership brochure, and producing a membership form to be mounted on the NASIG gopher. Also, we have been revising

the committee terms of state representatives and looking for ways to make them more effective.

One of our other tasks has been to develop a Procedures Manual for the committee. We are looking at the tasks required from the committee and timelines to give all on the committee a clear picture of what and when certain activities will occur.

We are still finishing the final version of the membership brochure and will have a finished document to the Executive Board for their fall meeting. It was a rewarding and productive year. Thank you to all who assisted the committee in its efforts.

NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT Gail Julian, Chair

Committee members were: Gail Julian (Chair), Mary Devlin, Linda Horiuchi, Ken Kirkland, Margaret Mering, Debbie Leggett Sibley, Kay Teel, and Sarah Tusa.

Accomplishments

This year the committee updated all correspondence as well as the grant application

itself to incorporate recommendations for changes made last year. One major change involved insuring uniformity in the name of the grant as printed in all correspondence and on all documents. The grant was listed as the "NASIG Conference Student Grant" in all copy for 1995. The second major change involved updating the documents to include a broader definition of serials work beyond the traditional acquisitions and cataloging definition.

Based upon recommendations from last year, the committee also modified the timetable for the grant announcement mailing and for the receipt of applications. The announcement was mailed to library schools in late November to be available by December 1. The deadline for applications was February 15, two weeks earlier than in previous years. Due to the change in the timetable, announcements were not submitted to print journals. Information from previous years indicated that few applicants obtained information about the grant from print journals. Most applicants saw the announcement on a listserv or heard about the grant from a library school faculty member or interested librarian. The number of listservs was expanded this year to 12 including SERIALST, NASIG-L, AUTOCAT, ACQNET, LIS-L, COLLDV-L, LIBADMIN, LIBREF-L, PACS-L, and GOVDOC-L. Because the original announcement was distributed at the end of the Fall semester, the announcement was reposted to the listservs in the Spring as a reminder.

10th Anniversary Grant

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the conference, two special grants were awarded in addition to the usual 6 grants. These special 10th anniversary grants were awarded to students in ALA-accredited library schools in North Carolina. Due to the close proximity of several library schools to the Duke campus, these special grants did not include travel expenses.

Issues to be Addressed

The committee chair continues to receive numerous requests for copies of the application form despite the large number that are mailed to library school faculty and deans and librarians. The application form needs to be available through the NASIG gopher along with the grant announcement. An e-mail copy of the application could also serve to expedite the application process since the two weeks prior to the deadline seem to be especially active.

Grant Recipients

Forty-seven applications were received this year, many during the two weeks prior to the deadline. The applicant pool, as always, was exceptional, making the final selection process difficult. The 1995 grant recipients are:

Whitney Alexander
Louisiana State University

Hui-Lan (Abby) Chen
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Alan D. Cordle
North Carolina Central University

Jill Emery
University of Texas at Austin

Ruth Haest
Emporia State University

Peter Jareo
University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Heather Norquist
San Jose State University

Jennifer Reaves
University of North Texas

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM TASK FORCE
Beverley Geer-Butler, chair

The members of the NASIG Conference Evaluation Form Task Force were: Ladd Brown, Beverley Geer-Butler (Chair), Birdie MacLennan (Board Liaison), Teresa Malinowski, Jennifer Marill, Beatrice McKay, and Maria Schwartz.

In July 1994 the committee began work on the following tasks as outlined in its charge:

- analyze the evaluation process and determine how information gathered from the evaluation form is used by the Board, Conference Planning Committee (CPC), and the Program Planning Committee (PPC)

- examine the current evaluation form, its earlier versions, and the tabulations and analyses that have been conducted

- investigate survey software and make a purchase recommendation

- design a new evaluation form

- make a recommendation for how the evaluation form will be produced, distributed, and processed in the future

The Task Force members divided up the tasks and presented an analysis and questions to the Board in November 1994. Based on input from the Board, CPC, and PPC, the Task Force members developed a prototype evaluation form to present to Board members for review at their February 1995 meeting. Two members of the Task Force also investigated and tested survey software and were able to make a purchase recommendation in March 1995.

Taking the Board recommendations for additions and changes to the prototype into consideration, the Task Force amended the prototype and resubmitted the form to the Task Force Board Liaison and others for final review. The

evaluation form was finalized and sent to the Duke CPC in early May 1995.

In March, the Task Force was asked also to design a preconference evaluation form. Working with Marilyn Geller and Birdie MacLennan, the form was designed along the lines of the main Duke form, presented for review and comment, revised, and sent to the Duke CPC in early May 1995.

The Task Force recommended the purchase of the SurveyPro software and the order was submitted in March 1995. Maria Schwartz and Jennifer Marill received the software in late March and used it to create the Duke conference and preconference forms.

The last task was to recommend a method by which the evaluation forms (preconference and main conference) will be produced, distributed, and processed each year hence. Since the beginning, the Task Force had been in favor of the creation of a standing committee to perform those tasks. In a report submitted to the Board in April 1995, the Task Force outlined tasks for the new committee. The Board provided feedback that resulted in the following recommendations for structure, procedures, and calendar:

1. Create a committee of 4-6 persons:

The committee's responsibility will be to produce, distribute, and process evaluation forms for the annual conference, the preconference, and any other functions requiring evaluation (e.g., Continuing Education workshops). The committee will have responsibility for maintaining and updating the software, corresponding with the software manufacturer, and passing the software to the next chair. Given the work to be done by the time the conference is held in June each year, the committee's work will start at the calendar year.

2. Calendar:

Jan.-Mar.: Working with the CPC and PPC, the committee does the following: 1) confers with the PPC about the list of sessions and workshop titles and their respective presenters for the "Conference Contents" section (obtain advance copy or drafts of program brochure); 2) confers with PPC about an evaluation form for the preconference (if any); 3) confers with CPC about list of conference or site-specific questions; 4) confers with Board Liaison about theme for next year's conference in order to provide that information in the "Planning for Future Conferences" section of the form.

Late April/early May: transmit evaluation form(s) to the PPC.

June: Comments are compiled from completed forms and within 2-3 weeks after the conference ends, the compilation of comments are submitted to the President to share with the PPC and CPC to aid in planning the next conference. The key emphasis and focus of this preliminary report is comments only.

July-Sept.: Data entry, tabulations, and report generation.

Oct.: Submit budget for calendar year. Budget items should consider postage, phone/fax expenses, office supplies,

contract labor (e.g., student labor to input data), software upgrades, and additional copies of software.

Nov. 1: Submit final report to Board Liaison for Board and Newsletter.

3. Reports:

The kinds and number of reports generated by the committee will depend on the needs of the Board, CPC, and PPC. The Task Force determined that the Board, CPC and PPC are most keen on having the following:

cross-tabulations among questions

historical perspective

a need to know trends over past of conferences was expressed

graphs and charts

a compilation of comments into meaningful categories

This was an interesting and challenging effort for us all. The Chair is extremely grateful to the energetic, thoughtful, and capable members of the Task Force, to our fine Board Liaison, Birdie MacLennan, and to October Ivins, who wrote a charge we could meet. The Task Force also acknowledges Ann Okerson for providing historical perspective, background, and experience in having coordinated NASIG's evaluation surveys in past years.

**NASIG 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1996):
"Pioneering New Serials Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials"
CALL FOR PAPERS, WORKSHOPS, AND PRECONFERENCES
Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary**

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an organization that serves the interests of U.S., Canadian and Mexican members of the serials information chain, will make a stop on scenic Route 66 in 1996. Our eleventh annual conference to be held June 20-23, 1996 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, a city which balances the prehistoric past with a high-tech present.

NASIG's annual conference provides a forum in which librarians, publishers, vendors, educators, binders, systems developers, and other serials specialists exchange views, present new ideas, proactively seek solutions to common problems, and discuss matters of current interest. The proceedings are published in Serials Librarian and in electronic format on the NASIG gopher.

NASIG's Program Planning Committee invites proposals for plenary papers and preconferences that deal with "big picture" aspects of the theme. We are especially interested in papers or preconference ideas that will explore the pioneering boundaries and relationships of NASIG's various constituencies.

Examples:

- * a new generation of multi-media serials publications
- * can electronic serials be adequately preserved/archived?
- * the role of preprint databases in scholarly communication
- * emerging roles for libraries, publishers, and vendors
- * the development of strategic alliances between commercial firms and non-profit institutions
- * how scholars and the academy view the serials frontier
- * is access in lieu of ownership really working?
- * the end-user as selector or "collection manager"
- * what kinds of serials do users want?
- * AACR2 and the information age: is the code still relevant?
- * will the World Wide Web replace the online catalog?

The Committee also invites workshop and preconference proposals that will provide practical ideas and assistance in dealing with an information world which combines both print and electronic serial publications. Examples:

- * cooperative serials collection development projects
- * cataloging electronic/multimedia serials/the Internet
- * reorganizing to meet new customer expectations
- * educating/retraining serialists for emerging information roles
- * serials processing/cataloging resources found on the Internet
- * how to obtain customer feedback
- * new technologies/services/software packages/standards
- * writing successful grants
- * Internet use by publishers and vendors
- * techniques for preserving electronic/paper serials

NASIG invites anyone in the information community to submit proposals and suggested topics/speakers. The Program Planning Committee reserves the right to combine, blend, or refocus proposals to maximize program breadth and relevance to our membership. As a result, only one presenter from proposals submitted by teams may be invited to participate.

Since proposals are reviewed competitively, please include complete information for maximum consideration:

- * name, address, telephone/fax numbers, and e-address of the proposer(s)
- * program title
- * a 200-300 word abstract clearly explaining the proposal and, if appropriate, its relevance to our theme
- * a prioritized preference for the proposal: plenary, workshop, or preconference

Proposals should be submitted -- via e-mail if at all possible -- no later than August 1, 1995 to Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary, to receive consideration. Send proposals to:

Susan Davis
Head, Periodicals
University at Buffalo
Lockwood Library Bldg.
Buffalo, NY 14260-2200
Fax: 716-645-5955
E-mail: UNLSDB@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU

For your convenience, a reply form which you can print off or download and submit as your proposal has been mounted on the NASIG gopher. To access the gopher, point your gopher client to:

e-math.ams.org 6050

To telnet to the gopher:

telnet e-math.ams.org
login: nasig-pr (lower case)
password: NasigPub (does not appear on screen)
Select: VT100

SERIALS RELATED REPORTS

REPORT ON ALCTS SERIALS CATALOGING IN THE AGE OF FORMAT INTEGRATION ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL 7-8, 1995 Janet Lee-Smeltzer

During "Paper and Beyond: Cataloging for the Evolving Serial," *Regina Reynolds* from LC outlined the trends of the evolving serials and new challenges in cataloging them. More serials are born everyday. It is difficult if not impossible to predict how they behave. There will be more specialized and customized serials. Large commercial publishers will no longer dominate serials publishing. Desktop publishing lacks standards for presenting bibliographic information. Scholarly journals and articles will be included in the home pages of learned societies and become more accessible to libraries but not to commercial publishers. Popular magazines will have "online places" for chatting and discussion, which co-exist with the print version. Cataloging considerations include: Should one or multiple records be created for online serials, downloadable through ftp, e-mail, gopher, WWW, etc.? How to describe the same e-serial that looks different because of the different web browser, hardware or software configuration? (AACR2 description based on issue in hand will not work. The essence of the serial should be extracted and cataloged.) It will be more difficult to distinguish between serials and monographs and to decide what the library should catalog and how. Reynolds ended the session by stating that although printed serials will still be around for a long time, with the evolving new kinds of electronic serials, cataloging must change. Serials cataloging must be more creative and flexible. Using SGML, HTML, and high-tech workstations should also be considered. Bibliographic information standards need to be established and services to users must always be kept in mind.

Two concurrent "Serials Cataloging Lectures and Practica" offered beginning cataloging by *Jean Hiron* (LC) and advanced cataloging by *Maureen Landry* (LC). The beginning serials

cataloging covered the descriptive cataloging basics. The advanced lecture covered linking relationships and related works as well as associated MARC tags. The practica provided attendees an opportunity for hands-on exercises, followed by answers and discussion.

Three panelists presented "Using Serials Cataloging Records: A Public Services Perspective." *John Campbell* (Assistant Head, Reference Department, University of Georgia) summarized common problems users have when searching for and interpreting serials records such as assuming that the library owns every serial indexed by a database/index; translating the title in the citation to the form used in the serials record; picking out the "right" title from a multiple title list; etc. Campbell suggested tailoring the online searching to the situation and trying as many search alternatives as possible when assisting patrons. He also suggested BI for effective serials searching and cheat sheets for popular and hard-to-find titles.

David Vidor (Computer Services Librarian, Emory University) proposed combining different formats of a serial in one record and eliminating some note fields from the MARC record. Notes such as where a serial is indexed and "available in microfilm from UMI" do not give accurate information and often cause confusion. Vidor also raised the issue that the decision on OPAC display of serial records should be a combined effort of both technical services and reference librarians and based on end-user satisfaction. How well the cataloging department keeps up in cataloging new titles and title changes and processing withdrawn titles also affects the quality of the serial records. How to handle electronic resources on the Internet which are accessible but not owned by the library presents a new challenge for serials cataloging. Vidor summed up by suggesting that there be more communication between public and technical services and devising a way for users to find what they need in a language they can understand.

Margaret Ellingson (Head, ILL, Emory University) spoke about serials cataloging issues related to ILL. The effectiveness of ILL greatly depends upon the quality of serial records. The biggest stumbling block for resource sharing is that the holdings information on union listing in the bibliographical utilities is not sufficiently detailed for effective ILL. It is not practical to check individual OPACs for that information. When creating serial records, consider the varying citation practices used by different disciplines; variant titles; providing subtitles for similar and identical titles. Series information is also vital in identifying serials. For serials published in multiple formats, attaching holding symbols and LDRs to the bib record of a different format than what the library owns can be misleading. Ellingson concluded the presentation by stressing the importance of quality serials cataloging. It is essential for user access and ILL. It is also necessary for public services librarians to have an understanding of basic serials cataloging theory and practices, and for cataloging librarians to know more about user access behavior.

Jean Hirons from LC presented the session on "Format Integration and Serials." She first pointed out some misconceptions about FI. FI is not the solution to all of our problems. It has nothing to do with core records or multiple versions. FI makes all data elements valid for all formats, eliminates the need to memorize or maintain different fields for different types of materials, and makes it possible to bring out the seriality for different types of materials. The first phase of FI (variable fields) was implemented in Feb. 1995. The implementation date for the second phase (fixed fields) is scheduled for early 1996. Hirons summarized the MARC tag changes resulting from the first phase of FI. Although theoretically all fields are valid for all formats, the CONSER Editing Guide has excluded fields which are not applicable for serials. Libraries can still use those fields, and CONSER welcomes any suggestions on applying them for serials cataloging. For non-print serials, CONSER libraries must choose serial as the primary format. Hirons also illustrated how fixed fields will be used for both print and

non-print serials during the second phase of FI implementation. FI presents new challenges for catalogers. Catalogers need to know more about the fields and systems' ability to integrate all types of materials. Decisions need to be made as to who will catalog non-print serials. The ability to explain seriality to other catalogers and systems people to assure that the seriality is properly described becomes essential.

The topics of the three concurrent breakout sessions were "Cataloging of Computer Files" by *Kristan Lindlan* (University of Washington), "Interpreting the Serials Record for Local System Use" by *Crystal Graham* (University of California, San Diego), and "Cataloging Electronic Serials--(Remote Access)" by *Regina Reynolds* (LC).

Lindlan, in "Cataloging of Computer Files," went over the basics of cataloging computer file serials. She described the formats (CD-ROMs, floppy disks, magnetic tapes) and types (abstracting/indexing services, full-text journals, etc.) of computer files. AACR2r Chapters 1, 9, 12, related LCRIs, CONSER Editing Guide and CONSER Cataloging Manual were reviewed. Associated MARC tagging, subject headings and linking relationships were covered. Recent DLC cataloging examples were also included in the presentation and handouts.

Regina Reynolds, in "Cataloging Electronic Serials (Remote Access)," stressed again that the e-serial is still evolving and rules for cataloging must evolve along with it. Flexibility and creativity are important in cataloging e-serials. How to best handle e-serials is yet to be determined and is being discussed by LC and CONSER. In the meantime, issues concerning e-serials cataloging depend greatly on local practices. LC welcomes any suggestions and new ideas. Reynolds described the characteristics and common types of e-serials as well as why they should be cataloged. General guidelines for creating one or multiple records for different editions and formats are: separate records are required for different physical formats (print, microforms, computer file, etc.), languages, geographic editions, audience-content, and when a serial changes physical format. One record can be

used for different access methods (e-mail, gopher, ftp, WWW, etc.) Cataloging considerations such as sources of information, access, linking fields, and issues related to classification and subject headings were also covered. Examples of how to construct the 856 field (electronic location and access) were included. The practice has changed to move detailed access information from the 856 "z" subfield to the 538 field (system details and mode of access notes.) Reynolds cautioned that sometimes the real title and publishing information are not obvious; one may have to dig around for them.

In "Serials Cataloging for Your Local System," Crystal Graham outlined the pragmatic principles and the kinds of decisions needed to be made in cataloging serials for local systems. The role of the catalog record and the local system capabilities were discussed. Graham also showed examples of how local serial records are used. She urged everybody to use their OPACs; listen to users; learn the system's features; ask questions of the local systems staff, vendor, LC, ALCTS SS Committee to Study Serials Cataloging; and to make suggestions to improve the rules, the standards, and the systems.

The Institute concluded with a brief wrap-up session with the Institute Faculty. Overall, it was a well organized and very informative institute with useful handouts in a binder.

SUMMARY OF THE ALCTS SERIALS SECTION COMMITTEE TO STUDY SERIALS CATALOGING

Monday, February 6, 1995
Joe Altimus

The Committee revised its guidelines for the distribution of minutes to provide a timelier method of distribution. The Chair will write to Karen Muller to express the Committee's concern over the frequent delays in loading minutes to the ALCTS file server. The Committee took no further action on the proposal to change the wording of Rule 12.3D1 after learning that CC:DA has decided that the

proposed change would be cosmetic only, and will not forward it for further action.

The committee heard reports from liaisons from the Library of Congress and CC:DA, as well as brief reports of events at the MARBI meetings of February 4 and 5. Ann Vidor reported on the progress toward the Serials Cataloging Institutes to be held in Atlanta and San Francisco later this year.

The Committee discussed the value of reports from CC:DA and MARBI and determined that their value varies from year to year, but they should always be given time on the agenda. Reports from NASIG meetings will not routinely appear on the agenda.

An exchange of ideas among the Committee and the audience about the cataloging of electronic serials showed that there is still relatively little experience in cataloging them. A number of questions were posed about the nature of electronic serials and the adequacy of existing cataloging practices and rules to cope with them.

The Committee identified several topics for the Annual meeting, including cataloging of electronic serials, title changes, revision of Chapter 12 Rule Interpretations, and format integration.

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**UNITED KINGDOM SERIALS GROUP
CONFERENCE
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER, APRIL 3-5, 1995
Ros Doig**

The sun shone all week at Exeter. The University occupies a large and hilly campus not too far from the city centre. The grounds are beautifully laid out with grassy areas, trees and shrubs -- the latter laden with flowers in many cases. The conference centre was a ten minute walk or so uphill from the halls of residence where we were staying. As the food was excellent, I think we all felt that we could be a little indulgent as we could walk it off afterwards! The conference lasted only three days this year as people wanted less time away from work. As a result many people traveled down on Sunday. An evening out had been laid on at a mediaeval inn a few miles away, and we all enjoyed the informal atmosphere chatting to old friends.

The conference proper opened officially on Monday afternoon, and we were entertained by *Derek Law* from King's College London in his opening paper 'Serial Killers?' He used the analogy of a black museum list of well-known characters of dubious repute to illustrate factors affecting the serials industry. He included copyright, publishers' price increases, virtual libraries accessible from the office, and leaders in computer software who leave the rest of us behind (!)

Anne Lawas from the professional recruitment agency TFPL Ltd., followed with her paper "Training for Change -- The New Competencies Needed to Handle Reshaped Information Objectives and Roles." She talked about how employers were downsizing and, therefore, the greater efficiency needed to cope with increased workloads. There is a greater need for transferable skills, with the trend towards short term contracts and specific work projects. There are plenty of hard management skills like productivity, financial budgeting, strategic planning etc., but perhaps we need to see more of the soft management skills in the areas of negotiation, conflict, motivation, facilitation and inter-personal skills. These then were followed by a session of product reviews provided by our exhibitors.

The rest of the day was taken up with receptions, dinner, and the UKSG AGM. After that, there was a highly successful first-ever trivia quiz. There were several teams and a good time was had by all.

Tuesday morning began with more product reviews! (But only if you got out of bed in time!) The first paper was then given by *John Cox* from Carfax Publishing. He firmly spoke in the publisher's defence, pointing out that he wanted to sell a quality product and that journal publishing will not only survive but evolve. It will appear in a medium suited to the subject matter and the community it is aimed at with standards of quality appropriately applied. He was then followed by *Chris Beckett* from Blackwell's talking about document delivery from a deliverer's point of view. He raised the access v. holdings argument as a way out of a budget crisis. The economics and future of document delivery are affected by developments in electronic publishing, budget allocation and copyright legislation. Its future cannot be divorced from other developments in the serial industry and specifically from the opportunities and threats presented by electronic publishing. After refreshments, we then broke to participate in a wide variety of workshops. I attended one on electronic publishing. There were two further papers after lunch. The first by *Geoffrey Ford* from

the University of Bristol dealt with market forces in the academic environment or how to cope with a smaller budget than you would like - a familiar scenario to most of us. His three principles of resource allocation are 'tell the truth, look to the long term and be fair to all.' He didn't say if these worked! He was followed by *Roger Brown* from Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals talking about his budgetary constraints in a commercial environment and, more particularly, what to provide in a new information centre to open in 1996.

There then followed a repeat of the workshops. This time I attended one on electro-copying; despite the fact that due to illness the leader was absent, we managed to have a lively discussion on the subject!

Another reception preceded the conference dinner during which we received greetings from NASIG and the European Federation of Serial Groups. A barn dance and disco finished us off for the evening!

Wednesday morning began with a paper called "The Author, the Librarian and the Reader -- a New Framework Approach to the Serials Publishing Triangle." The address was shared by *Linda Bennett* from T.C. Farries and *Paul Bowker* from the University of Huddersfield. Their presentation described the work of the Relationships Working Party set up at the University of Huddersfield in conjunction with the Library Management Data Working Party of the National Acquisitions Group and Book Industry Communications. It was an innovative way of looking at the process of creating a text and getting it to the reader with a detailed breakdown of all the relationships at each stage. It was a most interesting but highly technical presentation looking at "process re-engineering."

Thalia Knight from the British Library of Political and Economic Science then described how they managed a major review of non-official serial holdings in 1993/94. She explained how the BLPES went about reviewing its holdings and how they attempted to work out the cost of the exercise. She included the results

as well as passing on lessons learned for similar reviews in the future. After the break we heard from *Val Ferris* of the National Preservation Office about plans to preserve at least one printed copy of each serial title. She described several schemes involving co-operative preservation of serials - local newspapers, art serials and a microfilm project. She also talked about the use of IT for co-ordinating efforts and sharing information, funding, the potential of new preservation techniques, and the role of the National Preservation Office for preservation of the national archive collection.

The final conference paper came from *Carolyn Sharples* of Book Aid International talking about how the organisation is helping university libraries in Africa with books and serial subscriptions. As always a deeper sense of reality prevails when you realize that academics in Africa (and elsewhere in the 3rd World) are facing incredible budgetary difficulties way beyond our own. Very low cost of living and the problems of inflation and foreign exchange mean they can purchase very little and are often dependent on organisations like Book Aid International.

For those who had the time to stay on in Exeter a visit to the cathedral and its library had been laid on for Wednesday afternoon. We all enjoyed a tour of what is a beautiful and fascinating church.

To sum up then, this year's conference, to me, at least, seemed more relaxed with more time somehow to browse round the exhibition or just chat to colleagues. Many delegates are beginning to feel like "family" -- renewing acquaintances is always a pleasure. The weather was lovely, making the walk between the conference centre and residences a positive delight (in spite of the contours!). On the whole the papers reviewed familiar ground rather than raising burning new issues. Perhaps the explosion of new technology has reached something of a hiatus and we now have time to catch our breath and consider where we're off to next! Watch this space!

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Carol MacAdam

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TITLE CHANGES

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Congratulations to all!

Susan Chinoransky was a student at the University of Maryland. She writes, "My first professional position is as Catalog Librarian at the George Washington University, Jacob Burns Law Library. One of the reasons my resume stood out from the rest was my serials cataloging experience at the National Agricultural Library while at school. I am currently in charge of a major project to classify and upgrade the records of the periodicals collection at the library. I also have recently been named Co-Chair of the COUNSEL (union list) committee of the Law Libraries' Society of Washington, D.C., a regional association of the American Association of Law Libraries." Susan's new addresses are:

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Christine Fletcher joined NASIG as a student in spring of 1994, graduated with an MLIS from Louisiana State University in May 1994, and became Serials Librarian in Mitchell Memorial Library at Mississippi State University in January 1995. Her position involves public service in the current journals Reading Room, responsibility for binding, and supervision of student workers in the reading room. Christine's addresses:

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Jo-Anne Giammattei was Collection Services/Serials Librarian at Yale University Law Library. Her new title is Serials Librarian. Jo-Anne's mailing address and phone number remain the same and her new Internet address is: giammattei@mail.law.yale.edu.

Gaele Gillespie's new title is Serials Librarian at the University of Kansas Libraries in Lawrence, Kansas. She was previously Assistant Head of Serials. All of Gaele's addresses remain the same. On the Internet, she can be reached at:
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Patricia Ann Gunn is now Assistant to the Director at Washington University School of Medicine Library. Patricia was Serials Librarian/Network Serials Bibliographer at the School of Medicine Library. All of Patricia's addresses remain the same. Internet: gunnp@medicine.wustl.edu.

Marianne Hebert's new job as Head of Technical Services at Purchase College Library is due to a promotion she received in November 1994. Marianne was previously Catalog Librarian at Purchase. The promotion came after a restructuring of all the middle management positions in the library. As Head of Technical Services, Marianne is responsible for

supervising the Acquisitions, Serials, Cataloging and Processing Departments. In addition, she has regular reference, collection development and bibliographic instruction responsibilities. Early this summer, the Library will be installing a LAN throughout Technical Services and implementing the Serials subsystem of the integrated online system (multiLIS). Marianne will then add LAN Manager to her job description, and hopefully will be designing a WWW home page for technical services (as time permits). Marianne's addresses:

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Marilyn Kercher writes, "I accepted a position as a Technical Processing Cataloging Supervisor in TECHPRO at OCLC and in November, 1994, moved back to Columbus, Ohio, where I had lived previously for 4 years. My new position is similar to any supervisory position in a cataloging department in that I supervise, train, and review the work of a group of catalogers as well as work on my own cataloging projects. What attracted me to this job is the opportunity to work with very highly skilled catalogers, to work with librarians in many different kinds of libraries all over the country, and to catalog an unusual variety of library materials." Marilyn's new addresses:

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Michael Markwith has been appointed to the newly created position of Chief Executive Officer at Swets and Zeitlinger, Inc., the US office of Swets and Zeitlinger BV international

subscription agents, effective May 1, 1995.. Michael has more than 25 years experience in subscription agency and library-related services, most recently with Faxon where he was Director of Sales, and earlier with Blackwell's. Michael said: "It's a tremendous personal and professional honor to be chosen as the CEO of the U.S. operation and I look forward to sharing the vision of Swets services with all our current and future customers." Michael can be reached by phone at Swets' Exton, PA, office at: (800) 44SWETS and on e-mail: mmarkwith@swets.nl

Norman Medeiros writes that less than a month before graduating from the Library Science degree program at the University of Rhode Island, in December, 1994, he was offered (and eagerly accepted) the position of Technical Services Librarian at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. Norman considers himself very fortunate to be working in his chosen area of interest. For the previous seven years, while he attended college, he worked as a part-time assistant in the Technical Services Department at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth where he concentrated on serials cataloging. At Hartwick, Norman catalogs mostly monographs, and is responsible for all subject authority work. Norman's addresses:

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Joy Reed's new position is Manager of Bibliographic and Database Operations at University Microfilms International. She was previously Manager of the Serials Acquisitions and Database Operations. Joy's new position is a result of a major realignment in database development at UMI, expanding products covered to include serials, dissertations, and student reference products. The changes bring together all the staff involved in like activities at UMI. Joy's addresses and phone numbers remain the same. She can be reached on the Internet at: jreed@umi.com.

Alison Roth began her new job as Serials Specialist for the Northeast with Blackwell North America on January 1, 1995. She was previously Sales Representative for the Midwest Group at Faxon Company. Always a librarian, Alison has also worked as a trainer and as a customer service manager for Faxon. She reports that she loves her new job and loves meeting people in New England. Originally from Connecticut, she is glad to work in the area. Alison enjoys working with Blackwell's both in the U.S., and in Oxford, England. Alison will have temporary addresses during the summer while her new work space is being built. She can be reached through the Blackwell's Periodicals Help Desk at P.O. Box 1257, Blackwood, NJ 08012, by telephone at (800) 458-3706 and by e-mail at: roth@bnamf.blackwell.com.

Denise Watkins of Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals Research and Development has been promoted to Information Scientist. She previously held the position of Senior Information Assistant. In addition to serials control management, Denise's responsibilities have expanded in scope. Denise also manages the Technology Resource Centers for R&D libraries. This involves the investigation, testing, evaluation, implementation, and maintenance of in-house CD-ROM applications and new technologies. With regard to her responsibilities, Denise says "the serials are under 'control,' but I sometime think about bringing in an exorcist for the computing equipment." Denise can be reached via e-mail at: denise_m_watkins%notes@sb.com.

Fran Wilkinson has a new title as Director of the Acquisitions and Serials Department at the University of New Mexico, a change from Head of the Serials Department. Fran also retains her title as Assistant Professor. Her addresses are: (505) 277-7219 (voice), (505) 277-6019 (fax), and fwilkins@unm.edu (e-mail).

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Carol MacAdam

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June 1-4, 1995
North American Serials Interest Group
Tenth Annual Conference
Duke University, Durham, NC

June 10-15, 1995
Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
Montreal, Canada

June 14-18, 1995
Canadian Library Association
50th Annual Conference
"The Changing Role of Serial Librarians in the Electronic Era"
Calgary, Alberta

June 22-29, 1995
American Libraries Association
Annual Conference
Chicago, IL

July 13-14, 1995
1995 State Conference of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Library and Information Association.
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July 15-20, 1995
American Association of Law Libraries
Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA

August 22-26, 1995
International Federation of Library Associations
and Institutions.
IFLA Annual Conference
Istanbul, Turkey

October 9-12, 1995
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

October 17-20, 1995
ARL Membership Meeting

November 2-4, 1995
15th Annual Charleston Conference on Issues in
Book and Serial Acquisitions:
"Still Crazy After All These Words"
Charleston, SC

January 19-25, 1996
American Libraries Association
Mid-winter Conference
San Antonio, TX

Autumn 1996
Third European Serials Conference
of the European Federation of Serials Groups
Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain
(Note that this conference has been
postponed from September 1995 to Autumn
1996. Watch for further news releases
giving details of the new date and venue.)

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NASIG BYLAWS

[Adopted 4/19/94]

Article I. Name.

The name of this group shall be the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. (NASIG).

Article II. Objectives.

The objectives of NASIG shall be:

1. To provide a means for the exchange and dissemination of information in the network of serial publishers, vendors, dealers, distributors, binders, librarians, students and other groups or individuals with serial interests and concerns.
2. To establish and maintain among the NASIG membership a means of communicating serial interests and concerns.
3. To provide a program of continuing education for members of NASIG and other individuals with serial interests and concerns.
4. To convene an annual conference of the membership of NASIG.
5. To publish the Proceedings of the Annual Conference, and any other publications as authorized by the Executive Board.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Membership and rights.

Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG.

Section 2. Dues and fiscal year.

Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1 through December 31, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by a mail ballot. A two thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision.

Article IV. Executive Officers.

Section 1. Titles.

The executive officers of NASIG shall constitute a president, a vice president/president elect, a secretary and a treasurer.

Section 2. Eligibility.

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to an executive office, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Duties.

The duties of the Executive Officers shall be as specified in the parliamentary authority adopted by NASIG, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

In case of a continued failure by any one officer to fulfill the duties of the office, the Executive Board may, by a vote of three-fourths of its members, declare the office vacant.

Section 4. Terms of Office.

The vice president/president elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year after election as president, and shall serve the third year after election on the Executive board as past president. All other executive officers of NASIG shall be elected for a term of two years. With the exception of the vice president/president elect, all executive officers shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all executive board members shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

Section 5. Vacancies.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall succeed to

fulfill the unexpired term and to continue in that capacity for the following full term. Any other vacancy may be filled by appointment of the Executive Board, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

Article V. Executive Board.

Section 1. Composition.

The Executive Board shall consist of the executive officers of NASIG, the immediate past president and six members-at-large who shall be nominated, elected and serve in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws. Ex-officio members, appointed by the Board to assist the organization in any capacity, may serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 2. Eligibility.

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board, except as otherwise indicated in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Duties.

The Executive Board, as a whole, shall have authority over the affairs of NASIG, shall submit reports and recommendations to the membership, and shall perform such other duties as specified in these Bylaws. The membership may, by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at any meeting as provided for in Article VIII, revise the actions of the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall perform the duties inherent to Board membership. In case of continued failure of any one member to participate in the deliberations of the Board, the Board may, by a vote of three-fourths of its members, declare the office vacant. Each member-at-large shall serve as a liaison between the Board and at least one Standing Committee.

Section 4. Terms of Office.

Executive Board members-at-large shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall be eligible for re-election for no more than one additional term without an intervening period of

two years. Terms of office for all members of the Executive Board shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

Section 5. Vacancies.

Vacancies in the elected positions of the Executive Board shall be filled by appointments of the Executive Board, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

Article VI. Committees.

Section 1. Composition.

Any member of NASIG shall be eligible to serve on committees. The President of NASIG shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Standing Committees.

Standing committees, and their chairpersons, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. The size of the committee shall be determined by its needs. Committees may be subdivided, and additional appointments made, with the approval of the Executive Board and the chairpersons of the committees.

Section 3. Terms of Office.

Members of standing committees, except the Nominating Committee and new standing committees, shall be appointed for terms of two years unless appointed by special action of the Board, and may be reappointed for a second term. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for terms of one year. Nominating Committee members can be reappointed for a second one year term provided that at least 50 percent of the committee consists of new members. In no case shall a member serve on a committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

When establishing a new committee, half of the members shall be appointed for a one year term and half for a two year term. After the first year, all terms will be for two years.

Section 4. Special Committees.

The Executive Board may appoint special committees for a specific purpose and for a specific term.

Article VII. Nominations and Elections.

Section 1. Nominations.

The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for the positions of vice president/president elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. Other nominations for these offices, endorsed by at least ten active members of NASIG, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee. Any such nominations shall be included on the official ballot. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled, and shall also provide on the ballot a space for write-in candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to insure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. The Nominating Committee chairperson shall report nominations to the NASIG President at least ninety days prior to the Annual Conference.

Section 2. Elections.

Elections shall be held by mail ballot at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference. Candidates receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected, and be so declared at the Annual Conference. In case of a tie vote, the Nominating Committee shall decide the election by lot. A written notice of those elected shall be mailed to each member within sixty days of the election.

Article VIII. Meetings.

An annual business meeting shall be called by Executive Board, to be held at the site of, and in conjunction with, the Annual Conference. Other meetings as deemed necessary may be called by the Executive Board. Notice of meetings shall be mailed to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting and shall include notice of business to be transacted.

Article IX. Annual Review.

The accounts of the Treasurer of NASIG shall be reviewed annually by an auditor chosen by the Executive Board.

Article X. Dissolution.

In the event of the dissolution of NASIG, all assets and property remaining after meeting necessary expenses shall be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to an order of the Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

Article XI. Parliamentary Authority.

Robert's Rules of Order(Revised), in the latest edition, shall govern all meetings of the membership and the Executive Board in all cases where it is not inconsistent with these Bylaws. A parliamentarian may be appointed for an indefinite term by the Executive Board to serve as a consultant to the Board.

Article XII. Bylaws.

Section 1. Amendments.

Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the Bylaws Committee, or may be presented at any meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments shall be mailed by the Bylaws Committee to each member at least thirty days prior to the call for vote. Voting shall be by mail ballot. Adoption shall be by two-thirds majority of those voting. An amendment shall become effective after adoption, unless otherwise stated.