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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Denise Novak, NASIG President

VOTE!! March is NASIG election time! This year a Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer and three Members-At-Large will be elected by you. Please take the time to vote and encourage other members to vote. The Nominations & Elections Committee has worked very hard to present us with a slate of candidates for NASIG offices. As soon as you receive your ballot, mark it and pop it into the mail before it gets lost in the shuffle of all the other paper we deal with every day. There will be Bylaws measures to be voted on this year too, so it will be doubly important for you to send in your vote.

It has become increasingly difficult to find candidates to run for the office of Vice President/President Elect. It's been stated many times that NASIG is a volunteer organization that depends on its members for leadership. The Executive Board realizes that the commitment of time and energy is enormous. The board has become increasingly concerned with this issue. A number of ideas have been discussed to try and mitigate the reluctance many of you have about agreeing to stand for this office. The Executive Board would like to hear from you, the membership, why likely candidates for the office of Vice President/President Elect will not accept a nomination for this position. We also need suggestions to remedy the situation. That's why the brainstorming session at the 2007 NASIG Conference in Louisville, Kentucky will concentrate on this issue. Please plan to attend this discussion on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Your comments and ideas are

essential for the continued success of NASIG as the premier serials organization in North America.

Now for some quick news about the upcoming annual conference which is just around the corner. The Executive Board is pleased to be able to hold the cost of the conference to the same rate as 2006. Louisville, Kentucky, is a wonderful city and both the Program Planning Committee and Conference Planning Committee have been working tirelessly to get an outstanding program and conference ready for you. As soon as the website is ready there will be an announcement on NASIG-L. This is just one more reason to keep reading those messages on YOUR listserv, NASIG-L. Register early and don't forget to make your room reservation at the SAME time!

Membership renewal experienced some changes this year. There will be NO paper renewal reminders. This year, the Database & Directory Committee was able to implement the process for online renewals. It is working beautifully! Special kudos should go to the Database & Directory Committee, the Treasurer and all of those who worked on this project. If

you have not renewed yet, please do so at <http://www.nasig.org/forms/membership/renew.html>. You will be amazed at how easy it is. You can still print out a copy and mail it with your dues if necessary.

And lastly, I'm thrilled to report on some exciting news from the Site Selection Committee. After several years of requests to hold the annual conference at a resort, we have found a location that meets the requirements for affordability, location and functionality. We are going to the Tapatio Cliffs Resort (a Hilton property) <http://www.pointehilton.com/indextc.cfm>, Phoenix, Arizona, in June 2008. The rates are an unbelievable \$125 plus tax for a single or double room. The whole place is beautiful, the rooms are huge and the meeting space will allow for the feel of a college campus with the amenities of a hotel. Mark your calendars now! The dates of the conference are June 5-8, 2008, with possible preconferences on June 4 and 5.

As you can see, we have been keeping busy this fall and winter. Please don't forget to vote. I look forward to seeing all of you in Louisville, Kentucky!

NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Joyce Tenney, NASIG Secretary

Date: November 4, 2006, 8:15 a.m.-4:50 p.m.
Place: Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY

Attending:
Denise Novak, President
Char Simser, Vice President/President Elect
Mary Page, Past President
Rose Robischon, Treasurer
Joyce Tenney, Secretary

Members-at-Large:
Rick Anderson
Adam Chesler
Katy Ginanni
Kim Maxwell
Alison Roth
Bob Schatz

Ex Officio member:
Kathryn Wesley *NASIG Newsletter*, Editor-in-Chief

Guests:
Angel Clemons, Co-Chair, 2007 Conference Planning Committee
Rachel Frick, Co-Chair, 2007 Program Planning Committee
Sarah George, Co-Chair, 2007 Program Planning Committee
Tyler Goldberg, Co-Chair, 2007 Conference Planning Committee
Neal Nixon, 2007 Conference Planning Committee Member

1.0 Welcome (Novak)

Novak welcomed board members and guests. She noted that board members should have read all reports before the start of the meeting, and only those reports requiring action will be discussed.

2.0 Secretary's Report (Tenney)

2.1 Board Actions taken since the May, 2006 board meeting

7/16/06 2007 Conference logo was accepted.

9/15/06 Consensus reached to have a post conference board meeting to review the conference. CPC will be asked to reserve a room for this meeting in the conference hotel.

9/27/06 PPC Speaker Memorandum of Understanding was accepted.

10/10/06 Robischon moved to accept the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee. Schatz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Review and discussion of the Action Items still pending

Tenney reminded all board members to review the Working Calendar monthly and notify her if there are any corrections or revisions.

3.0 Treasurer's Report (Robischon)

3.1 Report from treasurer

Robischon reported the following items:

NASIG is in good financial standing. Total assets for NASIG are \$298,255.89. The Financial Development Committee is working on the plan to build the contingency fund. Their report will be presented at the January board meeting.

Income from Haworth Press for the *NASIG Proceedings* has been received.

NASIG accountant is working on the tax filing for NASIG.

Bill from BeeNet was received and there was an increase this year for the VeriSign portion of the contract.

Kentucky sales tax waiver has been received and covers meals, lodging and materials. Robischon will be out of the office November 20-January 2. Any requests for reimbursements after November 17th should be sent to the NASIG P.O. box until Robischon returns in January.

3.2 2006 budget and expenditures to date

2006 actual expenditures are lower than expected to date.

3.3 2006 Conference Report

Final profit from the 2006 conference was \$62,391.46. Thanks to all who worked to make the conference a success.

3.4 2007 budget requests from all committees have been received.

Robischon presented the proposed budget for 2007. The 2007 budget was unanimously passed after the Awards & Recognition report was discussed. Schatz requested a spreadsheet detailing the 2006 Proposed Budget, 2006 Actual Expenditures and 2007 Proposed Budget for each committee.

Robischon agreed to supply that information for the January board meeting.

Robischon requested that liaisons ask committee chairs to add the committee name to the conference calls as they are set up so she will know which committee to charge for which calls. At Maxwell's request, she will provide the field name to board members in a later email.

Robischon reported that the trial of the Web conferencing went well.

Robischon noted that over one half of the postcards sent out to announce the conference came back undeliverable. It was agreed that postcards would not be sent this year. Maxwell suggested that question be added to the 2007 conference registration form to ask how registrants found out about the conference. This will allow for more structured conference PR in the future.

ACTION: Robischon will prepare spreadsheet with 2006 and 2007 information for January board meeting.

Robischon will send an email to board members noting the field to input the committee to be charged for conference calls.

ACTION: Roth will notify CPC that a line should be added to the conference registration form to capture information on where registrants heard about the conference.

4.0 Technology RFP (Page)

Page presented the draft of the Technology RFP for discussion. The committee that prepared the draft RFP was Anna Creech, Step Schmitt, Budding Pennington, Dalene Hawthorne, and Mary Page. It was agreed that whenever possible in the document to ask for

examples and references of current work that is similar to requested service. After extensive discussion, it was agreed that the committee would do a rewrite and bring it back to the January board meeting.

There was discussion about the preservation of our electronic archives and how to deal with issues arising from this. While some of this may be covered in the RFP it may require additional study from the archivist.

Page requested a discussion of how to review and respond to the replies to the RFP once it has been issued. It was agreed that the board, with input from others, would evaluate the responses. The target date to have responses in will be early March 2007. Page asked that board members send her names of companies that would like to receive the RFP. Maxwell suggested looking at the Association For Associations (ASAE). Maxwell will investigate the services and possible benefits of membership for NASIG. Chesler suggested that hosting companies such as Ingenta and MetaPress might be interested in receiving the RFP. Ginanni agreed to check with MetaPress.

ACTION: Page will bring a redraft of the Technology RFP to the January board meeting. Maxwell will investigate the ASAE. Ginanni will find out if MetaPress has in interest in receiving the Technology RFP.

5.0 Conference Planning (Goldberg, Clemons, Nixon, Roth)

Goldberg explained the layout of the meeting rooms in the Galt House for the conference and distributed a schematic map of the meeting area. Special events for the conference include the opening night event at the Frazier International History Museum, which is about four blocks from the hotel. Weather permitting, NASIG attendees will have access to the rooftop garden for this event. There are two tours possible for Thursday afternoon and two for Sunday afternoon. A dinner cruise will be an optional dine-around for Saturday evening that will accommodate the first 150 people who register for this event. Both Friday and Saturday evenings will have dine-arounds and other Louisville happenings. The open mic event will be on Saturday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Ginanni will be the emcee. New t-shirts and

souvenirs will not be purchased this year, as sales have dropped off in past years.

It was agreed to discontinue the box lunches on Sunday at the close of the conference due to the increased cost of box lunches. The board thanked CPC for all of their hard work.

6.0 Program Planning (Frick, George, Simser)

6.1 Schedule

The conference schedule was reviewed.

6.2 Program

Frick reported that PPC was excited to announce the following speakers for vision sessions had been confirmed: Bob Stein, Daniel Chudnov, and Karen Schneider. She discussed the proposed slate of strategy and tactics speakers. It was agreed that the proposed program looks exciting with a good mix of programs and speakers. PPC made a few adjustments to the schedule. In response to conference evaluation comments they tried to avoid scheduling any meetings during breakfast. Also, they provided additional times for networking through informal discussion groups and user group meetings. The brainstorming session is proposed for Saturday afternoon. The board thanked PPC for an excellent proposed program.

7.0 Conference Evaluation Summary

Anderson noted that a possible future project would be to compile the last five years of conference evaluations to do a comparison of comments and trends.

There was a discussion of email access and how to deal with this issue in a cost effective manner.

ACTION: Chesler will ask E&A to include a question on the conference evaluation form to gather information on how many attendees bring their own laptop.

ACTION: Roth will ask CPC to get a quote on the cost of providing a small Internet access room with 6-8 laptops for attendee use during the conference.

ACTION: Simser will ask PPC to obtain information from the speakers on the Internet access needed for the conference as soon as possible and have PPC communicate that to CPC.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Archivist (Tenney)

The archivist and archivist-in-training are working on an Archives manual. The archivist-in-training position should be institutionalized in the manual and that position should start assuming duties under the Archivist during the last year of the archivist's term to provide for a smooth transition.

8.2 Awards & Recognition (Anderson)

8.2.1 A&R requested that the description of NASIG in various Awards documents be broadened to more accurately reflect the full scope of NASIG's mission. Maxwell noted that the language in those documents is taken from other NASIG documents, and that editing should take place at the source document level. The Membership Development Committee was charged by the board to work on those documents, so Anderson and Maxwell will coordinate cooperation between the two committees on this project.

ACTION: Anderson and Maxwell will have their committees jointly develop a proposal for new language to define NASIG.

The board agreed with A&R to change the professional experience requirement for the Tuttle award from five to three years to help increase the number of applicants for this award. The board agreed to have a question added to the award application forms asking where the applicant heard about the award, in order to improve award promotion in the future. A&R requested wording changes in the Fritz Schwartz Scholarship Award and the Student Grant Awards. Anderson will work with A&R to refine wording.

ACTION: Anderson will send the revisions to the board for review.

8.2.2 A&R recommended that NASIG solicit corporate sponsorship of the Student Grant Awards, the Horizon Award or the Serials

Specialist Award. After discussion it was agreed that this issue would be revisited at the January board meeting.

ACTION: Anderson will submit this item for discussion at the January board meeting. Tenney will review past minutes for discussions and comments on corporate sponsorship and report to the board before the January board meeting.

A&R proposed adding additional Student Grant Awards for this year. Tenney moved to accept proposal and Robischon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ginanni moved to accept the 2007 NASIG Budget as proposed and Schatz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

8.3 Bylaws (Ginanni)

8.3.1 Recommended revisions to Bylaws

The Bylaws committee is continuing its ongoing review of the Bylaws per the Executive Board's request. Several proposed changes were discussed. Additional information will be supplied at the January meeting and discussion will continue.

8.4 Continuing Education (Schatz)

8.4.1 Continue online education development

Schatz reviewed the proposals for continuing education programs investigated by CEC, and the activities of the committee this year. CEC inquired about the possibility of online continuing education programs. Page will add an online education component to the Technology RFP, if appropriate after the redraft of the Technology RFP.

8.5 Database & *Directory* (Chesler)

D&D will be working with the online renewal process for the upcoming renewal cycle. Novak inquired about the testing of the online conference registration system. Chesler will confirm status and report back.

ACTION: Chesler will confirm status of testing for online conference registration and report back to the board.

D&D reported that we currently have 1,094 members.

8.6 Electronic Communications Committee (Ginanni)

8.6.1 ECC noted concern: "Conference handouts should remain in the members only section as a benefit of membership. However, if someone paid to attend the conference, handouts should be included, whether the presenter made them available in paper or electronically. We need to figure out a way to make them available to folks who registered for the conference."

The board discussed this concern in depth with many possible solutions. It was decided that Page would see if anything could be added to the Technology RFP to deal with this issue. It was agreed that a three month time limit after the conference could be given to nonmembers attending the conference to download any handouts posted on the site.

PPC should remind speakers that they can bring their own handouts to the meeting, if they don't get them submitted in time for copying before the conference. Also, speakers should be aware that CPC will not be able to provide a copying service at the conference.

8.7 Evaluation & Assessment (Chesler)

8.7.1 Clarification needed on who receives what part of the conference evaluation. There was a discussion of past documentation that was received with the evaluation distribution.

ACTION: Novak and Page will find and revise past documentation on the distribution of conference evaluations and send to Chesler for inclusion in the committee manual.

Chesler noted that to make online conference evaluations work we need computers available at the conference. Paper evaluations will be included in this year's conference packet. We will continue to have online evaluations.

8.8 Financial Development (Novak)

Novak reported that the Financial Development Committee will have a report for the January board meeting.

8.9 Library School Outreach Task Force (Maxwell)

Response to Library School Ambassadors Pilot Project

After a review of the detailed proposal submitted by the task force, the board approved the pilot project described in the report. Also, the board approved limiting the pilot project to the current membership of the task force. This group will work with the NASIG Publicist to get the message out about the program. Chesler noted that the committee should get the message to vendors and agents, etc. in the PR stage of the project. The task force was thanked for their detailed work on this topic.

8.10 Membership Development Committee (Maxwell)

The committee submitted a detailed report and several proposals. There was general discussion of the report, statistics included in the report and the proposals. There was concern expressed over the drop in membership numbers of service providers.

8.10.1 Conference Registration Fees

The committee recommended that the conference registration fee for non-members be more expensive than the cost of conference registration plus the membership fee. It was noted that this was done last year and should be done again this year.

8.10.2 Exhibits for 2008

The committee reported that based on an informal survey of publishers, a major reason that commercial staff do not attend NASIG conferences is the lack of exhibits. Therefore, the committee recommended a very limited preconference vendor showcase. There was a great deal of discussion on the pros and cons of this idea. Several ideas were offered in place of exhibits. It was suggested that we could have an evening reception sponsored by publishers and vendors with plenty of time for discussion and networking at this event.

Also, it was suggested that outreach could be done to vendors and publishers to show them the current conference programming that would

benefit them. The final suggestion was to include a question in the proposed survey to get quantifiable numbers on the interest of vendors and publishers in attending a limited showcase session, as suggested by the committee.

8.10.3 Permission to do survey

The committee suggested surveying current NASIG content/service provider members to determine how to attract more commercial members. The board approved this request and suggested the following questions for the survey:

“What would it take to get your boss to become a member of NASIG?”, “Why are you a member of NASIG and why do you attend the conference? What would make others in your industry attend?”

The committee was commended for their thoughtful and detailed work.

8.11 Newsletter (Wesley)

Wesley discussed the work of the *Newsletter* staff and the transition to the blog version. She thanked committees for submitting more articles. Wesley encouraged all to continue to submit serials related articles.

8.12 Nominations & Elections (Page)

Nominations & Elections has been processing nominations to get the final slate for the ballot. A large number of people declined to stand for election this year. However, a good pool should be remaining for the ballot. There was discussion of the printing of the ballots and Novak volunteered to contact the printer used in past years to get a quote on the printing and processing of the ballot mailing. It was agreed that only the ballot will be mailed to all NASIG members with the URL of the candidates' statements. This will save money in printing and processing.

ACTION: Novak will contact printer to get cost estimates on ballot printing.

8.12.1 NASIG Nominations & Elections Procedure DRAFT (Novak)

Novak appointed a task force to draft a document that details the work and operations of

the Nominations & Elections Committee. This document will be posted on the NASIG website. The current N&E Chair and two past chairs of N&E drafted the document. The draft was discussed in depth and revisions and clarifications were suggested. Wesley will take comments back to the committee and submit a revised draft to the board.

ACTION: Wesley will send revised document to the board for review.

8.13 Proceedings (Anderson)

The *Proceedings* editors are in the final stages of completing the *2006 NASIG Proceedings*. Work is just about complete and they are on schedule. The monograph copy of the *2005 NASIG Conference Proceedings* has been published and information was submitted to the *NASIG Newsletter*.

8.13.1 Haworth Contract (Novak)

Novak reported that she is working with Haworth Press to renew our contract for one year. It should be completed soon.

8.13.2 RFP for *Proceedings* Publisher (Page)

Page provided a draft RFP for Conference *Proceedings* prepared by the Publications and Public Relations Committee. It was discussed in detail with special note made to request samples of comparable work and references. Page noted that she would revise the draft and have the final draft ready for the January board meeting. She asked that any comments be sent to her. Page and her committee were thanked for their work on this project.

ACTION: Page will have a revised draft ready for review by the January board meeting.

8.14 Publications and Public Relations (Page)

Page reported that the committee had started to work on the following issues:

Establish and maintain guidelines for publications, specifically HTML and PDF specifications.

Identify publication topics for NASIGuides and other publications.

Develop a review schedule for the NASIGuides and other publications hosted on the web site.

Possibly expand the scope of NASIG-L.

Review and update the NASIG Human Resources pages. The committee will continue its work and report back at the January board meeting. Maxwell noted that the Library School Outreach Task Force was very interested in the NASIGuides. She encouraged the Publications and PR Committee to touch base with the task force. It was suggested that a way to expand the scope of NASIG-L would be to send out newflashes from the *NASIG Newsletter*.

ACTION: Wesley, as the *Newsletter* Editor, will pick two or three interesting tid-bits from the *Newsletter* and push them out to the membership on NASIG-L.

8.15 Publicist (Page)

Page noted that the Call for Papers for the 2007 conference had been sent out to professional and library related listservs and about 30 library schools. She noted that in keeping with the board's request to open NASIG-L to news that could be of interest to our members, she has started posting message on NASIG-L that fall within this area. Page noted that BeeNet is painfully slow.

8.16 Site Selection (Novak, Simser, Tenney)

There was a discussion of the negotiations with the hotels in the selected city of Phoenix,

Arizona. The committee will continue working with the hotels to get a favorable contract for the 2008 conference.

9.0 Unfinished Business

9.1 Online Registration Team (Novak)

Novak reported that the Online Registration Team had been appointed for the 2007 conference year. David Bynog and Cecilia Genereux will co-chair.

9.2 Midwinter Board Meeting (Novak)

Novak informed board members that the Midwinter Executive Board meeting will be at the Seattle Public Library on January 18, 2007.

9.3 Manuals (Simser)

Ask all committees to make their manuals accessible on the Web by June, 2007. Include specific section in the manual which addresses the skill set needed to accomplish the work of the committee. Simser will send more detail to the board members concerning this. She noted that many committees do not have their manuals posted.

Novak asked for any additional business. None was suggested. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

SLATE FOR 2007 ELECTIONS

David Burke, Chair, Nominations & Election Committee

On behalf of the Nominations & Elections Committee, I would like to send you the final ballot information for the 2006 NASIG Executive Board election.

Per the N&E Committee guidelines, I am informing the membership of the final slate including the addition of one petition candidate. While I've listed them alphabetically below, actual listing of their names on the ballot will be determined by a blind draw for each office.

VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT (1 to be elected)
Jill Emery-Petition Candidate
Meg Mering

TREASURER (1 to be elected)
David Bynog
Peter Whiting

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (3 to be elected)
Abigail Bordeaux
Carol Ann Borchert
Anna Creech
Sandra Hurd
Kimberly Maxwell
Jeff Slagell
Sarah Sutton

The profiles and position statements of the candidates are available online at:

<http://www.nasig.org/members/timedated/2007election.html>.

PLEASE NOTE that the ballots will be mailed in mid-February and returns must be postmarked NO LATER than March 15th for your vote to

count. Please do remember that the voice of every member is heard via the voting process. Don't forget to vote!

22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2007)

CPC UPDATE

Angel Clemons and Tyler Goldberg, Co-Chairs

The Conference Planning Committee members are looking forward to your arrival in Louisville for the 22nd Annual Conference of NASIG, "Place Your Bet in Kentucky: The Serials Gamble," May 31-June 3, 2007. Please visit the conference webpage at: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/>. You will find lots of information there to help make plans for visiting Louisville.

First, check out the preconferences scheduled on Wednesday, May 30, and Thursday, May 31. The opening ceremonies will start on Thursday, May 31, at 4:30 p.m. President Denise Novak will welcome the group, followed by another welcome from the Dean of the University of Louisville Libraries, Hannelore Rader. Then Dr. Tom Owen, historian and master storyteller, will bring Louisville's history to life.

There are a variety of social events to please everyone. Thursday evening's opening reception takes place at Frazier International History Museum, <http://www.frazierarmuseum.org/>. This world famous museum is within walking distance of the Galt House. There will be plentiful hors d'oeuvres spread throughout the Museum, and a bluegrass band will provide music to those viewing the city and the Ohio River from the museum's roof-top garden. The evening ends at 10 p.m.

Friday night activities will be dine-arounds, a Gallery Hop, and a bourbon tasting. The bourbon tasting is a fund raising event for

student scholarships, and will start at 9:00 p.m. in the Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar. So plan on tasting Kentucky bourbon, enjoying your colleagues, and supporting the scholarships that NASIG awards to students.

Saturday night activities include dine-arounds, and a cruise down the Ohio River on the riverboat Spirit of Jefferson. We have arranged this private 2 hour cruise, with a dinner buffet included. It is limited to the first 150 NASIG attendees who sign up, so get your reservations in early by signing up on the conference registration form. The boat is docked within walking distance of the Galt House.

Be sure to schedule time for the pre- and post-conference tours. There is a walking tour of downtown Louisville on Thursday morning. There are also 2 bus tours – one will feature Churchill Downs and a luncheon at a local restaurant, and the other will feature Louisville Stoneware. There is another tour on Sunday featuring Churchill Downs and the Falls of the Ohio. See our tours page: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/tours.html> and reserve your tickets on the registration form.

For a long listing of all the places you can see in and around Louisville, please see: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/louisville.html>. We know there is something for everyone in our city.

We look forward to seeing everyone in May!

NEWS FROM PPC - GET READY FOR LOUISVILLE!

Rachel Frick and Sarah George, Co-Chairs

The Program Planning Committee is putting the final touches on what we think is a fantastic program for our 22nd annual conference. We are still looking for folks to present posters and lead discussion and user groups. You will find information about both of these opportunities at the end of the article. We are very excited to be presenting Bob Stein, Director of the Institute for the Future of the Book (<http://www.futureofthebook.org/blog/>) as one of

our truly visionary Vision Session speakers. We are also offering four preconferences from intense serials cataloging training to a session on the nitty-gritty publishing world and how to use this knowledge to get the best service and create a positive relationship with your publishers. Sign up early to take advantage of these great opportunities! They will fill up fast! See ya in Kentucky!

CALL FOR POSTER SESSIONS

The NASIG Program Planning Committee (PPC) invites poster session proposals for the 22nd NASIG conference in Louisville, Kentucky, May 30 – June 3, 2007. The theme of the conference is “Place Your Bet in Kentucky: The Serials Gamble.” Posters will be on display in the conference registration area of the Galt House at 9:30-5:30 on Friday, June 1. Presenters should be available to discuss their topics during two break periods during this day.

Poster sessions provide an opportunity to share innovative ideas and new applications of technology. Sessions may present a report of a research study, an analysis of a practical problem-solving effort, or a description of an innovative program that may be of interest to the serials community. In keeping with NASIG's

tradition of non-commercialism, poster sessions focusing solely on a commercial product will not be accepted.

To apply, complete the online application form at: <http://www.nasig.org/public/forms/poster.html>

Deadline for submission:

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 15, 2007. Members of the PPC's Sub-committee on Poster Sessions will evaluate abstracts. Presenters will be notified by April 2, 2007.

Inquiries may be sent to the PPC co-chairs, Rachel Frick or Sarah George at: prog-plan@nasig.org.

CALL FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND USER GROUP IDEAS

The NASIG Program Planning Committee (PPC) invites ideas for topics and volunteers for session conveners for informal discussion groups and user groups.

The purpose of Informal Discussion Groups (formerly known as Networking Nodes) is to promote discussion among NASIG attendees who have a shared interest in a topic, idea, workflow, or problem. The emphasis of these sessions is open discussion and the generation of new ideas. Informal Discussion Groups will take place over lunch on Saturday, June 2.

In addition to Informal Discussion Groups, there will be sessions dedicated to user groups of a specific product or service. The purpose of these sessions is to share product

implementation or development experiences and ideas. User Group attendees will have an opportunity to discuss topics of common interest in a non-commercial setting. This year, user groups will have two distinct sessions. The first session, on Friday, June 1, from 3:15-4:15 p.m., will focus on ERM products and services. On Saturday, June 2, from 4-5 p.m., the sessions will involve other technologies and services used by serialists.

The Program Planning Committee invites suggestions for topics to be considered by these groups and would like to hear from any conference attendee who would like to facilitate an Informal Discussion Group or User Group. The facilitator must be registered for the full conference.

Please send your suggestions or volunteer to lead a group by contacting the Program Planning Committee at ppc1-l@nasig.org. The deadline for submissions of topics and volunteers is April 4, 2007.

For more information about the North American Serials Interest Group, please see: <http://www.nasig.org>.

CALLING ALL CONFERENCE RECORDERS!

Gary Ives and Carol Ann Borchert, 2006 *Proceedings* Editors

NASIG is seeking Conference Recorders for the preconference, vision, strategy, and tactics sessions at the 2007 NASIG Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Recorders are asked to attend specific sessions, take notes and then synthesize the notes into a readable, comprehensive report of the session for the Conference *Proceedings*.

In some cases, recorders may be asked to listen to recordings of a presentation and work with the speaker to create a report for publication in the *Proceedings*.

Reporters will work under the general direction of the *Proceedings* editors.

If you are a NASIG member with the ability to write clear, organized prose, and who is able to submit a report by Monday, July 2, 2007, please consider this opportunity to make a valuable contribution to the organization.

To apply, submit a letter of application by e-mail to:

Gary Ives
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CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONFERENCE REPORTERS

Lillian DeBlois, Conference Editor

NASIG regularly publishes reports on the annual conference in the September issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*. The *Newsletter* needs volunteer reporters to cover the conference events, including the preconferences, vision sessions, strategy and tactics sessions, workshops, informal discussion groups, and user groups. I am soliciting your help in covering the sessions at the 2007 conference in Louisville, Kentucky for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. We would like to have all of the sessions covered. If you are planning to attend

the conference and are interested in submitting a report on a session, please contact me directly (lillian_deblois@msn.com).

Please indicate the session(s) that you would like to cover since I do not have access to your registration preferences.

The following guidelines will apply:

- The reporter's name will appear in the byline as the author of the report.

- The deadline for submitting a *Newsletter* conference report is July 1, 2007 (about 4 weeks after the conference) for inclusion in the September issue.
- Reports are generally summaries of presentations and may vary somewhat in length, scope, and depth of coverage, at the reporters' discretions; reports must be full prose (not outlines or written out notes) and preferably between 250-500 words.
- The *Newsletter* Editorial Board reserves the right to edit reports to any degree, or not to publish any report it deems inappropriate or unsatisfactory.

- Reporting for the *Newsletter* is not the same as recording for the *Conference Proceedings*; *Newsletter* reports are generally less substantial than articles in the *Proceedings*.
- NASIG members, and especially the *Newsletter* Editorial Board, will be very appreciative and grateful for your report!

PROFILES

Maggie Rioux, Profiles Editor

JOYCE TENNEY

I may well have met Joyce Tenney for the first time at NASIG's 1992 conference at the University of Illinois/Chicago (my first NASIG) since she's one of the few remaining "everytimers" who have attended all twenty-one conferences. However, the first time I *remember* meeting her was in the fall of 2000 in the course of a site-selection visit to the University of Maryland at College Park. Joyce was determined to get a NASIG conference in the area and since her own institution, University of Maryland Baltimore County, didn't have the facilities to take us on, she had proposed the sister institution. Fran Wilkinson and I, a two-person Executive Board Site Selection Committee, made the campus visit in company with Joyce. College Park didn't work out, but after some more recruiting and gentle arm-twisting on Joyce's part and another site visit by Fran and me, we ended up holding the 2002 conference (our last completely campus-based conference) at the College of William and Mary, about 200 miles from UMBC. Joyce served very successfully as CPC co-chair for that conference with Stephen Clark¹ although I think she practically moved to Williamsburg the last month or so.



Joyce (far right), Greg (center rear), co-chair Stephen Clark (far left), and other CPC members demonstrate a typical warm NASIG welcome to the 2002 Williamsburg conference.

This tendency to stick with something is typical of Joyce. She's been at her current institution of employment since she was an undergraduate there, has hung on to her spousal unit for a lot of years (more on him later) and has been a member of, and active in, NASIG since its beginnings in 1986. Let's start with the first item – University of Maryland Baltimore County. Joyce was born and officially grew up in Maryland, although she spent lots of time in West Virginia as a child. When the time came for college her high school Latin teacher recommended UMBC (Joyce was interested in classical studies), they were willing to give her a scholarship and she could live at home and commute (frugality is one of her long-time assets). She worked in the library as a student assistant and after graduation she quickly got a full-time job as a technical assistant. A year later she started on her MLS at University of Maryland College Park, going to school nights while continuing to work. Her tech. assistant job involved check-in of standing orders and when the Serials Librarian left, she moved into that job as Acting Serials Librarian. Graduate degree in hand, she became Serials Librarian for real and never looked back. As of last May, she moved up to Head of Serials and Acquisitions.

As to NASIG, Joyce heard about the newly-forming organization through a mailing list she signed up for after attending a serials conference in Crystal City, Virginia. She attended that first conference at Bryn Mawr College in June of 1986 and never looked back from that either. She's attended every single NASIG conference since then with the upcoming Louisville conference making number twenty-two. No more than ten other people can make that same claim. And she's been active too – Chair of the Bylaws Committee in 1993-94, Chair of Regional Councils and Membership in 1996-97 and member of the Nominations & Elections Committee in 1998-2000. Of course we can't forget that second fulltime job she had for a year or so as co-chair of CPC for the Williamsburg Conference. She was so good at that job that we elected her to the NASIG Executive Board as a Member-At-Large in 2002 and then to the office of Secretary in 2005. In the course of all this, Joyce has also willingly shared her hard-earned conference planning expertise as Board Liaison and/or Consultant to several CPCs, including the one currently planning our Louisville Conference, for which she is a consultant.

Back to that spousal unit ... Joyce is somewhat unique in that her husband, Greg Roepke is also committed to NASIG and has also attended all twenty-one, going on twenty-two, conferences and that doesn't count the many Board meetings and other events to which he has willingly accompanied her. Personally, I can't even get my spouse to attend one library conference, let alone twenty-two.² Greg is also a Maryland native and has both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Maryland, but he's not in any way, shape or form a serialist (except by marriage). Greg's field of endeavor is public safety. He worked for twenty-five years in the U/Maryland system including a number of years as Associate Director of Public Safety at U/Maryland Baltimore County. Joyce tells me that they actually met in the parking lot in front of his police station at UMBC. She refuses details, but I am absolutely positive it doesn't involve his arresting her. Greg attended that first NASIG conference at Bryn Mawr with Joyce because it was part of their vacation (makes it tax-deductible, don't ya know), discovered he liked the social events and the people (serialists really *are* fun folks), and also enjoyed spending the days exploring the host campuses and cities. He's been coming to NASIG conferences ever since.³

Just like Joyce, Greg has also done more for NASIG than just attend conferences. When Joyce was co-chair of CPC for the 2002 conference, Greg was made an honorary member of the committee and also "CEO of NASIG Ground-Air Transportation." He organized all the shuttles between the airports and the William and Mary campus. After Joyce was elected to the Board in 2005 and she was appointed Board Liaison to your *Newsletter* Editorial Board, we unanimously declared Greg to be honorary liaison. I didn't ask Joyce what he's doing for the Louisville CPC to which she is Board Liaison, nor did I inquire as to his duties as Secretarial Spousal Unit, but you can bet that he's helping out. Actually, Greg now has more time to spend on NASIG since he's retired from UMBC and loving it. His domestic duties involve cooking and spoiling the dogs on a daily basis.

Speaking of dogs (i.e., short, hairy children who walk on all fours and don't speak clearly)... Joyce and Greg have three children of the canine variety and they want you to know about them. All three are shelter dogs. Cody is a 13-year-old cocker spaniel, Buffy is an age-

unknown but at least 10-year-old cocker mix and Sadie is an 8-year-old golden retriever. Since all are light-colored, visitors are advised not to wear black and especially not to fuss about dog hair (that's why they call it fur-niture, right?). Also, don't put anything on the floor that you don't want eaten or gummed. Dogs rule!⁴ The dogs do not, however, attend NASIG conferences. They help her with her NASIG responsibilities by sitting on her lap and providing blood-pressure-lowering services.

With Joyce's talent for follow-through and all this help from both spousal unit and furry kids, I think we can be totally confident that NASIG secretarial responsibilities are in good hands. And speaking of follow-through, remember I said that I first recall meeting Joyce on a preliminary site visit for a potential conference at University of Maryland College Park? Well, just to bring things full circle, I asked her if there's any chance of a Maryland- or Baltimore-based NASIG conference now that we're doing things in hotels instead of on academic campuses.

Even after several years, she hasn't given up the idea. She's still interested in bringing NASIG to Baltimore and if the stars (and the bids) align properly, it just might happen a few years from now. That, I think, would be the final star in Joyce's NASIG crown and maybe then the doggies could come to the conference too.

¹ Joyce claims Stephen was the brains and patience of the event, but I think Joyce contributed a lot of brains and patience, too.

² As a matter of fact, I know of only one other couple who attend NASIG conferences together – former NASIG President Steve Savage and his partner Tom Champagne, but they're both serialists. They actually *met* at a NASIG Conference. For more details see my profile of Steve in the Sept. 2004 issue (19:3) of the *Newsletter*.

³ I asked Joyce if she had to attend Greg's conferences in order to be fair about the whole thing. She said she'd gone to one and found the exhibits fascinating. Hmm, I wonder what public safety vendors give for trinkets.

⁴ Mikey, my 13-year-old bichon frise said I had to put that in.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

If someone were to ask you what the most important thing is that NASIG does, it's highly probable that you'd answer, "Well, the annual conference, of course." (Unless you think NASIG is a networking node for folks who love corn flakes, but if that's the case, you should take a closer look at the S in our name.) For most of us, the annual get-together in May or June is a highlight of our professional year and one of the things we appreciate most about the organization. But ... this conference doesn't happen magically by itself. It takes a lot of people, working really hard for pretty much the whole year preceding it, to make it happen.

There are actually two committees involved in bringing the conference to fruition. The Program Planning Committee is in charge of arranging inspiring vision session speakers, sorting out the more practical tactics sessions and organizing the various sessions where NASIG members can discuss the whichness of what. The Conference Planning Committee is in charge of everything else. You know, minor stuff like where do we sleep, where and what do we eat, where do we have all those sessions that PPC has put together, what do we do to have fun when we've had enough inspiration for the day,

how do we get to all those places, and most of all, do we have enough coffee ordered in to keep us going (a notorious NASIG need).

If you've been a member for more than a couple of years, you'll know that the way a NASIG conference plays out has changed over the years and the CPC structure and function have evolved to accommodate this. Although the number of attendees has remained at between 600 and 700 for most of its history, the venue changed drastically beginning in 2003. Prior to this, NASIG conferences were held on college campuses with most of us "camping out" in dorm rooms which ranged over the years from Spartan to wicked cool. Our last dorm experience was at the College of William and Mary in 2002. For 2003, Portland State University in Oregon was the host institution, but they didn't have any dormitory rooms we could use; however there were several hotels nearby their downtown Portland location. So we did a hybrid conference as an experiment – staying in hotels and meeting mostly on the campus. It worked well and beginning with the 2004 conference in Milwaukee we went to an all-hotel conference. It's opened up new locations for us (for example, the University of Louisville could

never have hosted a 600-attendee conference on their campus) and has forever changed the way that CPC does its work. Also, even though I enjoyed the dorms, I must admit that I like the hotel-based conference too – I have my very own bathroom, my very own big soft bed, and since we're all staying in the same place once again (the wimps among us had long ago fled the dorms for hotels), I once again get to see everyone over breakfast.

One thing that has changed for the CPC is the way they're chosen. Back in the campus-based days, the CPC had to do most of the detail work of planning and organizing things. This meant that they had to be physically present at the conference site in order to oversee a lot of the planning and deal with about a gazillion different people. So the easiest way to appoint a CPC was first to find a chair (easy to do since (s)he had probably volunteered the campus in the first place) and then have him/her dragoon as many warm bodies as possible (preferably NASIG members or at least serialists) who lived/worked within about 25 miles of the site. Now, the NASIG Site Selection Committee tends to choose a site first and then recruit CPC co-chairs from the area chosen. The CPC also gets to work with a hotel event planner, a city visitors' bureau contact and other commercial entities rather than, at most, a college events coordinator. Instead of "being volunteered," most committee members actually volunteer themselves by filling out the regular NASIG volunteer form. They may even live quite a distance away from the conference site. Although most of this year's CPC members are from within a hundred miles or so of Louisville, the committee also includes Kat McGrath from Vancouver, British Columbia, and Steve Kelley from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Steve is in charge of A-V arrangements and has been able to work via email and phone with an A-V provider who services the Galt House Hotel. And, thanks to the wonders of conference calling, both Kat and Steve have been able to "attend" committee meetings (of course conference calling does have its drawbacks – it seems there was one meeting where the university suffered a campus-wide power outage, causing all the virtual attendees to miss the meeting).

A good deal of what CPC does hasn't changed. They still have to make arrangements for social events, Sunday tours, transportation to off-site

(campus or hotel) events, make sure the hotel (or campus) has enough meeting rooms set aside, arrange meals, etc. Having local folks on the committee really helps with the social events since they know what visitors want to see and also what visitors would want to see if they knew it existed. In Louisville, the first category includes Churchill Downs, while I'm told the second category includes a dinner cruise on the Ohio River. Committee members are also working on a dine-around evening (by sampling the cuisine?) and making sure we'll all have breakfast and lunch. It's hard putting together all the innumerable details, especially since a lot of the decisions have to be referred to the Executive Board, which has its own ideas about how things should be done (always has, always will). It's also a little scary signing big contracts for lots of money and hoping everything goes well. And then there's the interesting task of picking an "official airline" for the conference. Co-chair Tyler Goldberg says that they thought of picking UPS, about the only air transportation company for which Louisville is a major hub, but then they didn't think many NASIGers would be interested in shipping themselves to the conference in cartons.

If all this sounds daunting, it is, but the feedback I've gotten from committee members for this profile tells me that while it's a lot of work, they wouldn't have missed it for the world. Deberah England in particular said she has most enjoyed meeting and getting to know the other committee members and also learning a lot about the heart of Louisville. Deberah also mentioned the drive to meetings in Louisville as being beautiful, especially the stretch from Covington on down the Ohio River.

One thing that might help future committees in their work is more continuity between successive conference-years. Unlike most other NASIG committees, CPC is a one-year appointment instead of a two-year one. The logic behind this is that this committee does as much work in its single year as your average (albeit hard-working) NASIG group does in two. Also, in the past, when committee membership was closely tied to conference site, it would have been difficult for someone to work on, e.g., a conference in San Antonio and then stay on the committee to plan the next year's conference in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Board has attempted to work around this by encouraging past CPCs to produce a very complete committee

handbook and also by having as many of the incoming CPC members as possible attend the current year's conference and shadow their counterparts around during the event in order to get an idea of what needs to be done. Now that we're doing things differently, the Board has begun re-appointing some past CPC folks to the committee (like Kat McGrath who was CPC chair for the 1994 conference at the University of British Columbia). Also, the Board tries to find consultant-members and Board liaisons with CPC experience (Joyce Tenney, Consultant to this year's CPC was co-chair for the 2002 conference and has also served as a consultant and Board Liaison in past years). However, the Board might want to consider asking members of this year's CPC if any of them would be willing to serve on next year's committee as well. I'd wait until a good month after the conference to

ask them though – let them have a little time for recovery.

So, your CPC continues hard at work. If I can borrow an analogy from a committee member who said that bringing a conference to fruition is somewhat like giving birth, the committee is currently in hard labor. I fully expect we'll all experience the birth of a wonderful, healthy, beautiful conference in just a few months. I certainly am looking forward to enjoying the fruits of all the hard work these folks have put in over the past year. Oh – one last thing – Deberah England says that one important thing she's learned is the correct way to pronounce Louisville and she promises to teach it to all of you too.

OTHER NASIG NEWS

IN MEMORIAM – CHARLES MAY

Longtime NASIG member Charles May, systems librarian at Uncle Remus Regional Library in Madison, Georgia, died September 24, 2006. His wife, Elaine Hardy, sent the following information about him to the *Newsletter*:

Charles received his MLS at the University of Alabama in 1983. He began his library work life prior to that at Birmingham Public Library in Birmingham, Alabama, as a shelver and became a cataloger. In the late eighties, he moved to Atlanta to work at SOLINET. He began there in tape processing but quickly moved to OCLC Services. While an OCLC Services Coordinator, he traveled the Southeast, training many libraries in cataloging and interlibrary loan with OCLC. In 1994, he became the systems librarian at New Hanover Library System in Wilmington, North Carolina. In 1996, he became the systems librarian at Uncle Remus Regional Library in Madison, Georgia, where he remained until his death on

September 24, 2006. He had been ill for some time, but his death was unexpected.

At one time, Charles was very active in NASIG, attending most conferences and serving on committees. After joining Uncle Remus, he was unable to be as active since he was no longer a serials cataloger, but he maintained his membership. He had fond memories of attending conferences and spoke often about the people he met and the places he went.

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NASIG CONFERENCE SITE SELECTION

Char Simser, on behalf of the Site Selection Committee

How does outdoor gathering space with lush landscaping sound? What about little nooks with benches amongst gardens, and blue sparkling pools? Sand volleyball anyone? Basketball courts? Almost reminds me of some of the college campuses where NASIG conferences were held in past years. Oh yeah, bring your golf clubs! The club house is a short walk or golf

cart ride from the front door. (Hmm... I don't remember golf courses at our campus sites.)

The Site Selection Committee has seen these things (and more) at 8 resorts we've visited in 2 different cities as part of our task to find a host city/site for future conferences.

We are excited to announce the location for NASIG's 23rd Annual Conference in 2008:

TAPATIO CLIFFS RESORT IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA! June 5-8, 2008





Why a resort? Because you asked us to look at resorts, cruises, and conference centers, in addition to hotels.

First a little background on the site selection process. What an eye opening experience! I started attending NASIG board meetings in 2002, so I've long been aware of conference attendees' concerns, needs and expectations. I'm also familiar with costs (and learning more details now) associated with setting up an international meeting. Food and beverage, meeting rooms (rounds? theatre or classroom style?), A/V, Internet access... Don't worry. We're serialists – we know about negotiating!

About that cruise idea: I believe this was mentioned at the Denver conference in some discussion, but I'll repeat it here for those who weren't there. I hate to tell you, folks, the cruise option just won't work. Try explaining that request to the library administrator who approves funding for professional development at your organization. "You're attending a conference on a cruise ship sailing to [name your destination]? Yeah, right." We actually did investigate the cruise option. Bottom line: ships don't have enough meeting space to accommodate a group our size unless we want to book passage on the Queen Mary II. Since we're trying to keep attendees costs reasonable, I think we'll have to write that one off.

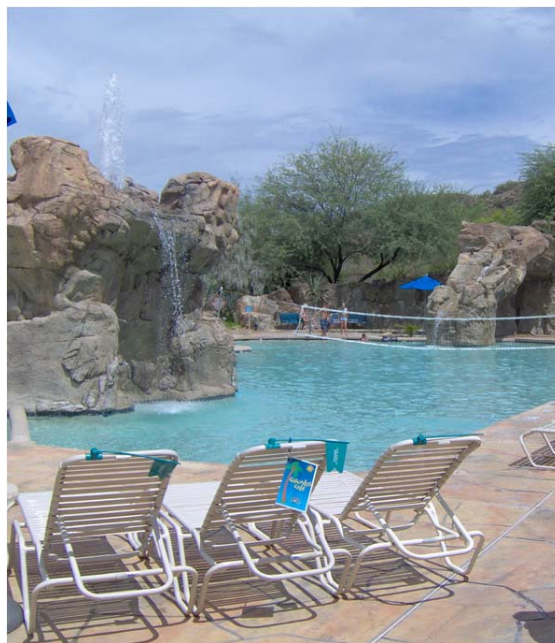
The Site Selection Committee received 49 proposals from cities across the U.S. and

Canada. We were most interested in cities in the east or the west since the middle U.S. has hosted us for several years. The committee looks at certain minimum requirements (including things like room rates, number of available rooms, dates, nearby airports, support from local convention & visitor bureaus) before pursuing further discussions with a site.

A number of hotels and resorts met our minimums in Phoenix. Their Convention and Visitors Bureau was extremely enthusiastic about NASIG bringing a conference to their city, so we decided to take a closer look. We visited 6 sites in Phoenix, hotels and resorts, and were very impressed with all their facilities. Resorts became a real option for this city and were absolutely beautiful. The Board agreed to experiment with a resort setting for 2008. While we will no doubt be back in a hotel environment for a future site, this was the perfect opportunity to try a new venue.

You are going to love Tapatio Cliffs (<http://www.pointehilton.com/indextc.cfm>). The sleeping rooms are all suites, each with their own separate sitting area. Many of the meeting rooms have windows and/or doors that open to lovely courtyards or garden areas. We know conference attendees will enjoy the amenities: a golf course, several pools, gardens, great views, a four-diamond restaurant, a taco place! I could go on and on. You'll hear much more about it and the wonderful entertainment and recreation options in Arizona in the coming months. Denise

and I highly recommend the desert tour! [link: <http://www.flickr.com/gp/33431491@N00/p92o38>]



HOW THE NASIG CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMES TO BE

Marilyn Geller, Program Planning Consultant

It would be great to think that putting together a NASIG conference involves starting with wonderful ideas for speakers and topics from a variety of sources like last year's conference attendees, a brilliant programming committee and an extensive search of the literature and headlines about trends and hot issues. Or it would be great to know that there's a huge pool of willing presenters and proposed and already organized workshop topics from which to pick and choose. You would think the combination of the two would be the best of all possible worlds, an embarrassment of riches!

And it is. Well, sort of.

The problem with creating programming from a list of ideas is that you have to find the right potential speakers and convince them to commit to presenting at a conference they may never have heard of. On the other side, the problem with the pool of proposals is that lots of them are about the same topic, or they're from speakers we've all heard over and over again, or presentations that have been done at another conference and are just being recycled.

Beyond that is the problem of balance and coverage and cohesion. While each individual program idea may be truly winning, all of the ideas must come together to present a

conference program that flows from one workshop to the next. Each NASIG conference has a theme, usually a phrase that captures the essence of the location and general premise of the conference, but sometimes, and we all know this is the truth, it's a stretch. Inherently though, regardless of the conference theme, all program ideas have to be meaningful to serialists in their day to day jobs, their role within their larger organizations or their place in the library and publishing universe.

In addressing the conference needs of serialists in their day to day jobs, the programming group must offer a full range of topics. We have library based attendees; we have vendors and service providers; and we have content providers. We represent public, medical, special, government and academic libraries. We are from for-profit and non-profit organizations. Our daily responsibilities represent technical work, public service work, and things that fall in between and outside those two arenas. Coverage and balance in programming mean that the program organizers give EACH attendee a useful conference experience and give ALL attendees a useful conference experience as well.

Balance, coverage and cohesion also apply to the speakers. Conference programmers try to offer speakers who represent all of the types of

attendees we have. We want to hear from people who work in libraries like our own; we want to hear from people who work for organizations that support our everyday work; and we want to hear from people who supply us with that gnarly content we call "serials" that brings us all together. Beyond that, we want to hear from movers and shakers from all over our community, and we want to hear from those insightful people who have jobs just like ours. But NASIG has always been about helping people get started, and we really do want to hear from fresh new voices, people just coming into the serials universe who may someday be movers and shakers, or at least insightful!

As if that's not enough, there's the scheduling of all these precious pieces. One piece of the scheduling puzzle has to do with events not related to the program group's responsibilities, but the rest of it has to do with putting all the content together in a way that makes sense. Figuring out which programs should be offered in which programming slots is crucially important to the attendees' conference experiences. If you

have two workshops that might interest only a small group of people, they shouldn't be offered at the same time because the small audience would be divided. On the other hand, if you have a very large contingent of conference attendees who are interested in the same topics, offering two workshops at the same time will make the audience size manageable for each workshop. In every time period, it's important to offer topics that will appeal to, or at least be useful to any given attendee. So, in the end, sometimes you spread things out over the schedule, and sometimes you concentrate them.

And when all of this is done, there's no rest for the weary. There are still programming responsibilities to be managed. But that's an article for another day. It is an incredible amount of hard work, and it's a credit to our membership that we provide such high quality programming year after year.

Program planners of NASIG's current and future conferences, we who have gone before you salute you (and have great empathy for you too)!

EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (2006)

Committee members (2006): Marla Baden, Chair (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne), Joe Badics (Eastern Michigan University), Carole Bell (Temple University), Jana Brubaker (Northern Illinois University), Sarah Corvene (Harvard College), Sandy Folsom (Central Michigan University), Carole McEwan (University of California, Berkeley), Anne Mitchell, Co-Chair (University of Houston), Lori Terrill (University of Wyoming)
Board Liaison: Adam Chesler

The Evaluation & Assessment Committee's main charge is to produce, distribute, and assess evaluation forms for the annual conference. It is the only NASIG committee that operates on a calendar year basis. The committee completed its responsibilities and assignments this year including a summary report on the 21st Annual Conference which appeared in the *NASIG Newsletter*, December 2006.

In January, the committee was notified that the Executive Board had approved the implementation of online evaluations for the

Denver conference with a \$500 appropriation toward the project. It was decided that during the transition year, paper evaluation forms would still be made available so conference attendees would have a choice of evaluation format.

In March, the committee created the print evaluation forms for the conference, preconferences, and poster session. These forms were sent to the Program Planning Committee to include in the conference packets. A version of each form was also forwarded to Stephanie Schmitt and the conference programmer to use as templates for the online forms. Although deadlines were tight the online forms were unveiled on the conference's home page in time for the start of the 2006 conference. Many thanks need to go to Step Schmitt for all her liaison work between E&A and the conference programmer.

Committee members spent the month of July entering evaluation data from the conference. Three hundred and two conference attendees completed evaluation forms (conference, preconference, or poster) with 192 of those still

being submitted in paper. Since the data entry from the paper forms could be done via the online forms instead of being constrained by the five license limitation as in the past, committee members Marla Baden, Joe Badics, Jana Brubaker, Sarah Corvene, Sandy Folsom, Carole McEwan, Anne Mitchell, and Lori Terrill all contributed to the effort.

Once the data had been entered Stephanie Schmitt worked with Paul Seeman to create the final results reports. The reports were placed in a password protected directory on the NASIG Web site. The Executive Board, chairs of the Conference Planning Committee, and chairs of the Program Planning Committee were sent the report access information in September.

Also in September twenty-six speakers received individual summaries of their evaluation reports via email. This work was managed by Carole Bell who both extracted and distributed the information to the requesting speakers.

This year there was a slight delay in distributing any evaluation data including the usual preliminary summary report. However, now that the format programming has been done for creating the final report, the committee should be able to distribute future conference evaluations promptly after the conference. This will eliminate the work of having to create the past "Quick & Dirty" report. In the future the Executive Board, CPC, and PPC will have much quicker access to the complete conference data for planning purposes.

The Evaluation & Assessment Committee believes that the transition to online evaluations was a successful venture and recommends discontinuing all paper evaluation forms. The committee asks the Executive Board to give its approval for a totally online evaluation process for the 2007 conference.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

[Ed. note: Excerpted from January committee reports to the Executive Board]

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Paoshan Yue and Betty Landesman, Co-Chairs

In early November, the CEC forwarded to the NASIG Program Planning Committee (PPC) an idea for a preconference on the "Metadata Standards and Applications" course. The PPC liked it and asked for a formal proposal. A small group of CEC members (Betty Landesman, Valerie Bross, Kay Johnson, and Paoshan Yue) worked together on this project. Consulting with Steve Shadle from the University of Washington and the course developer, Diane Hillmann from Cornell University, this group put together a formal proposal and submitted it to the PPC on December 7, 2006.

The proposal has been officially accepted by the PPC, and the preconference is scheduled for Wednesday May 30th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Thursday May 31st, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

This workshop was developed by ALCTS/LC as part of the Cataloging for the 21st Century series. It provides an overview of basic concepts for 21st century bibliographic control of digital libraries, focusing on non-MARC

metadata standards. The workshop examines different types of metadata standards and applications, comparing and contrasting them to the traditional cataloging environment. The goal of the workshop is to help prepare catalogers and other information professionals to work within the emerging digital information environment so that they can relate their existing knowledge to the new digital environment.

We are very excited that Diane Hillmann, the course developer, will be the lead instructor of this preconference workshop. From our discussion with Diane, it has become clear to us that the serials community needs to connect itself to the metadata world. In the ever-more-digital environment, the distinction between monographs and serials is becoming more and more blurred. We believe that the sooner we, the serialists, start connecting the two communities, the better we will position ourselves for the future. The CEC wishes to thank the PPC and the Board for the support of this program.

DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Buddy Pennington, Chair

ACTIVITIES FOR 2006/2007

2007 Renewals

The renewal season was publicly announced on NASIG-L on November 15th. The announcement indicated that the goldenrod forms would not be mailed out and provided complete instructions on how to renew online.

The renewals for 2007 have lagged behind the renewals for 2006. The committee has come up with the following items that may explain the lower turnout compared to 2006:

- The lateness of announcing on NASIG-L. Traditionally, the goldenrod forms were mailed out in mid-September. It is hoped that if the NASIG-L announcements are made around that time in 2007, more members will renew in time to be eligible for voting.
- Announcing by NASIG-L list. There is some speculation that a number of folks were not reading their emails.
- We received a few indications that members were not comfortable paying online, leading us to believe that many were assuming that renewing online meant paying online. We need to make more explicit that members

can pay by check and do not need to pay online.

- The instructions may have made the process seem more complicated than it was.

Ideas for next year include the following:

- Promote membership renewals throughout the year, not simply during the fall.
- Prominently display renewal reminders on NASIG page and conference page.
- Offer a discount to those who renew by a certain date.
- Ask for feedback via NASIG-L and/or the annual conference of the process and how to make it easier.

MEMBERSHIP

- 1119 current members:
 - 135 new members in 2006 (not yet renewed for 2007).
 - 415 renewed members in 2006 (not yet renewed for 2007).
 - 43 new members for 2007.
 - 516 renewed members for 2007.
 - 7 complimentary or gratis members.
 - 1 corresponding member.

NEWSLETTER

Kathryn Wesley, Editor-in-Chief

DEBUT OF THE NEWSLETTER NEWSFLASH

At the suggestion of the Publications/PR Committee, the NASIG-L announcement of the December issue (blog version) included snippets of several articles along with links to the full articles and the table of contents.

The *Newsflash* appeared on NASIG-L late in the afternoon (eastern time) on December 1, a Friday. Blog stats show the *Newsletter* was viewed 719 times on December 1, a new "best day ever." The following Monday, December 4, the number of views recorded was 440. While some of these views may be attributable to more of the membership adopting the blog format, it is

probable that the increase in numbers is generally due to the impact of the *Newsflash*. Thanks to the Publications/PR Committee for a great idea!

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Maggie Rioux has announced that she will retire as profiles editor following the May issue. She has done a wonderful job and will be greatly missed. Applications for a new profiles editor will be solicited before production time for the May issue to allow Maggie to help train/mentor the new profiles editor.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

David Burke, Chair

Through 30 submitted nomination forms, the committee received 16 nominations for Vice-President/President Elect (8 different people), 9 nominations for Treasurer (8 different people), and 54 nominations for Member-at-Large (35 different people). All are active NASIG members. Following an intra-committee conference call on September 11, each member of the committee called six to seven nominees for permission to forward their names through the nominee review process. Unfortunately, only 14 Member-at-Large nominees, 1 Treasurer nominee, and none for Vice-President/President Elect opted to continue. The committee has contacted 10 other NASIG members to broaden the pool and will contact others. So far, this new pool has yielded 1 additional Member-at-Large prospect, 2 additional Treasurer prospects, and 1 Vice-President/President Elect prospect. Some of these nominees removed themselves prior to the deadline for submitting a completed profile form. Unfortunately, despite calling several other experienced NASIG members, no additional Vice-President/President Elect nominees agreed to pursue the position.

A second intra-committee conference call was held on December 7 to choose the most

appropriate candidates for the ballot (after overcoming some technical difficulties with Netspoke). The committee then contacted those candidates' references; no information emerged to eliminate any of the names previously selected. So the committee will announce this ballot on January 15, along with a call for petition candidates:

Vice President/President Elect:
Meg Mering

Treasurer:
David Bynog, Peter Whiting

Member-at-Large:
Carol Ann Borchert, Abigail Bordeaux, Anna Creech, Sandra Hurd, Kim Maxwell, Jeff Slagell, Sarah Sutton

Petitions are due February 1, with the final ballot then announced to the membership. Ballots will be sent out on February 15 with a March 15 deadline for completion. Ballots will be counted and the winners announced immediately afterward.

ONLINE REGISTRATION TEAM

David M. Bynog, Chair

The 2007 Online Registration Task Force has begun implementation of online registration for the 2007 conference in Louisville. We are again working with Paul Seeman who has created the registration database for the past two years. Per our letter of agreement signed with Paul work on the registration database is scheduled from January 16, 2007 and March 1, 2007. We hope to have a database up for testing by February 1, and hope to have the database complete and

fully functional by February 14, 2007. Any delays in this date will be communicated to the NASIG President. The registration process and database structure will follow the same format as the past two years, incorporating new features including an area for members to donate funds to the organization, and an area for the PPC to make any last minute changes to the program schedule.

OTHER SERIALS NEWS

CHARLESTON CONFERENCE 2006

SERIALS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Reported by Fran Rosen

Presenters: N. Bernard "Buzzy" Basch, Basch Subscriptions, Inc.; Tim Bucknall, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Rick Burke, Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC); Julie Gammon, University of Akron; Chuck Hamaker, University of North Carolina, Charlotte; Jim Mouw, University of Chicago; Rollo Turner, Association of Subscription Agents; Susan Zappen, Skidmore College

On Wednesday, November 8, I attended an afternoon preconference on Serials Resource Management at the XXVI Charleston Conference. Participants had a chance to hear about and discuss many different issues in serials.

The preconference was moderated by N. Bernard "Buzzy" Basch of Basch Subscriptions, Inc. Buzzy set the tone for the discussion, and helped pull the different ideas together. Speakers included Susan Kappen, Associate College Librarian for Collections, Skidmore College; Julie Gammon, Head of Acquisitions, University of Akron; Tim Bucknall, Assistant Director for Information Technologies and Electronic Resources, University of North Carolina – Greensboro; Rick Burke, Executive Director of the Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC); Rollo Turner, Secretary General of the Association of Subscription Agents and Intermediaries; and Chuck Hamaker, Associate University Librarian for Collections & Technical Services, University of North Carolina – Charlotte.

Susan Kappen talked about journals at Skidmore College. She said they cancelled 25% of their journal budget in 2004, have gotten decent budget increases every year, and are still overspent for 2006. They are spending almost 80% of their budget on serials, and they pay 18% more for 885 print journals than they spend for access to 35,000 electronic ones. They could cancel some print and rely on ILL, but they

need to maintain the subscriptions that are tied to the curriculum. She said it is clear that there will never be enough money for journals, so we need to look for solutions other than just finding more money. Working with faculty to make sure they retain copyright, setting up digital repositories, and supporting open access are some things that we can do.

Julie Gammon told us about the University of Akron. She said that OhioLink gives them a great advantage. They are spending more of their serials money through OhioLink and less with subscription agents. She wondered if libraries are still trying to spread out our subscription dollars, to avoid being completely dependent on one subscription agent. She also talked about change and how they are re-training library assistants to deal with new tasks.

Tim Bucknall talked about giving our users what they need, when and where they need it. He is able to track journal use for institutions using Journal Finder, the link resolver that was written at UNC-Greensboro. In every institution free and open access journals are either the most used or second most used category of journals. Tim looked at institutions around the country to see if they include free and open access journals in their catalog or link resolver. He found that these titles are probably not in a library's catalog, and may or may not be in the link resolver. The easiest titles to add to a link resolver are the DOAJ titles, but these aren't necessarily the most often used titles – for UNC-Greensboro, only 1 of the top 30 most often used free/OA titles was in DOAJ. The most used title was the local newspaper. He stressed that we need to work harder to find these titles and to make them available to our patrons. Tim talked about some of the ways we can get people the information they want, when and where they need it, such as Google Scholar, COinS, Blackboard and other course management systems, context-sensitive linking, and bookmarklets.

Rick Burke talked about how SCELCO coordinates consortial purchasing for over 90 California libraries. He showed us the database SCELCO uses to track journal packages, license terms, and which members subscribe to which resources. SCELCO is involved in a joint project with Serials Solutions to develop an ERMS for the consortium, and he showed us that too. They are trying to coordinate purchasing and to help with cooperative collection development.

Rollo Turner talked about ASA and what it does around the world. They work on detecting and preventing fraud; for example, in some places, personal subscriptions are purchased and then re-sold to libraries. They are also working on basic standards covering how to treat journal contracts. They look at price increases. He said this year prices went up 9%, but there is huge variation within each publisher's list. (Elsevier really did have an average price increase of 5%.) He talked about the role of subscription agents; both large and small ones can offer processing help with electronic journals. He stressed that subscription agents can provide many different services, including negotiating with publishers on behalf of consortia. He said he did a survey and determined that approximately 15% of electronic subscriptions break down at renewal. The problem is mostly with publishers, but this is a very difficult service area. He also talked about claims. Subscription agents spend a lot of time and money on claims processing. He thinks it would be useful to have a dispatch database, which libraries can use to determine if issues have been mailed out yet; if not, the library could wait to submit a claim.

The last speaker was Chuck Hamaker. He started by expressing his irritation about when a patron uses Google to access library-subscribed resources and then thinks she is getting it free through Google. He asked why people don't understand about IP recognition, and answered that 76% of downloads from journal publishers indexed on Google are PDFs. There is no co-branding when they access the PDF, and nothing that says this came from a library. (JSTOR is the exception.) He called this an absolute failure of identification. He proposes that there be a page that comes up before the PDF with the library's name. He pointed to a related issue, that they are seeing a drop in the number of searches in some databases but this is not correlated with a drop in the number of downloads. This means patrons are finding library content using Google Scholar or other methods, and are not relying as much on the bibliographic databases that we purchase access to. Users are starting their searches outside the library environment, and are losing understanding of how they found the item. He also discussed funding. University priorities are retention and graduation rates, which mean it is harder to get consistent budget increases for the library; instead of increases to base, his library is getting recurring one-time allocations. Electronic journal price increases have been controlled, but they are still 2-3 times the inflation rate. We need solutions, but OA and IR are difficult concepts to get across to administration and faculty.

THE TRANSFER INITIATIVE CREATING BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR THE TRANSFER OF JOURNAL TITLES BETWEEN PUBLISHERS

Reported by Nancy Beals

Presenters: Nancy Buckley, International Journal Sales Director, Blackwell Publishing; Jill Taylor-Roe, Head of Liaison and Academic Services, Newcastle University Library

TRANSFER (<http://www.projecttransfer.org>) is a project that is creating standards to address the challenges of the movement of journals between publishers. Nancy Buckley (nancy.buckley@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com) is the chair. TRANSFER, which was initiated earlier this

year, is in the early stages of the project and there is a great deal of work still to be done. The aims, scopes and guidelines for transferring and receiving between publishers are available at the website. They have created a working group and an advisory board which includes many people from the industry such as librarians, publishers and agents.

The movement of titles between publishers has created a lack of clarity, mainly in the area of

print to electronic. Currently, it is not clear who is responsible for customer satisfaction. TRANSFER is creating a code of conduct or good practice guidelines so that movement causes minimal disruption. Communication, which is the largest issue, needs to be addressed so that this process can be easier. There are also legacy and archive, licensing and pricing issues.

Many problems and frustrations lie in the changing of publisher arrangements for society journals. Societies move to commercial publishers generally because of revenues, editorial policy and pricing, economies of scale, usage data, Web presence, and for other reasons. They want to promote their societies, include more content, and take advantage of the commercial publisher's abilities with PR and innovation.

There are implications for publishers, intermediaries, and libraries when a journal moves to a different publisher. Publishers have

to merge data with existing systems and be able to interpret it. There are platform, format and content changes, and issues with links and backfile ownership. For intermediaries, every title that moves to another publisher can create 10-15 subscription transactions in their systems. So far, there have been over 5000 title changes this year. It is easy to see how this can become a difficult situation. Timing is an important issue for librarians, who need to know well in advance for budgeting purposes. They need to retain appropriate access, to be able to collect usage data (preferable COUNTER compliant), and to experience no access problems. Transfers need to be timely and there needs to be an easily accessible source of data on transfers. TRANSFER is looking into the idea of a central repository to store journal transfer information.

TRANSFER is currently in collaboration with the STM Association and the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, and is a project of the United Kingdom Serials Group.

TITLE CHANGES

[Note: Please report promotions, awards, new degrees, new positions, and other significant professional milestones. You may submit items about yourself or other members to Susan Andrews (Susan_Andrews@tamu-commerce.edu). Contributions on behalf of fellow members will be cleared with the person mentioned in the news item before they are printed. Please include your e-mail address or phone number.]

AMIRA AARON's title change was in the December 2006 NASIG newsletter, but, unfortunately, we were unable to print her comments. Amira, the new Director for Information Resources at Brandeis University Library, remarked about her new job "I am very excited about beginning this new position at Brandeis. It will allow me to return to a library management role and to the technical services and collections activities which I have missed in my years working with library systems. My areas of emphasis will be on patron access to resources as well as using resources more effectively in teaching and learning, as well as on the continued transition from print to electronic resources. I look forward to working more closely with faculty and students and also with a combined IT/library staff."

Formerly Serials Librarian at the Ontario Legislative Library, **STEVE ANDREACOLA** is

now their Supervisor, Commercial Acquisitions. His contact information did not change.

In September 2005, **MARLA BADEN**, the former Electronic Access/Serials Librarian at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, became their Head, Technical Services. About the new job she said "My position was created in a move to combine the separate units of government documents, serials, monographic cataloging, monographic acquisitions into one unit under one supervisor. Fortunately, I am still heavily involved in serials since I did not give up my old electronic access/serials duties. I have just inherited new areas for growth and exploration. It has been a busy time." Marla's contact information was unchanged.

At the University of New Hampshire, **CHRISTINA BELLINGER's** job title has changed from Head, Cataloging Unit to Head, Technical Services. Christina made that change

on July 1, 2005 after 14 years at the University in her previous position and as Serials Cataloger. No changes, however, were made to her contact information.

At Binghamton University Libraries, **ABIGAIL BORDEAUX** has changed jobs from Electronic Resources Librarian to Coordinator of Digital Library Initiatives. She wanted her NASIG colleagues to know "I started July 1, 2006 in my new position. Digital Library Initiatives is a new department that is developing a digitization program for the Libraries, and that will 'incubate' other new technology initiatives. There's a paragraph available at: http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/librarylinks/fall06_digital.html that describes it more. The change allows me to explore my interests in new Web-based technologies while still keeping my hand in some aspects of ERM, such as providing technical support for e-resources and maintaining our OpenURL and metasearch tools." Abigail's contact information is unchanged.

PRIMA CASSETTA let us know that "After eleven years as the Head of Serials at the Getty Research Institute, I decided to give up management and return to my first love, serials cataloging. I started my new position as Senior Serials Cataloger, also at the Getty Research Institute, on September 25, 2006. I'm enjoying the hands-on work again very much. What else does this change mean to me? Fewer meetings! My title has changed, but my contact information remains the same."

CHRISTIE DEGENER was promoted to Resources Management Services (RMS) Department Head effective January 1, 2007, replacing Marjory Waite, who retired after more than 25 years of service to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Health Sciences Library. In many ways Christie feels well prepared for her new job; she has held increasingly responsible positions at the Health Sciences Library since September 1984 including Serials Librarian, Cataloging Services Coordinator, and, most recently, RMS Assistant Department Head. On the other hand, Christie writes that "change is always difficult, and it is especially hard to change bosses after more than 22 years together." Christie will oversee a department of 17, including 3 more staff who plan to retire by the end of 2007(!), so an immediate focus will be devising and

implementing a staffing/reorganization plan that addresses both the retirements and the ever changing workload. Apart from her job title, Christie's contact information remains the same.

From the land down under **THOMAS GIRKE** e-mailed "As part of a restructure of library services at Australia's national research organization, Thomas Girke has been appointed CSIRO's Manager of Information Support. Tom now leads teams responsible for all acquisition of information resources (print and electronic), cataloguing and inter-library loans on behalf of clients located across the country." Tom was their Manager, Collection Resources Support. His contact information was not changed.

Old Dominion University's **TONIA GRAVES**, 2000 NASIG student grant award winner, has become Electronic Resources and Serials Services Librarian, a change from being their Electronic Resources Cataloger. About this change she wrote "I left the Cataloging Services Unit in October 2006 to supervise the newly formed Electronic Resources and Serials Services Unit (formerly the Serials Services Unit). This reorganization was the result of a workflow analysis project conducted in 2005. The staff and I are pleased with the change and look forward to the challenges and opportunities on our horizon." She can still be reached with her old contact information.

Changing from Technical Services Librarian to Collection Development Librarian at Kenyon College is **KAREN GREEVER**. No changes were made to her contact information.

Cleveland Public Library's **GLORIA GUZI** is no longer Serials Librarian/Supervisor. She is now their Acquisitions Librarian – Serials. She commented "It is not a new job, simply a new classification for the job I've always done. It clarifies the fact that most of the Serials work I do is Acquisitions oriented--order, receipt, renewal, price negotiations, licensing, serials module control, but not any heavy duty bibliographical control. Other than copy cataloging, all bib work is done by the Catalog Department. The change came as a result of a system-wide classification study. A lot of jobs at CPL have new titles." Gloria's contact information did not change.

In September 2006, Loyola/Notre Dame Library reorganized and renamed some departments.

Because of those changes, **NANCY HANKS'** job title changed from Head of Technical Services to Head of Collection Management Services. Contact information remained the same.

Another change at the University of New Hampshire was **BARRY HENNESSEY's** change from Head of Technical Services to Acquisitions & Serials Librarian. His comment about this change was "I actually changed positions in July 2005. I'm trying to think of some plausible account of events, but it's the kind of story best recounted among friends over dinner, after a few (OK, quite a few) glasses of wine. But after one round of NASIG and Charleston, I have to say it's the best career choice I have EVER made. A challenging area, pleased by some of the most exciting individuals I've ever met—and I include not only the librarians, but the publishers and vendors in that group." No changes were made to his contact information.

Formerly, the Serials Librarian in the Copyright Acquisitions Division of the Library of Congress, **MYKIE HOWARD** is very happy to trade in the hustle and bustle, traffic, and long commutes of Washington DC to return home to the beautiful Bluegrass horse country of Kentucky to be the Serials Librarian at Morehead State University. Her contact info is below:

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KARA HYDE is very much enjoying her new job as Cataloger at Serials Solutions, where she was previously Data Acquisition Specialist. Her contact information remains the same.

MICHAEL KAPLAN, Ex Libris, Inc.'s former Director of Product Management, is now their Director, Digital Products Technical Support. No changes were made to Michael's contact information.

Since February 2006, **RAFAL KASPROWSKI** has been the University of Houston Libraries' Electronic Resources Coordinator. His major responsibilities are "Coordinate electronic resources department with one full-time paraprofessional under my supervision; Revise

licenses for e-resource purchases, negotiate terms with providers to meet institutional requirements; Responsible for implementing e-resource management tools to improve user access to e-resources (e.g. OpenURL link resolver so far, and an e-resource management system hopefully soon down the road); Participate in acquisition decisions as member of the Collection Management Committee." Previously, he was their Assistant Electronic Resources Librarian. Rafal's contact information remains the same.

Formerly the Head of Acquisitions at the University of Miami, **LEE KRIEGER** is now their Collection Development Special Projects Librarian. Lee's contact information was not changed.

CAROL MACADAM has moved from her long-time home in Princeton, New Jersey, to her new home in Greenbelt, Maryland. Carol says that this move was instigated by her need to be near her family. That family is daughter Sian and son-in-law Zaven and granddaughter Ani Sophia (two years old in early December 2006) and daughter Cara. Carol has bought a home in the historic Greenbelt Cooperative community (Eleanor Roosevelt had a lot to do with establishing this community). At JSTOR meetings in and near DC in early December Carol received a warm professional welcome from her library colleagues in the area, to whom she says, "Thank you all." Carol will continue to work for JSTOR (eight years and counting) though in a modified position from the Associate Directorship that had increased in responsibility over the years. Carol's new title is Library Relations Outreach Coordinator reflecting her sole focus on outreach efforts, and no longer entailing supervisory or managerial duties. (Can you see her smiling?) Carol will be a bi-monthly presence in JSTOR's New York office and plans to attend the NASIG conference this year for the first time in several. "I look forward to seeing you all in Louisville." Carol's new home address is:

21H Ridge Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Phone: (301) 474-0606.

JONATHAN DAVID MAKEPEACE, formerly at the University of Windsor, recently became serials manager at the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, part of the

National Research Council Canada in Ottawa. He has been founding coordinator of the NACO Canada funnel project for the last year and a half and is presently looking for other members of the Beta Phi Mu honour society in Canada's capital region to found a chapter there: <http://cisti-icist.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/>. Jonathan's previous position was Bibliographic Services Librarian. His new contact information is:

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JONATHAN DAVID MAKEPEACE, autrefois de l'Université de Windsor, a été nommé gestionnaire des périodiques à l'Institut canadien de l'information scientifique et technique, un organe du Conseil national de recherches Canada à Ottawa. Il est coordinateur fondateur d'une adhésion collective des bibliothèques canadiennes au NACO depuis un an et demi et il est présentement à la chasse aux autres membres de la société d'honneur Beta Phi Mu dans la région de la capitale du Canada pour y fonder un chapitre.

Still at Villanova University, **SUSAN MARKLEY** is now Resource Management Team Leader. She was their Head of Periodicals Department. In spite of the time-consuming nature of her new job, Susan managed to let us know "This past summer, the library at Villanova University completed a major staff re-organization, introducing a completely new administrative structure. Among the changes, Acquisitions, Cataloging, Periodicals, and Electronic Resources were merged into one Team under my leadership. This was quite a challenge since I previously only managed Periodicals and had only limited involvement with the traditional Tech Services area. Merging four previously independent departments, with their own managers, staff, and workflow procedures also presented unique challenges. In addition, there was a new directive from the Library Director on spending and a newly designed ledger to account for that spending. As one of the seven

Team Leaders in the library, I now sit on a newly created Management Policy Group that works with the Director on organizational policies and initiatives related to staffing, administration, facilities, and operational and strategic planning. Luckily, I love my new work and the variety of opportunities it has given to me, but my work day has definitely increased into the night hours." Fortunately, at least Susan's contact information is unchanged.

JOHN MATTHEWS had a change in title only, not job duties. He is now Catalog Librarian at Washington State University, a title change from Serials & Electronic Resources Cataloger. No changes were made to his contact information.

ALLISON MAYS of Millsaps College was their Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, but is now Coordinator of Acquisitions & Cataloging. She wrote about her title change "Yes, my job title changed in January 2006, due to a re-organization at our library. I oversee both the Acquisitions and Cataloging departments, but the biggest change is that I now handle the electronic resources. I'm responsible for renewing them, and handling the site licenses." Allison's contact information has not changed.

2006 NASIG Student Grant Award winner **SARAH E. MORRIS** has moved from being an MLIS student to being a full-fledged librarian at the Illinois College of Optometry. She was happy to share with her NASIG colleagues that "I started at ICO on May 16, 2006--the week after I got home from NASIG last year. You are welcome to put my address and number in the newsletter. In terms of what my job entails, I index every journal that comes in and take care of all things serial, from overseeing check-in and the student workers who re-shelve and pull issues for ILL to online access and getting SFX off the ground and running. I was pleasantly surprised to find out how much I enjoy navigating the mess that access to our online journals is. I am very much looking forward to Louisville and hope I can learn more tips of the trade from my fellow serialists." Her official job title is now Serials/Indexing Librarian and she may now be reached at:

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On April 1, 2006, **DONNA PACKER** became Head of Technical Services, previously Head of Acquisitions/Serials Services, at Western Washington University Libraries. About her title change she e-mailed "We now have an integrated acquisitions/serials/documents processing/cataloging unit with a single department head. Our goal is to create seamless processing from acquisition (in any format, from any source) right through to cataloging and public access to our materials. We are investing in far more cross training across the various specialties within our unit's responsibilities, hoping to create a truly flexible staff able to work in a variety of metadata environments." Donna also mentioned, for those considering a title change of their own, that her school will very soon be recruiting for a metadata/catalog librarian. Donna may be reached using her old contact information.

LORRAINE PERROTTA of Huntington Library changed titles from Acquisitions Librarian to Head of Technical Services. Her contact information was not changed.

ANDREE RATHERMACHER is currently Head, Serials Unit at the University of Rhode Island Library, where he was the Serials Librarian/Bibliographer, Business. His contact information remained the same.

2002 Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship winner, **ANGELA RIGGIO** has changed jobs from Head, E-Resources Cataloging and Metadata Section to Head, Digital Collection Management at the University of California Los Angeles. She e-mailed about her new job "Digital Collections Services is a new unit in the UCLA Library which is designed to lead, plan, and deliver digital collections services for the selection, acquisition, licensing, access, and ongoing management of digital collections for the UCLA community. My position primarily assists the Director of the unit with the development of policies and procedures for the management of electronic resources; with intellectual property issues, including licensing, copyright review, and open access; with supporting the coordination of library scholarly communication efforts, projects and programs. I am also responsible for helping to lead and oversee the ongoing development of metadata initiatives regarding digital resource management, copyright, and licensing within the

UCLA Library." Her previous contact information is still correct.

LUCIEN R. ROSSIGNOL, who works in what is probably one of the more fascinating places to work, the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, was their Head, Acquisition Services and is now the Head, History and Culture Department. About his job change he wrote "The change in jobs means that I am now in charge of the unit responsible for acquiring all books, serials, and e-resources for the Smithsonian Institution Libraries and that I now have supervisory responsibility for five museum libraries. In essence, I've moved from the Technical Services side of the house to the Reader Services side, from behind the scenes to front line. Ironically, I am now head of the library where I started as a library technician 33 years ago - all with the Smithsonian Institution Libraries. One of life's more pleasant ironies, accompanied by a much broader perspective." Lu can now be reached at:

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At the Texas Tech University Libraries, **JAYNE A. SAPPINGTON** wrote "I have changed positions from Head of Bibliographic Services to Systems Librarian because I was looking for something new and exciting to do in my career. In my new position as Systems Administration Librarian I manage our library's integrated library system. My years of experience as a cataloger and manager help me to better understand how the system works and what the staff needs from the system. My experience with serials has also helped me understand how serials information was entered which in turn helps me be able to retrieve the information to send to vendors." Only Jayne's phone has changed and is now:

Phone: (806) 742-2238 ext. 234

BOB SCHATZ, former Director of New Business Development at Coutts Library Services, is now their Director of US Sales. About this title change he remarked "I became Director of US Sales at Coutts in late 2005. My focus has been

to grow the US Sales team in order to manage the opportunities Coutts is facing as a result of our growing presence in the US market. Last spring, with the support of the company, I moved back to Portland, which is where I've lived most of my life and where my wife and I have family (including our daughter, Julia). As has been the case during the rest of my career, my work involves an ever-active combination of e-mails, conference calls, Webex sessions and more than a few airline rides. With recent company events, the job remains challenging and exciting." Bob may now be reached at:

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STEPHANIE SCHMITT wrote "I started my new job on December 17, 2006. I left the Yale Law Library after about five and a half years of service to begin a new life living overseas. I have a diverse staff and am looking forward to several collaborative and consortial projects in the Gulf region. We are always looking for good librarians here so I encourage any NASIG members who are interested in working overseas to contact me and I'd be happy to talk about life and work outside of North America." Stephanie is now Supervisor, Technical Services at the Library and Learning Resource Centre of the Zayed University in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. She was Yale Law Library's Librarian for Serials Services. She can be reached at:

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ALLISON SLEEMAN "retired from the University of Virginia in late July 2007, after 20 years of service there. Previously she had worked at five other educational institutions including eleven years at Penn State. Allison has been an active member of NASIG since 1993, gave a presentation at Duke in 1995, and served on the Program Planning Committee for

four conferences and the Conference Planning Committee for the William and Mary Conference. She is currently working part-time (approximately 15 hours per week) as a wage employee cataloging miniature books in the Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia. She is taking water exercise classes several times a week at a local athletic club, and has taken several mini classes at the Jefferson Institute of Lifelong Learning. She and her husband, John, also a retired librarian, have three cats. She is enjoying her retirement." Allison was Serials Cataloging Coordinator before retiring. Her contact information is available in the NASIG directory.

Now Colorado State University's Coordinator, Collections and Contracts, **PATRICIA SMITH** was their Coordinator, Acquisitions Services. No changes were made to her contact information.

From March 2006 **ANDREW STANCLIFFE** is no longer the University of California, Los Angeles' Head, Acquisitions Department. He e-mailed "At UCLA, we decided to separate the acquisitions processes for electronic resources from print acquisitions processes. Within our new Digital Collections Services unit, we've combined licensing review and negotiation, acquisitions of electronic resources, maintenance of our local ERMS, support for selectors, and copyright/intellectual property rights issues in one unit. I am now in this new unit as the Digital Acquisitions Coordinator, and I handle licensing and oversee ordering and payment of new electronic-only resources, as well as serving as the liaison to the California Digital Library. Germaine Wadeborn is now Head of our Print Acquisitions operation." With no other changes to his contact information, Andy's phone is now:

Phone: (310) 267-2682

JEFF SUNDQUIST, who was UC Shared Print Librarian/JSTOR Archive Manager at the University of California, Los Angeles, has returned to being a student. About this change he e-mailed "Basically, I was a professional Librarian at UCLA for a two year project after my MLIS, and now I am at UC Berkeley as a PhD student in Scandinavian Studies (I hold a subject masters in this area). So, even though I won't be a librarian for the next few years while I finish my coursework and work on my dissertation, I do intend to keep aware of my profession, and

maintain my memberships in ALA and of course NASIG (which is awesome). His current e-mail is:

E-mail: jquist@berkeley.edu

JOYCE TENNEY, previously Serials Librarian at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, is now Head of Serials and Acquisitions. Her contact information did not change.

At Ryerson University, **DANA BETH THOMAS** has changed from being Serials Librarian to being Digital Support Librarian. Dana's contact information remained the same.

Former Head, Catalog Department at the University of Missouri-Rolla, **MARGARET TRISH** is now Assistant Director, Technical Services. Her contact information did not change.

Previously the University of Michigan's Head, Serials Acquisitions, **JUDY WILHELME** is now their Head, Electronic Acquisitions and Licensing. No changes were made to her contact information.

At Duke Medical Center, **JUDY WOODBURN** has changed from being to Head, Journals Department to being Assistant Director, Journal Services. Her contact information remains the same.

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Lillian DeBlois, Calendar Editor

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March 1-3, 2007

Public Library Association (PLA)

Spring Symposium

San Jose, California

<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/2007plaspring Symposium/2007plaspringsymp.htm>

March 29-30, 2007

North Carolina Serials Conference

"Serials at Warp Speed: Navigating Transitions"

University of North Carolina

William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

<http://www.nccuslis.org/conted/serials2007/serials2007.htm>

March 29-April 1, 2007

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

13th Annual Conference

"Sailing into the Future - Charting Our Destiny"

Baltimore, Maryland

<http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrl events/baltimore/baltimore.htm>

April 16-18, 2007

United Kingdom Serials Group (UKSG)

Annual Conference and Exhibition

University of Warwick

Conventry, United Kingdom

<http://www.uksg.org/events/annualconf07.asp>

April 16-18, 2007

Computers in Libraries

Hyatt Regency Crystal City

Arlington, Virginia

<http://www.infotoday.com/CIL2007/>

May 30, 2007

NASIG

Executive Board Meeting

Louisville, Kentucky

May 31-June 3, 2007

NASIG

22nd Annual Conference

"Place Your Bet in Kentucky: the Serials Gamble"

Louisville, Kentucky

<http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/>

May 18-23, 2007

Medical Library Association

Annual Meeting

"Information Revolution: Change is in the Air"

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html>

June 3-6, 2007

Special Library Association (SLA)

Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado

<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/index.cfm>

June 21-27, 2007

American Library Association (ALA)

Annual Conference

Washington, DC

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/annual/2007a/home.htm>

See also ALA's Events and Conferences

<http://www.ala.org/ala/events/eventsconferences.htm>

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