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## **The President's Corner / Roger Presley**

It's only August but our Fourth Annual Conference at Scripps College seems to have taken place so long ago! We have been busy, however, carrying on NASIG's business and going through a transition period from the outgoing officers and board members to the new.

Tina Feick met with me here in Atlanta last week to try to teach me everything she knew in three days or less. Of course, that was an impossibility, but we did go over those things that I needed to know to carry on as NASIG's new President. We also met with Ann Vidor, our new Treasurer, and helped her to set up the NASIG budget and expenditures on a software program that should make life a little easier for our accountant.

Also, I am happy to report that the Proposed Bylaws were passed. A copy of the new, official Bylaws is appended to this newsletter. The vote concerning the staggering terms of new officers and board members as well as making their terms retroactive to June 6, 1989 also passed. I am really looking forward to working with our new officers and board members in making this a very productive year for NASIG and its membership.

A list of the names, addresses, phones, and fax numbers of the new officers and board members is attached to the newsletter. We have elected a very qualified Executive Board. Please feel free to contact any of the Executive Board if you have any questions concerns, ideas, etc. regarding NASIG.

Also, the ballots have been counted in the vote to raise NASIG's dues. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of raising the dues. The new dues structure goes into effect with 1990 renewals. Membership renewal forms will be mailed to the membership in October, 1989. The new dues structure is as follows:

North American (U.S., Canada, Mexico ) - \$20.00/\$25 (Canadian)  
Outside North America - \$30.00 (U.S.)  
Students - \$5.00 (U.S.)

We are pleased that the majority of the membership understood our need to raise our dues so we can continue NASIG's tradition of being a dynamic network even though our overhead expenses have increased.

In closing, I want to thank the NASIG membership for choosing me as its President. I pledge to work hard and to follow in the outstanding footsteps of our past presidents. Feel free to call or write me about any concerns you may have or ideas you have to make our organization even better.

## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### Special Libraries Association Report 1989 / *Virginia Reed*

Over 6,000 persons attended the Special Libraries Association 80th Annual Conference, "User and Information Dynamics : Managing Change" in New York City, June 10-15, 1989. Of special interest to NASIG members was a two-part program entitled "Issues in Journal Pricing" which was coordinated by Barbara Best-Nichols of North Carolina State University. Part I: "How Journals are Priced" was held on Sunday, June 11 and was moderated by Joel Baron of The Faxon Company. He reported on a recent Faxon survey of librarians and publishers on pricing.

Patricia Schuman of Neal Schuman Publishers spoke about the various costs, such as intellectual (including editing and refereeing), production, manufacturing, sales, shipping and overhead, which are part of the price. Subscriptions must cover the major part of the cost of scholarly journals while popular magazines are supported by advertising.

Mary Lane of the American Mathematical Society described the process of producing and pricing non-profit society publications and projected a 6.9% increase for 1990.

Helen Knudson read a paper by Helmut Abt, which was presented at an International Astronomical Union Colloquium in July 1988 entitled "Future of Astronomical Literature." He stated that the number of papers are proportional to the number of astronomers although the length has increased, and suggested that small specific journals are inefficient and should not be supported. She also quoted from an interview of Robert Maxwell of Pergamon in *Global Business*, Spring 1988, which indicated he favored the specialized and expensive journal and intended to expand into other forms of communication.

Part II: "Increased Journals/Serials Pricing" was held on Wednesday, June 13 and was moderated by Buzzy Basch. He introduced Virginia Reed as the NASIG representative to SLA and asked interested parties to contact her.

Charles Hamaker of Louisiana State University gave an overview of the evolution of the pricing question and said that the original inquiry showed that publishers were charging what the market would bear. He quoted a recent ARL report that said given available public information, certain large commercial publishers have increased their profit margin by 40-140% since 1970. Libraries can no longer afford to absorb these increases and access to printed information is declining both in the U.S. and other countries. He asked how do we keep access to information.

Joan Grant of New York University spoke about library budgeting practices. They are difficult to compare since there are many diverse procedures. However, it is common to keep separate figures for serials format and for subjects, and this has helped track increases and their sources. She mentioned Marcia Tuttle's newsletter on BITNET as a valuable aid.

Peggy Hull of Glaxo, Inc., a large pharmaceutical firm, related her experiences with a rapidly growing library although not all journals on relevant subjects were added. The expense of the journal is outweighed by the price of ignorance.

John Tagler of Elsevier Publishers said that a dialogue needs to be established between librarians and publishers and there are no quick answers to our mutual problems. Pressure comes from the research community to publish more materials and more specialized material.

Robert Marks of the American Chemical Society discussed the issue of profitability in relationship to a large professional association with multiple publications and also two-tiered member/non-member pricing.

Richard Rowe of The Faxon Company stated that librarians, publishers, and agents are intermediaries in the information chain working to provide access to information for the researcher and the public. He appealed for greater exchange of information to improve relationships.

Hamaker in the recap suggested greater market research and pointed out the need for improvement and changes in the whole system of scholarly and research publications.

The problems of journals were also discussed in various workshops and meetings between librarians and publishers.

*Virginia Reed from Northeastern Illinois University is SLA's Liaison to NASIG.*

**Report on the Informal Cataloguers' Meeting,  
NASIG's Fourth Annual Conference / Marilyn Geller**

One never passes through Chicago's O'Hare Airport unscathed. Finding my flight from Chicago back home to Boston delayed, I set about writing up a synopsis of the Informal Cataloguers' Meeting. Discussion included questions about specific titles as catalogued by the Library of Congress, rule interpretations, and the problems involved in union listing with respect to uniform titles and retrospective conversion of titles. The group also discussed a memo to CCDA from Ben Tucker of the Library of Congress regarding brackets in the publication and designation areas of bibliographic records. A consensus was reached to support the memo. The next item on the agenda was a discussion of topics for next year's conference. Ideas included workshops on uniform titles, format integration, use of subtitles (as alternatives to title changes and as they are/are not included in bibliographic records), union listing, cataloguing and display of bibliographic records on various systems, and retrospective conversion. This list of ideas has also stirred some people to consider presenting workshops and/or suggesting other people as resources for workshops. Additionally, it was agreed to ask the NASIG Program Committee for time at next year's conference for the 3rd Annual Informal Cataloguers' Meeting. The agenda for next year's meeting will include questions about specific titles and rule interpretations, the perennial discussion of workshop topics for the ensuing conferences, and (yes, folks) a CONSER report. An important reminder: anytime in the coming year when you come across a problem with a title or rule interpretation, please send it to me right away while it's fresh in your mind. I will collect any and all contributions and have handouts prepared for next year's discussion. I want to thank everyone for their active participation and for making the meeting an enjoyable success.

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77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.*

## Report on the Canadian Librarian Association Conference / Susan Collins

The Canadian Library Association held its 44th Annual Conference on June 22nd-25th in Edmonton, Alberta. The theme was "Choice Making: Risk Taking" and more than 1200 delegates from across Canada attended this year's conference. With over one hundred programs plus workshops and other sessions, not to mention social events and tours, the conference offered difficult choices, but few risks.

For those interested in serials, the choice from the program was the session presented by the Serials Interest Group. "Cataloguing Serials: What Does the Future Hold?" -- a panel discussion organized and moderated by Dr. Robert Brundin of the Faculty of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta. The first speaker, Andre Nitecki, also on the faculty of the University of Alberta, provided a look into the past with his presentation "Fifty Years of Serials Cataloguing: The experiences of Yesterday and Today." He showed that since 1949 the definition of a serial kept changing and evolving, as well as the cataloguing rules devised to deal with this material. He wound up his talk with a brief discussion of the changes reflected in the 1988 revision of AACR2. His overview of the changing definitions, cataloguing rules and practices provided a framework for an examination of current issues.

Penny Sanson, Technical Services Librarian at Douglas College, New Westminster, B.C., took up the challenge of the present and the future in her presentation "Serials Cataloguing: Tomorrow and the Day After Tomorrow." In a wide-ranging talk, she outlined many of the problems and questions which confront librarians in technical services. She dealt with some of the implications of automated library systems and the advances in access to periodical literature through these systems. In addition to the continual changes in technology, she pointed out the need to cope with new forms of media, more involvement with national standards and internal reorganization. Some of the issues related to AACR2 were mentioned, with particular reference to uniform title problems and the debate over latest vs. successive entry cataloguing. She suggested that there is a need for better education of cataloguers, and especially serials cataloguers, if we are to avoid a shortage in the future. At the end of her presentation she commented on electronic journals and access and raised the question of whether serials librarians can adapt their thinking to accept new forms, and provide the service that users will expect and demand.

In the third segment of the program, Wayne Jones, Head of the Serials Cataloguing Section of the National Library of Canada, gave his presentation "Organization of Serials at the National Library: Principles, Processes, and Problems." After a brief introduction in which he stated the mandate for the serials collection, he described the organization and workflow of the units which handle serials. He gave an outline of the process from the time of acquisition through to the final listing in Canadiana. The National Library's role in setting and maintaining standards was also discussed, as well as its involvement with other national agencies. He also touched briefly on the bilingual nature of the serial records and DOBIS database. In closing, he outlined a few of the difficulties which face the National Library in its handling of serials. Coping with a manual serials control system and the logistical problems associated with the volume of material were the main difficulties mentioned. On a smaller scale these same problems confront serials departments in many libraries.

Following the session, the Serials Interest Group held its annual business meeting. The convenor gave a report on activities in the past year and plans were discussed for the coming year. The main activity of the group has been the organization of a session at the annual CLA Conference and proposals were put forward for Ottawa in 1990. The NASIG Conference to be held at Brock University next June was discussed and it was agreed that the Serials Interest Group should promote and support this conference as much as possible. Kewel Krishan, University of Saskatchewan Library, attended the 1989 NASIG Conference and he gave a report on its program and activities. The Interest Group was represented at this Conference by Matt Hartman, a co-convenor, but because of funding difficulties he was unable to attend both conferences and report personally on NASIG. Wayne Jones from the National Library was elected as the new convenor for the group and K. Krishan will serve as co-convenor.

The only other event at the conference which dealt directly with issues relating to serials was a meeting of the participants in the Joint Serials Renewals Negotiation Project. Sieglinde Rooney and several of her colleagues from the University of Alberta Library reported on the status of negotiations with publishers and agents. Representatives of many of the over fifty libraries who are participating in the project were provided with the results of their discussions on behalf of the libraries. This was followed by a general discussion which touched on many aspects of the negotiations, such as the responses from publishers and agents, as well as the issues which led to the initiation of the project. The University of Alberta Library has offered to prepare a summary of the project for the participants and for publication. There was consensus among the participants that support for the project remains strong and that negotiations should continue.

In keeping with the theme of the conference, the sessions relating to serials demonstrate that serials librarians are not afraid of making choices or taking risks.

*Susan Collins is Serials/Acquisitions Librarian, Ward Chipman Library, University of New Brunswick, Saint John, N.B.*

#### **Annotations from ALA / Marlene Sue Heroux**

The American Library Association held its 108th Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas from June 24-29th. Serialists had their choice of committee meetings, discussion groups and programs from early in the morning til late at night. In addition to scheduled ALA sessions, periodical vendors, system vendors and non-ALA groups, also scheduled breakfasts, forums, etc., and to add even more to the serialists' plate (pun intended!).

General RTSD scuttlebutt: 65% of the RTSD (Resources and Technical Services Division) membership voted to change the name of RTSD to ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services). The change is in effect now, but journals affected will change in 1990.

The Subcommittee on Serials Marketing (of the RTSD/AAP (Association of American Publishers) is seeking funding from RTSD for a survey on serials marketing. Clarification of how the data would be used and by whom was requested from the SS Executive Committee.

And from the SS (Serials Section) Committees: Cataloging discussed the need for uniform titles coverage in AACR 2.5, as well as bracketing and the bibliographic control of microform masters.

The Committee on Standards explored the importance of standards from the vendor's (subscription agent and system) point of view.

The Union Lists of Serials Committee discussed the maintenance of union lists, need for guidelines for offline products for union list vendors, tape processing, and the future of union list offline products vs. online and CD-ROM lists.

The Education Committee is working on developing syllabi for library schools to teach students about the cataloging and collection development of serials.

The Worst Serials Title Change Committee had its charge revised to clarify the spirit in which the awards it is responsible for selecting shall be conveyed. (This means, with humor and a flourish!)

The LC report at the Executive Committee was chock full of interesting tidbits presented by Kim Dobbs from LC. Some of the serials developments at LC include: a probable reorganization of the Serials Record Division in the form of a merger with Reference to form a Serials Publication Division; CONSER catalogers are independently doing name and series authority work on LSP (Linked Systems Project), and no longer typing out forms; MIT is a full CONSER member; the Multiple Versions Task Force is seeking funding for a national symposium for the fall of 1989; the new director of the International Serials Data System (ISDS) is Susan Santiago; NSDP (National Serials Data Program) is current on U.S. imprints, but there is a backlog of ISSN requests for foreign titles; the U.S. Newspaper Program (USNP) now has 25 states participating, with 85,000 bibliographic records, and 225,000 holdings records.

The Acquisitions Committee continued work on their survey of periodical vendors.

This Conference's Research Libraries' Discussion Group turned into more of a presentation than discussion. Attendees heard presentations by three speakers: Elaine Henjum (Florida Center for Library Automation) discussed the implementation of the US MARC Format for Holdings in FCLA's installation of NOTIS. Marlene Sue Heroux (EBSCO Subscription Services) delivered a paper on licensing agreements and electronic publishing, covering the copyright issued and CD technology and local area networks ("License to Drive"). Julia Blixrud (NSDP) reviewed the major responsibilities of NSDP and also highlighted current CONSER developments.

The Serials Section Program this year was on The Electronic Journal, with speakers covering the editing of an electronic journal and the fate and future of electronic journals. Douglas R. White (UC-Irvine) tackled the editing issue, while Edward Kurdyla (OCLC) spoke with an eye to the future.

Title Change Awards:

The Snake in the Grass Award went to IFLA for changing *International Cataloging* to *International Cataloging and Bibliographic Control*.

*American Home* was applauded for returning to its roots with its merger of the Basic and Deluxe editions of *Needlecraft for Today* into *Needle & Craft*.

Non-ALA fragments: SISAC (Serials Industry Advisory Committee) held a Marketing Subcommittee Meeting at ALA and its bimonthly meeting. Faxon held several forums on serials issues. EBSCO held several breakfasts on their interfacing capabilities with automation vendors.

New RTSD SS Chair & Chair-Elect:

Chair (1989/90): Suzanne Striedieck (Pennsylvania State University)

Chair-Elect : Elaine Rast (University of Northern Illinois)

ALA Liaison to NASIG: Joyce McDonough (University of Louisville).

*Marlene Sue Heroux has served as ALA RTSD Liaison to NASIG. She is now librarian at Rolls Royce in Atlanta, Georgia.*

## **RTSD PRESS RELEASE**

**ALA Resources and Technical Services Division  
Serials Section Acquisitions Committee  
1989 Annual Conference, Dallas  
Monday, June 26, 1989**

The RTSD Serials Section Acquisitions Committee continues to focus on preparation of guidelines for performance evaluation of serials vendors. Responses to requests for input from librarians and vendors on possible methodologies and criteria to evaluate have been limited. It was suggested that libraries required to let bids for vendors may have standard criteria for vendor evaluation, and Chair Myrna McCallister asked committee members to seek information on the bidding process in states where it is mandatory. In order to gain the broadest possible perspective, two consultants from the vendor community have been added to the committee for the duration of this project, and plans are underway to add an additional consultant from the publishing field.

The committee is currently concentrating on development of an extensive glossary of acquisitions and serials terminology to complement the guidelines project. If the committee determines that the completed glossary would prove useful to the profession, a decision may be made to seek publication of the document separately from the guidelines. In addition, work continues on a trial methodology for the project and on an annotated bibliography on vendor performance evaluation.

*Prepared by Jana Lonberger, Serials Acquisitions Librarian, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia).*

## **NASIG COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Library Science Student Grant Committee**

Here are some of the responses of the 1989 student grant recipients to a questionnaire about their reactions to the conference.

Question: Do you feel it is worthwhile for students to attend the NASIG conference? Please comment.

Yes. Definitely! Work with serials can often be frustrating. There is little reinforcement in many MLS programs or in the larger library community for someone considering being a serials librarian. Fellow students tend to exhibit a rather bewildered expression when you say you enjoy working with serials and the expression rather glazes over when you tell them you enjoy being a serials cataloger! What a wonderful treat to be with all those serials professionals at NASIG. I can't think of a better way to show students the best of serials work -- the people!!

Juedi S. Kleindienst  
North Carolina Central University

Yes. The conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn about serials, through the formal presentations and workshops as well as through talking to librarians who have worked with serials for many years.

Anita Schuneman  
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Question: How did attending the conference benefit you personally?

I realized that many working librarians publish and I can, too. I met vendors and publishers and began to quit thinking of them as "they" who feed off of "us." It solidified my determination to pursue serials work. Serials are where the action is in academic librarianship and I really want to be part of that. It was personally thrilling to me to talk to authors I have admired and to listen to what they had to say. I got lots of good, practical career advice. As a new professional I am very grateful for the shared experience and this will go on my resume!

Melanie Lightbody  
University of Washington

Attending the NASIG conference benefitted me in a variety of ways, both personally and professionally. Being selected as a NASIG grant recipient allowed me to attend a national conference which I might otherwise not have been able to attend. As a graduate library student and career staff person, I have often thought of attending conferences but have been limited by financial and job considerations. However, as a grant recipient, I felt that all obstacles were removed and I was encouraged to take advantage of such an honor. I enjoyed meeting other



serials librarians and publisher/vendor representatives and hearing about their experiences in the field of serials. It was especially gratifying to speak to those people who are at the forefront of the profession and to many of those responsible for research and publication in the field. It was exciting to meet people whose work I have previously read in serials journals. Attending the NASIG conference has reinforced my desire to become a serials librarian and to become a productive member of the profession.

Geraldine F. Pionessa  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona

I personally found the NASIG conference a most enlightening experience. Meeting other librarians in the field of serials helped me understand the issues better. Lacking serials knowledge from a practical point of view, I feel this conference has done a great deal to help me understand issues such as serials acquisition, automation, etc. I was fortunate enough to meet some interesting and very helpful librarians who did much to make my first conference a most memorable event. The lectures were extremely interesting and the workshops very useful. I would have liked to attend more than two though.

Adriana C. Rossini  
University of Toronto  
School of Library and Information Science

Question: What suggestions do you have for the 1989 NASIG Student Grant Program?

I was very pleased with the way I was treated as a student grantee throughout the conference. The accommodations, transportation, meals, and scheduling were handled flawlessly. I was treated as any other professional colleague. If future groups of students are treated as well as we were, you will always have a worthwhile program. I deeply appreciated the entire experience. I hope the program can be expanded to include a few more students, though I do hope that the size of the student group, as well as that of the conference itself, will not expand too much.

David. R. Ward  
Louisiana State University

Additional comments or suggestions:

I would like to thank NASIG and the Grant Selection Committee for the wonderful opportunity to attend the 4th Annual NASIG Conference. I look forward to seeing some warm, familiar faces in Canada in 1990.

Bettie George E. Frye  
University of South Carolina

## ARL UPDATE ON "SERIALS PRICES" ACTIVITIES:

The following is excerpted from a letter dated August 9, 1989 from Duane Webster, ARL Executive Director which was sent to Directors of ARL Libraries. We thought it might be of interest to the NASIG membership.

"Issues relating to the recent ARL serials price study continue to draw attention. I would like to highlight . . .

2. Gordon and Breach lawsuits. A disturbing development in the serials arena is the suit by Gordon and Breach of a physics professor - Henry Barschall, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin. In July 1988, Dr. Barschall published a survey of the cost-effectiveness of physics journals, which noted that Gordon and Breach journals were the most expensive in terms of cost per character. The company is now suing him in Germany and Switzerland and they have announced that they are also suing him in France and Japan. The suit in Germany names Dr. Barschall, as well as the American Institute of Physics and the American Physical Society as defendants, and asks for DM 250,000 in damages. We are in contact with Dr. Barschall and are examining ways of establishing contacts in Germany and Switzerland to provide support in defending the suit. Overall, this development has had a chilling effect on the broad ranging discussions and analysis of the issues contributing to the serials crisis.

...As ARL continues to develop its program to address the serials prices issue, it is important that the membership and the Executive Office remain in close contact on publisher responses to the report, and that ARL continue to lead the effort toward more effective and affordable means of scholarly communication."

## NEWS FROM THE UKSG

*Current British Journals 1989: a Subject Guide to Periodicals*, edited by David P. Woodworth is now available. This fifth edition is published jointly by the British Library Document Supply Centre and the United Kingdom Serials Group. It is available from: Publications Sales Unit, The British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom LS23 7BQ. The cost is L50.00 in the U.K. and L54.00 Overseas.

The July 1989 issue of the UKSG's journal, *Serials*, will be the last for editor Albert Prior. His duties as editor will be assumed by John Cowley of Dawsons.

In autumn 1990 the UKSG is planning to hold the first European Serials Conference in Amsterdam. In his last editorial, Mr. Prior sees this as "an opportunity for us to consider serials in the wider and topical context of Europe and possibly to act as a catalyst in the formation of other national groups or more appropriately perhaps a European Serials Group." Our newsletter hopes to pass upon more news of this upcoming conference as it becomes available.

**NASIG 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
EVALUATION SUMMARY**

An evaluation form was included in the conference packet and attendees were asked to complete and return the form. Of the 373 evaluation forms distributed, 166 were completed and returned for a 45% return. Last year in Atlanta 352 forms were distributed with 202 returned for a 57% return.

This report is an analysis of the statistical information obtained from the evaluation forms: questions 1-8, 11-13, and 15. Due to a mistake in numbering, question 9 is missing. Questions 10 and 14 requested written comments and are not included.

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

<b>QUESTION:</b>	<b>NO. OF RESPONSES</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
<b>1. Type of Library</b>		
a. Public Library	3	2%
b. Special Library	6	4%
c. Community Library	1	.006%
d. College Library	6	4%
e. University Library	113	69%
f. Publisher	9	6%
g. Vendor	18	11%
h. Binder	0	0%
i. Other	7	4%
<b>2. Size of Library</b>		
a. Under 100,000 vols.	3	2%
b. 100,000 to 400,000 vols.	20	15%
c. 400,000 to 700,000 vols.	21	15%
d. 700,000 to 1,000,000 vols.	21	15%
e. 1,000,001 or more vols.	65	48%
f. Not applicable / don't know	7	5%
<b>3. Years of experience with acquisitions/serials, collection development, cataloging, reference, automation/systems, publishing, vendor or binding work:</b>		
a. less than 1 year	3	2%
b. 1 to 3 years	6	4%
c. 4 to 8 years	27	16%
d. 7 to 10 years	31	19%
e. more than 10 years	97	59%

4. Circle as many of the following that describe your work:

a. Director	4	1%
b. Asst./Assoc. Director	8	3%
c. Middle Management	55	19%
d. Department Head	47	16%
e. Acquisitions Librarian	23	8%
f. Serials Librarian	65	22%
g. Catalog Librarian	31	11%
h. Collection Dev. Librn.	12	4%
i. Reference Librarian	12	4%
j. Automation/Systems Librn.	7	2%
k. Other:	28	10%

5. Components of the Conference:

The grid range was 1-5, with 1 representing "poor" and 5 representing "excellent."

ITEM	RATING
a. Information relevancy	4.4
b. Conference facilities	
1. dormitory rooms	3.4
2. meeting rooms	4.0
3. geographic location	4.4
4. meals and breaks	3.9
5. social events	3.9
6. tours	4.2
7. conference site	4.7

6. Presentations, panels & workshops. This is the overall rating which combines ratings for interest, presentation, and usefulness. The grid range was 1-5 with 1 representing "poor" and 5 representing "excellent."

EVENT	OVERALL RATING
a. Keynote Address	3.7
b. Panel: Scholarly Communication	4.3
c. Panel: CD-ROM	3.9
d. Panel: Dept. Stores	3.9
e. Panel: Journal Pricing	4.4
f. Summary Session	4.0
g. WORKSHOPS	4.0
7. Conference Evaluation:	4.4

**8. Future Planning - Location Preference**

Type	No. of Responses	Percentage
Urban	33	28%
Metropolitan	40	34%
Rural	45	38%

**11. Conference to start on Saturday because of lower air fares:**

Response	No. of Responses	Percentage
Yes	119	75%
No	13	8%
No opinion	27	17%

**Reminder:** The Fifth Annual NASIG Conference will be held in Saint Catharines, Ontario, Canada at Brock University on June 2-5, 1990.

**ANOTHER ALEXANDER THE GREAT!!!**

The Executive Board of NASIG would like to extend its congratulations to Ann and David Vidor on the birth of their son, Alexander Pierson Vidor, who was born at 4:16 p.m. on July 13th. Alexander weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 1/2 oz. Mom (who is NASIG's Treasurer), dad, and baby are all doing well!!!

**NASIG CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

Haworth Press has kindly provided us with flyers that describe the available NASIG Conference Proceedings. You should find a copy of the flyer in your newsletter envelope. If you did not receive one, please contact the editor.

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# NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP

## BYLAWS

### Article I. Name.

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

### Article II. Objectives.

The objectives of NASIG shall be:

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

### Article III. Membership.

**Section 1. Membership and rights.** Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit annual dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office, and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG.

**Section 2. Dues and fiscal year.** Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1 through December 31, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by a mail ballot. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision.

### Article IV. Executive Officers.

**Section 1. Titles.** The executive officers of NASIG shall include a president, a vice president/president-elect, a secretary, and a treasurer.

**Section 2. Eligibility.** Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to an executive office, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

**Section 3. Duties.** The duties of the executive officers shall be as specified in the parliamentary authority adopted by NASIG, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws. In case of continued failure by any one officer to fulfill the duties of the office, the Executive Board may, by a vote of three-fourths of its members, declare the office vacant.

**Section 4. Terms of Office.** The vice president/president-elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year after election as president, and shall serve the third year after election on the Executive Board as past president. All other executive officers of NASIG shall be elected for a term of two years. With the exception of the vice president/president-elect, all executive officers shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in any office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all executive officers shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

**Section 5. Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall succeed to fulfill the unexpired term and to continue in that capacity for the following full term. Any other vacancy may be filled by appointment of the Executive Board, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V. Executive Board.**

**Section 1. Composition.** The Executive Board shall consist of of the executive officers of NASIG, the immediate past president and six members-at-large who shall be nominated, elected, and serve in accordance with the provision of these Bylaws. Ex-officio members, appointed by the Board to assist the organization in any capacity, may serve at the pleasure of the Board.

**Section 2. Duties.** The Executive Board, as a whole, shall have authority over the affairs of NASIG, shall submit reports and recommendations to the membership, and shall perform other such duties as specified in these By-Laws. The membership may, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting as provided for in Article VIII, revise the actions of the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall perform the duties inherent to Board membership. In case of continued failure of any one member to participate in the deliberations of the Board, the Board may, by a vote of three-fourths of its members, declare the office vacant. Each member-at-large shall serve as a liaison between the Board and at least one Standing Committee.

**Section 3. Terms of Office.** Executive Board members-at-large shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall be eligible for re-election for no more than one additional term without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all members of the Executive Board shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** Vacancies in the elected positions of the Executive Board shall be filled by appointments of the Executive Board, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI. Committees.**

**Section 1. Composition.** Any member of NASIG shall be eligible to serve on committees. The President of NASIG shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

**Section 2. Standing Committees.** Standing committees, and their chairpersons, shall be appointed by the Executive Board, with the size of the committee determined by its needs. These standing committees shall be the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Finance Committee, the Publications Committee, the Membership Committee, the Continuing Education Committee, the Library Science Student Grant Committee, and the Conference Local Arrangements Committee. Committees may be subdivided, and additional appointments made, with the approval of the Executive Board and the chairpersons of the committees.

**Section 3. Terms of Office.** Members of standing committees, except the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed for terms of two years unless appointed by special action of the Board, and may be reappointed for a second term. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for terms of one year. In no case shall a member serve on a committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all committee members shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

**Section 4. Special Committees.** The Executive Board may appoint special committees for a specific purpose and for a specific term.

## **ARTICLE VII. Nominations and Elections.**

**Section 1. Nominations.** The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for the positions of vice president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. Other nominations for these offices, endorsed by at least ten active members of NASIG, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee. Any such nominations shall be included on the official ballot. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled, and shall also provide on the ballot a space for write-in candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to ensure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. The Nominating Committee chairperson shall report nominations to the NASIG president at least ninety days prior to the Annual Conference.

**Section 2. Elections.** Elections shall be held by mail ballot at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference. Candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be elected, and be so declared at the Annual Conference. In case of a tie vote, the Nominating Committee shall decide the election by lot. A written notice of those elected shall be mailed to each member within sixty days of the election.

## **ARTICLE VIII. Meetings.**

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

## **ARTICLE IX. Annual Review.**

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

## **ARTICLE X. Dissolution.**

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

## **ARTICLE XI. Parliamentary Authority**

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

## **ARTICLE XII. Bylaws**

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

**Adopted August 1, 1989**

# NASIG JOB-SEEKER'S PLACEMENT FORM

Name: last \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
street

yes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

no \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
business home

Permanent  
visa \_\_\_\_\_

Position category (A-G): \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical area desired: (yes/no)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

New England \_\_\_\_\_ Southeast \_\_\_\_\_

Midwest \_\_\_\_\_ Mtns/Plains \_\_\_\_\_

Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_ West \_\_\_\_\_

Canada \_\_\_\_\_

Date available: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University \_\_\_\_\_ years attended \_\_\_\_\_ major \_\_\_\_\_ degree \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Experience (maximum three)

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Duties & responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Duties & responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Duties & responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

"The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is not an employment agency and serves solely as a conduit for information between job-seekers and employers. No screening of applicants will be done by NASIG."

your signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



# INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the **JOB-SEEKER'S PLACEMENT FORM**. Please type or use black ink.

For each position you have listed, send a copy of the completed form (front only) to NASIG. If a certain geographical area is desired or is unacceptable, please make that information clear on the form.

If you wish to be notified each time NASIG mails your form to a prospective employer, send 5 self-addressed, stamped postcards with your form. When the supply of postcards is depleted, you will be notified, i.e., "5 of 5."

Placement forms will be kept on file for 6 months or until you notify NASIG to clear the file of your form(s). If you wish to keep your form on file after 6 months have passed, it is your responsibility to notify NASIG.

MAIL TO: NASIG - Job Connections Service  
c/o Maria Edelman  
3800 Walker Avenue  
Greensboro, NC 27403

<u>TYPE OF POSITION</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Administration - Academic Library	A
Administration - Public Library	B
Tech Services - Serials Cataloging/Classification	C
Tech Services - Serials Acquisitions	D
Indexing/Abstracting	E
Information Systems (Automation, Bibliographic Utilities, etc.)	F
Publishers/Vendors/Associations	G

## LOCATION

NEW ENGLAND	ME, RI, VT, NH, MA, CT, NY
ATLANTIC	PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA, WV
SOUTHEAST	NC, SC, KY, TN, GA, AL, MS, LA, AR, FL
MIDWEST	OH, IN, IL, MI, MN, WI, IA, MO, NE
MTNS./PLAINS	ND, SD, KS, OK, TX, CO, UT, WY, MT, ID
WEST	WA, OR, CA, NV, AZ, NM, AK, HI
CANADA	ALL PROVINCES