PRESIDENT'S CORNER / Mary Elizabeth Clack

Special Board Meeting
With the experience of the Executive Board's special fall meeting still fresh in mind, I would like to report on our progress. NASIG's Executive Board met on November 3, 1990 in Washington, D.C. This second annual special meeting enabled us to discuss our finances, Program and Local Arrangements for the sixth annual conference (Trinity University, San Antonio, June 14-17, 1991), Site Selection 1992, and committee activities. Most importantly, the Board initiated its strategic planning effort. This morning-long session was led by Susan Jurow, Director of the Office of Management Services, Association of Research Libraries. Small group discussions alternated with segments in which the groups reported to the larger group as we explored the history of our organization and the current situation (internal strengths and weaknesses and external
opportunities and threats). We then considered possible futures and identified the key result areas which will be the focus of efforts to influence the future of NASIG. Not surprisingly, the themes of networking, volunteerism, and preserving the diversity of our membership emerged. We noted the importance of our annual conference and of keeping pace with the dynamic serials field in our programming.

"Every good plan degenerates into work." The Board agreed to follow-up on this initial activity by conducting a needs assessment (a survey of the membership) to identify and assign priorities to critical issues. This will enable us to articulate long-term objectives and create programs to accomplish these objectives. In this way, with a projected timeframe of 1 1/2 to 2 years, we will map NASIG’s future directions. Your ideas throughout this process will be important to us, we welcome your participation.

Focus on Current Projects
Returning to the present, I would like to comment on our ongoing committee work and projects:

Nominations Committee: We are fortunate to have the expertise and commitment of the following committee members: Bobbie Carlson (Chair), Jamie Hurley, Kit Kennedy, Kathy Meneely, John Tagler, and Bill Tiffany, with Rosanna O’Neil (Board Liaison) and Tina Feick (Consultant). The Committee represents many of our constituencies and geographic regions. They have agreed upon a plan of action and are working with your recommendations for the future leadership of NASIG. To assist in this process, Sylvia Martin is preparing officer and board member position descriptions.

Conference Reports and Site Selection: Cindy Hepfer has done an excellent job of gathering the Scripps and Brock Conference reports for use in future planning. She has also prepared Site Selection guidelines and a detailed site visit check-list which has been employed by our 1992 selection committees.

Brock Conference: Ann Vidor, Treasurer, and Joan Luke, Finance Committee Member, have almost completed the final report and it will appear in the next Newsletter. We do know that we have a healthy but unintentional surplus due to donated photocopying (over 37,000 copies), a reduced rate on room and board because of our unexpectedly large attendance and some other savings.

Membership Directory: Our 1990 directory is enclosed with this issue. This was a substantial project, made possible by the efforts of editors Judith Rieke (Coordinator), David Anderson, Frances Chen, Beverly Geer-Butler and production and layout by Joan Luke, Daphne Miller, and Judith Shelton. Roger Presley was Executive Board Liaison to the directory.

Site Selection 1992: The Board held its first discussions at the November 3rd meeting, and will make a final selection at its Midwinter meeting. The following members
enthusiastically agreed to travel to and evaluate conference sites:

**Boston/New England:** Jean Callaghan (Chair), Marilyn Geller, Jane Hedberg, Deborah Jensen, Leslie Knapp, and Patricia Putney.

**Chicago:** Diane Graves (Chair), Linda Jayes, Ken Kirkland, Elaine Rast, and Virginia Reed.

**Trinity Conference 1991:** The Local Arrangements Committee has been hard at work submitting preliminary plans and costs. They are assuring us a truly Southwestern ambiance for the conference.

**Program 1991:** A good number and variety of proposals were received in response to our Call for Papers. The Program Committee (Ann Okerson (Chair), Cindy Hepfer and October Ivins) will give us an update in the next Newsletter.

**Professional Liaisons:** Chair Ann Weller has been busy with appointments and drafting a statement of purpose and guidelines. The list of appointments appears in this issue.

Due to space considerations, I will describe other activities in subsequent President's Columns. With the wealth of participation and projects, it is a pleasure to report on them! Very best wishes to you all for the holidays.

**GREETINGS FROM SAN ANTONIO / Kathy Soupiset**

"Bienvenidos, y'all"... a friendly Texas greeting to begin to put you in the mood for coming to the Sixth Annual NASIG Conference in San Antonio at Trinity University. We will be meeting from Friday evening through Monday morning, June 14-17, 1991, although we hope many of you will be able to stay and enjoy some local tours on Monday afternoon.

The Program and Local Arrangements Committees are already working hard to plan interesting presentations and great entertainment. The Local Arrangements Committee is being co-chaired by Danny Jones (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio) and Kathy Soupiset (Trinity University). They are being ably assisted in preliminary planning by Adrian Alexander (Faxon), Julie Alexander (University of Texas at Arlington), Marifran Bustin (Texas A&M University), Jackie Crinion (University of Texas at San Antonio), Larry Keating (University of Houston), Craig Likness (Trinity University), and Beatrice McKay (Trinity University). All of these people are eager to hear from you about suggestions for the conference. Thanks to many of you who have offered your ideas already and to others who have volunteered your time and talents as we get closer to the conference.

We'll keep you posted as our plans develop. In the meantime, put the dates on your calendar and plan to join us. "Hasta luego."
1990 NASIG MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Included with this issue of the Newsletter is the 1990 NASIG Membership Directory. The directory has a new format and added features: fuller entries (when available), names and addresses of the Executive Board and Committee Chairs, prefatory material, and three indexes (institution/firm, geographic, and automated serials systems).

The directory was edited by Judith Reike (Coordinator), David Anderson, Frances Chen and Beverly Geer-Butler. Joan Luke was in charge of the production and layout, assisted by Daphne Miller and Judith Shelton. Roger Presley served as the Executive Board Liaison for this project.

LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT GRANT COMMITTEE:
REPORT FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS / Mary Ellen Soper

The six library school students who received grants which covered their NASIG membership, and room, board, transportation and registration to the 1990 NASIG meeting at Brock University have all returned questionnaires with their responses to the conference. The students are:

- Martha Hill - Florida State University Library School
- David O'Connor - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library School
- William Ted Rogers - Louisiana State University Library School
- JoAnne Scott - University of Alabama Library School
- Sarah D. Tusa - University of Texas at Austin Library School
- Nancy Wolf - University of Western Ontario Library School

Following are the questions asked of them, and a sampling of replies:

Why do you feel it is worthwhile for students to attend a NASIG conference?

"This experience greatly enhances the theoretical knowledge that is acquired in formal coursework...it gives the beginning professional in this area a very positive perspective of the cooperative atmosphere that organizations such as NASIG foster and promote."

"...there are three main aspects of the conference that made it especially valuable...First, the presentation of ideas and issues from the various publishers, editors, vendors, administrators, as well as librarians...Second was the research presented...The third aspect...that stood out was the idea of activism..."

"For many students this may be the first exposure to a professional library organization and the opportunity to meet active professionals outside the state or region. It is one of the few ways a library student can gain some knowledge about
How did attending the conference benefit you personally?

"I benefited from listening to the different constituencies - the vendors, publishers, catalogers, administrators, and subscription agents - as they shared ideas and viewpoints, as well as their personal experiences. I benefited from listening to these experienced people debate and discuss solutions...I was impressed with how excited they were about their careers in serials."

"I gained a sense of belonging to a collegial group with a shared set of goals. I believe I have been introduced to a society of very active and creative individuals who are working together to provide the best possible service..."

"...the conference has reinforced to me the importance of becoming involved with professional associations. Learning about Canadian libraries and library school education has also broadened my perspective."

Did attending the conference influence your career plans?

"The people I met at the conference and their enthusiasm have certainly led me to consider serials cataloging in a new light and to investigate job opportunities."

"Attending the conference definitely reinforced my goal of joining the ranks of serials librarians."

"My desire to seek a career in serials was strengthened through the confirmation of my suspicion that serials is 'where the action is."

What suggestions do you have for the 1991 NASIG Student Grant Program?

Five of the six students said that NASIG needed to advertise its student grants more. They felt that most library school faculty knew little about NASIG and the grants, and that library schools need to publicize them more. Each library school receives many notices of fellowships, grants, etc. NASIG's offer seems to get swallowed up in the mass of incoming paper. If NASIG librarian members would write their own library schools and stress the importance of these grants to the students it might focus more attention on them.

Additional comments or suggestions:

"I appreciated the opportunity to attend the 1990 NASIG Conference. I would not have been able to attend without the NASIG Student Grant Program. The Conference was an educational experience that I could not possibly get from an area that receives scant attention in library schools."
reading a book."

"I look forward with anticipation to many future NASIG conferences."

"Given the immense and growing importance of serials to scholars and scientists, it is important that NASIG continue to recruit dedicated individuals to ensure its continual efforts to optimize serials management."

LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM: APPLICATIONS / Carole McIver, Chair

The NASIG Library Science Student Grant Program provides library science students interested in serials and/or technical services work an opportunity to attend a NASIG conference with all expenses paid. If you know of any library school students "who have expressed an interest in serials and/or technical services work," please encourage them to apply.

SCOPE OF AWARD: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG. Expenses for travel, registration, meals and lodging will be paid by NASIG. A one year student membership also will be included.

ELIGIBILITY: Students currently enrolled in any ALA accredited library school program and who have expressed an interest in serials and/or technical services work are eligible. Applicants must be full or part-time students at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be employed in a position requiring an ALA accredited degree at the time of acceptance of the grant award. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available after February 1, 1991, in ALA accredited library schools and from Carole McIver, Chair, Library Science Student Grant Committee. Application form requests should be sent to: Carole R. McIver, Administrative Services Librarian, Atkins Library, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223. Telephone: 704-547-2221. Fax: 714-547-3050.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 10, 1991. Applications postmarked or faxed after this date will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by April 15, 1991. A maximum of six grants may be awarded for 1991.

The NASIG Library Science Student Grant Committee members for 1990-91 are: Carole R. McIver, Chair (University of North Carolina at Charlotte); Janice Lange (Sam Houston State University); Lisa A. Macklin (University of North Texas); Eleanor I. Cook (Appalachian State University); and Harriet Kersey (Georgia Institute of Technology).
WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE

Are unnecessary serial title changes driving you wild? Get revenge and nominate them for the Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Awards. These awards, sponsored by the Serials Section, will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta in June 1991. At that time, we will "honor" serials whose titles have changed since January 1990. Please send us your favorites. We need the complete citation for the change, including the old title with the number and date of its last issue, the new title with the number and date of its first issue, and the name and address of the publisher. Photocopies of relevant title pages or cataloging printouts are useful for verification. Please send nominations to: Nancy Hanks, Chair, Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Committee, Bailey Library, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity! Submit your nominations today. Deadline: May 1, 1991.

SERIAL USERS ONLINE DISCUSSION GROUP

A Serials Users Online Discussion Group has recently been established on BITNET via Computer Operations support at the University of Vermont. Those who are interested may subscribe to the group by sending a one line message to listserv@uvmvm. The message should say, "subscribe SERIALST," followed by your own first and last name. (If you are in a CMS environment you need to type the following at the CMS "ready" prompt: "tell listserv at uvmvm subscribe SERIALST" followed by your own first and last name.)

SERIALST is intended to serve as an electronic forum for most aspects of serials processing in libraries. Topics may include such things as: cataloging, acquisitions, collection management, binding, preservation, microfilm, union listing, etc. The SERIALST discussion group should not deal with serials pricing issues as this topic is already covered in: Newsletter on Serials Pricing Issues (to subscribe, send a one line message to listserv@uncx1 to "subscribe prices-l" followed by your own first and last name. Or, if the subscription command to Prices-L doesn’t work, send a message to: Tuttle@unc.BITNET).

NEW FEATURE IN SERIALS REVIEW

Serials Review is initiating a new question-and-answer column, tentatively entitled, "The Case in Point," dealing with problems in serials cataloging. The column is to be a regular feature of the journal, beginning with either the first or second issue of 1991. Readers are asked to submit specific questions dealing with appropriate surrogates and existing cataloging copy, to the column editor: Jim Cole, Serials Cataloging Section, 204 Parks Library, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011. Theoretical questions are also welcome, but they must be illustrated by an actual serial.
OBERLY AWARD FOR BIBLIOGRAPHY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are sought for the 1991 Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural Sciences. The award, established in 1923, gives national recognition to bibliographic scholarship in the fields of agricultural or related sciences. The nominated bibliographies will be judged on usefulness, scope, accuracy, format, arrangement, indexes, and text. The award, which is administered by the Oberly Award Committee, Science and Technology Section, Association of College and Research Libraries, American Library Association (ALA), will be presented at the 1991 annual ALA meeting in Atlanta.

Nomination letters are due by January 1, 1991, to Alena Chadwick, Chair, Oberly Committee, Biological Sciences Library, 214 Morrill Science Center-South, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003; 413-545-2674. If possible, please include a copy of the nominated bibliography.

ALCTS SERIALS SECTION ACQUISITIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
1990 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHICAGO

At its 1990 Annual Conference meeting, the Serials Section Acquisitions Committee of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) assessed progress on drafts of several documents of interest to serials and acquisitions professionals. An extensive glossary of acquisitions and serials terms is nearing completion. The committee is currently soliciting comments from various groups and hopes to have a final draft ready for approval at the 1991 ALA Midwinter Meeting. A guide for handling of library orders for serials and periodicals is also undergoing final revision.

Substantial progress has also been made on a set of guidelines for performance evaluation of serials vendors. A bibliography on serials vendor evaluation has been compiled, and a partially completed draft of the guidelines was distributed at the June meeting. Work on this draft will continue through Fall 1990, and there are plans to have a more complete revision ready for the committee's review at 1991 Midwinter.

For more information on these or other activities of the SS Acquisitions Committee, contact Jana Lonberger, Chair, 2564 Wildflower Lane, Snellville, GA 30278; 404-894-4517; BITNET: JLONBERG@GTRI01.
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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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Ending balance                     $40,039.27

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UNITY WITH DIVERSITY NASIG invites the participation of serial publishers, subscription agents, librarians, bibliographic utilities, educators, binders, and all serials-oriented persons. The group welcomes members of other professional organizations and hopes to work with these groups both informally and formally, through liaisons. Specifically, NASIG desires to address joint problems and issues that cut across diverse interests among the membership. Its promotion of a common base of understanding promises a greater base of cooperation.

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