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PRESIDENT'S CORNER / Ann Okerson

E lecting a President for NASIG

Earlier this week I was having lunch with a NASIG member who is active in association work and libraries at large. She had just received the latest Newsletter and commented how refreshing it was to read. Why, I asked? Because, she said, in this time of recession and general gloom, most organizations’ documents are full of retrenchments and cutbacks. By contrast, NASIG is full of plans, ideas, innovations, experiments. It is vital and optimistic. As I look at organizational behavior and organizational spirit, NASIG is a model that I study and attempt to learn from.

Her comments were music to my ears. Then I stopped to reflect on just what makes the optimism and energy she saw reflected in our publication. We would all agree that NASIG is an organization of individuals with impressive talents and strengths and that we are trying to use those in the best possible collective way. As has been noted in a previous column, the Trinity conference was successful because of the direct involvement of well over 100 individuals; the committees also have that same broad-based participation. At any given time, about 1/4 of NASIG’s members hold a visible, named role in the organization. That kind of "ownership" by individuals of their own group, along with a specific focus topic (serials) makes us successful.

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Volunteers offer to work on committees and task forces, people who are asked to serve usually accept with pleasure. For example, the volunteer effort needed to produce the NASIG Membership Directory (included with this issue of the Newsletter) is enormous; thanks are due to Joan Luke Stephens and her staff. For those of you interested in serving on a NASIG committee, please fill out the committee volunteer form (also included with this issue).

In the elected process, however, we do less well than in the volunteer capacities. To be sure, nominations for the Board are many and it is difficult for the Nominating Committee to winnow the ballot down to a manageable number. This is done diligently by seeking candidates' self-assessments and in an impartial rating system based on previous commitments and activities in NASIG, other organizations, and the serials "industry" as part of professional employment or extracurricular activities. Board election results are often close.

The situation becomes less easy for the named or executive Board positions. Both Treasurer and Secretary require specific expertise and a great deal of time investment, but we have been fortunate in attracting good candidates, even though the "competition" for these positions could be greater.

The post of President has proved vexing for the most recent three elections. In this last ballot, only one name appears along with a write-in blank. That one candidate is a highly qualified, first-choice individual with deep NASIG experience and a visible leadership role in the serials community. Yet she, the Nominating Committee, and the Board would have been MORE than delighted had we had several members clamoring to be on the presidential ticket and eager to be elected. In considering presidential candidates for the ballot, the Nominating Committee looks at all previous candidates, Board members, nominees, active NASIG members. It seeks the input of a number of individuals including the Board, and several of us work through the entire NASIG directory so we don't overlook available talent.

So, why isn't there a huge competition for NASIG President? The reasons for this are many and no doubt obvious.

First, the position requires prior NASIG experience, not only for the issues but for an understanding of how the organization functions. As an organization only 7 years old, we have some of what our illustrious past President, Mary Beth Clack, terms "bench strength," but always less than we would like or need. Organizationally, we need to provide as many avenues as possible to build that kind of strength. We do that by expanding committees, activities, and working groups. We need members' suggestions for more ideas to work on -- as well as volunteers to undertake new ideas.

Second, the job takes a great deal of time. Some times are busier than others, particularly times leading up to Board meetings and annual conferences. The lead and preparation time for an annual conference is at least 9 months for Program and close to 1.5 years for local arrangements. Any new initiatives (and an organization would perish without them) are add-ons. Meanwhile, there is the very real day by day contact with committee liaisons, finances, and specific member needs/requests.

The Board has been considering how to give better support to all the elected positions and committees. We agree that NASIG is at a point where modest sums of money to see a project through completion or a Committee on the road to an idea, or to help an officer with better NASIG productivity (software, modest part-time assistance, communications costs) -- are available and we should ensure that that is publicized. And that such practical support continues and grows. It is unlikely that in the near future we would opt for an association management firm's support. Such support is costly as it pays professional salaries and overheads. More to the point, it could close doors to some of the NASIG activities that are cheerfully and enthusiastically undertaken by our members.

In the year that I was on the ballot, my co-runner and I were told that a number of people had already turned down the nomination. The general reasons given:
- Lack of time. Institutions are cutting back on staff and people are working harder and harder on their jobs. And value whatever leisure time they have all the more.

- Lack of funds. Institutions and individuals are having a harder time affording travel and communications costs.

- Lack of access to good support services, like stationery, copiers, postage machines, high-tech work enhancers (such as e-mail, computers, software). This is a particularly vexing problem for NASIG members who do not work in an organizational building, whose working style is independent. Such people might be consultants or work as representatives for vendors or publishers. Lack of access to corporate workday "tools" has certainly cost us some excellent candidates.

- Lack of confidence. The perception that the job is too hard or somehow beyond the person's ability to handle. Needless to say, this is a rationale that the Nominating Committee works hard to overcome with potential candidates. Organizationally, we can overcome it by providing more and more opportunities to build that "bench strength" and confidence.

- Lack of information. Being unsure what the presidency involves and the kinds of support that are available. For this, members should feel free to speak to individuals on the Board and the cadre of past-presidents that are among us, live and well to tell the tale. Also, Mary Beth Clack and Teresa Malinowski have worked particularly hard to assemble documentation that spells out many of the procedures that have been developed to run the organization smoothly. Teresa has even developed a calendar that tells officers, month by month, what is to be done when. Maybe we need to turn that into a software package for officers!

In the strategic planning process that the Board has initiated, chaired by John Tagler, members will be asked about a great many things. Leadership will be one of the key elements. We will value your insights and opinions about the process. On behalf of the Nominating Committee and the Board, I urge you to consider a NASIG office in future years. All of the dozens of elected officers, past and present, have found ours an enriching and growing experience.

As I sit at my computer and listen for primary returns from 8 states today, I ponder that, at least, NASIG members show great intelligence in the way they work for their organization and the way they run for office. In this great land, a tiny portion of people choose to become involved in governance. And a comparatively large number run for President! In NASIG, an enormous proportion of members help to govern, but very few are naive or foolish enough to run for executive office!

And a final, throwaway line -- NASIG does not beat national averages in votes cast. Only about half our members vote. Now, that is a statistic we need to improve. Enough said, and time to e-mail this column to our newsletter editor who gently reminds me that it is one week late.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Date/Time/Place: 24 January 1992, 2:00PM-6:30PM, Hotel Plaza San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

Attending:
A. Okerson, President C. Hepfer
T. Malinowski, V. President S. Martin
M.B. Clack, Past President E. Rast
A. Vidor, Treasurer J. Tagler
L. Peterson, Secretary D. Tonkery
J. Callaghan

Guests: Jim Mouw (Chair, 1992 Local Arrangements), Patricia Scarry (Program Chair for SSP Conference), Danny Jones (Self-Publishing Task Force Chair), Adrian Alexander and Marifran Bustion (Co-Chairs, Continuing Education Committee)

1.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 2 November 1991 Board meeting were approved with the following correction: 10.2 ACTION statement change "MaryFran Bustian" to "Marifran Bustion."
2.0  **Budget and Related Items**

2.1  **1992 Budget**

Okerson presented a proposed budget for 1992 and costs for printing the *Back Issues Directory*. Projected expenditures (excluding conference costs) for 1992 total $19,704. Several questions were raised during the discussions. Okerson noted a couple of omissions and will make revisions.

2.2  **Treasurer's Report**

Vidor reported as of January 1992, NASIG membership totals 770. This includes 721 renewals and 49 new members. Seventy-five fewer renewal reminder notices were sent out in 1991 than in 1990.

Vidor distributed the financial statement for January 1992. NASIG has $29,639.40 in checking accounts and $35,734.31 in investments.

Vidor further reported that NASIG now has a safe deposit box at the Trust Company of Georgia. Roger Presley and Joan Luke Stephens of the Finance Committee have access as does Vidor. Additional names can be added as needed. Annual maintenance fees are $20.00.

2.3  **NASIG Permanent Address and NASIG Credit Card**

Vidor discussed problems encountered because NASIG does not have a permanent address. The Finance Committee looked into securing a P.O. Box but because of the inconvenience and because NASIG members and officers change she did not recommend obtaining a P.O. Box. Tonkery suggested a private mail drop service. Mail drops run $20-$30 a month and don't limit you to just one single post box. Mail is forwarded to a designated person on a regular basis.

ACTION: Committee will pursue.
DATE: Report at the June 1992 Board meeting.

3.0  **Nominating Committee**

Clack presented the proposed ballot for the 1992 Executive Board Election and discussed the nominations process. She noted that the committee had encountered some difficulties in finding candidates and that only one candidate for Vice President/President-Elect could be identified. Increasing demands from their jobs and reductions in support staff to assist with clerical tasks were frequently noted reasons for declining a nomination especially for the position of Vice President/President-Elect which is a three year commitment. Okerson noted that NASIG does budget for some paid assistance. The Board approved the ballot as presented.

ACTION: Clack will ask Bill Robnett, Nominations and Elections Committee Chair, to add a brief statement about the election process to the Nominations report to be published in the Newsletter.

ACTION: The Board will review the issues presented in Robnett's memo of 21 January 1992 and will resume discussion at the June meeting.

4.0  **Strategic Plan - Membership Survey Task Force**

Tagler reported that the Task Force had developed five categories (demographics, NASIG publications, annual conferences, continuing education and NASIG officers and administration) for the membership survey. A draft survey should be completed in March and the final survey sent to the membership by mid-May. Results (tabulated by computer), accompanying analysis and recommendations should be completed by September 1992. Members serving on the Task Force include: John Tagler, Elsevier; Mary Beth Clack, Harvard; Tina Feick, Blackwell's; Cindy
Hepfer, SUNY-Buffalo; Jamie Hurley, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.; Sharon McKay, EBSCO; and Barbara Meyers, Consultant. The Board agreed that the survey should gather information to support a five year planning process and the organization should survey members every 5-6 years.

ACTION: Tagler will look into costs for the survey tabulation and will write an article about the survey for the April 1992 Newsletter.


5.0 Student Grant Committee

Vidor reported that the Committee added a question on the grant application asking from what source students heard about the NASIG grant. A new recommendation form for faculty and job supervisors will also be included as part of the application. Previously only a signature was required. It is the student's responsibility to make sure this form is submitted. The Committee also sent out a survey to former grant recipients in January 1992. Vidor also noted that the Committee is exploring the use of a software package to assist in evaluating candidates.

ACTION: Committee will expand publicity to library schools by contacting satellite/extension campuses.

DATE: Report back at June 1992 Board meeting.

Vidor further reported that secretarial help was needed to assist with mailings, memos to Deans, acknowledgements, and rejection letters. Okerson noted that Committee Chairs should discuss assistance requirements with Board Liaisons. The Board agreed that each committee, at its discretion, can spend $50-$100 for clerical support. No formal approval is required. The Board discussed creating a master copy of all Committee paperwork/correspondence to be centralized with the NASIG Secretary. It was agreed that NASIG should hold master form letters in two major software formats.

ACTION: Peterson will contact Committee Chairs requesting copies (on disk and in paper) of any NASIG correspondence, forms, documentation, guidelines, or letters in use. Information about word processing and systems is also needed.

DATE: Report back at June 1992 Board meeting.

6.0 Mailing List Policy

Malinowski requested a policy be established concerning requests by other groups for our NASIG mailing list. After discussion the Board agreed if the group has an established liaison relationship with NASIG the request will be honored. Members/Committees should forward requests to their Board Liaisons who will authorize release of mailing lists or mailing labels upon receipt of appropriate justification and a copy of any letter or form the group would be distributing. Board Liaisons will forward requests for lists/labels to the chair of the Database Committee. Lists or labels will be generated and mailed by the Committee. There will be no charge for lists/labels but in some cases we may request that NASIG membership forms be made available. If there is no relationship, the request should be forwarded to the NASIG President for a decision.

7.0 1992 Annual Conference

7.1 Conference Program

Okerson presented the program for the Friday and Sunday morning plenary sessions. She noted a few speakers are not yet confirmed. She also distributed the schedule, topics, conveners, and speakers for the Saturday joint SSP/NASIG breakout sessions. Pat Scarry was concerned that the breakout sessions might be too librarian-oriented. The Board made some recommendations for alternate conveners/speakers and how topics might be targeted for both SSP and NASIG audiences.

Malinowski presented the list of workshops planned for the conference. Topics include claiming, training, collection development, cataloging and the role of the serials vendor. Attendees will have the opportunity to select four from the eighteen workshops scheduled. Malinowski thanked all those who worked so hard on the program and workshop planning.
In addition, the conference program planners have scheduled a preconference workshop for Thursday, June 18 from 3:00-5:00PM on electronic networking. The preconference workshop will be run as an experiment. The Board decided not to charge a fee for the preconference workshop and to limit the size to 50 attendees.

The plenary session and workshop topics, speakers and conveners will all be finalized by February 15.

7.2 Local Arrangements

Jim Mouw presented a report from the Local Arrangements Committee. The Committee has negotiated meals and made suggestions for rooms. Preliminary plans have been made for registration and brochure production. The Committee requested Board assistance with the date, location and funding limits for the Joint SSP/NASIG reception. Costs for room, catering and transportation continue to be concerns. After discussion the Board recommended that the Committee negotiate with UIC for a reception site. The Board agreed that the cost of the reception should be part of the NASIG registration and that registration should not be raised to cover reception costs. Site availability will determine either a Friday or Saturday reception date. SSP will charge a separate fee for the reception.

The Board approved the following registration rates: $275.00 for single; $225.00 for double; and $175.00 for commuter. Daily registration fees for Thursday and Sunday (half days) will be $45.00; daily registration fee for Friday and Saturday (full days) will be $90.00. An extra night (single only) will be $42.00.

The Board also agreed with the Committee's recommendation to provide information about local tours, which would include cost, times, and directions. NASIG will not organize any tours because of the abundance of readily available tours.

ACTION: Mouw will gather more information on room rental costs and on how meals will be priced. Mouw and Scarry will also continue to explore possibilities other than the Atrium at UIC for the reception. The registration brochure will be sent out the first week in March.

8.0 NASIG Future Publishing Options

8.1 Self-Publishing Task Force

Danny Jones presented the findings and recommendations of the Task Force. After discussion the Board agreed: 1) continue publication of the proceedings as they show a record of substantive programming by NASIG; 2) continue publishing with an existing publisher rather than self-publish; 3) proceedings editors should receive an honorarium (details will be worked out); and 4) proceedings indexer will receive an honorarium or we will negotiate for the publisher to index the volume. [Ed.'s note: A copy of the Task Force report is included in this issue of the Newsletter.] ACTION: The Task Force was asked to explore the offers from Haworth Press and Pierian Press in greater detail. Okerson will assist the Task Force.

DATES: Contacts should be made by March 1, 1992.

8.2 1992 NASIG Proceedings

After discussion, the Board decided that if we renegotiate with Haworth for the 1992 proceedings, we will ask to waive the royalty income in favor of an honorarium of $500-$1000 annually for providing intellectual content and editorial expertise. NASIG will request a minimum of three months for editorial work. Okerson noted that a contract should be signed in Spring 1992.

DATE: A publisher for the 1992 proceedings needs to be selected by the end of March.

9.0 Continuing Education Committee

Adrian Alexander and Marifran Bustion presented the status report of the Continuing Education Committee. The Board discussed the report and recommended the following goals and objectives for the Committee: 1) develop NASIG participation throughout the country; 2) enlist the aid of Regional Councils and state and local
groups (Special Libraries Association Chapters, California Library Association Discussion Groups, etc.) in addition to Library Schools; 3) explore the possibility of spinning off some of the conference workshops as "road shows"; 4) focus on practitioners as intended audience; 5) explore charging registration fees for workshops.

**ACTION:** The Committee was asked to complete standard outlines for vendor, publisher, and librarian workshop participants and to work with Tagler on the continuing education section of the Membership Survey.

**DATE:** Report at the June 1992 Board meeting.

10.0 Publication Projects

10.1 Electronic Communications Committee

Okerson presented the latest survey summary (January 13, 1992). [Editor's note: A copy of this survey appears in the previous issue of the Newsletter.] She also reported that AMS will be asking Bitnet users to identify which gateway they use to access the Internet. This should be completed for some users. Okerson expects the list to be operational in February. It will be called NASIGNET.

10.2 Holley Back Issues Directory

Tonkery reported that the Directory is now at the printers for printing estimates. He will develop an order flyer for the February issue of the Newsletter. List price will be $10.00, including postage, orders to be prepaid. Tonkery will handle the distribution and will be reimbursed by NASIG.

10.3 Haworth Press Letters

Okerson presented the Haworth letters concerning the pricing, promotion and marketing of our NASIG proceedings.

**ACTION:** Okerson will contact Bill Cohen and thank him for the information.

11.0 Association of American University Presses Liaison

Okerson reported on discussions with AAUP concerning the appointment of an official liaison with NASIG. AAUP said that any formal liaison would have to be a university press publisher. However, they would be happy to continue working with Julia Gammon as an "unofficial" liaison. The Board approved the latter arrangement.

**ACTION:** Okerson will speak with Gammon about AAUP's requirements.

**TASK FORCE FORMED TO SURVEY NASIG MEMBERSHIP / John Tagler**

The Task Force on the 1992 Membership Survey has been formed to survey the NASIG membership. The charge to the Task Force is to prepare, mail, tabulate and report on the results of a questionnaire which examines the membership's needs and perceptions, thus enabling NASIG to identify strategic directions for its programs and activities for the next three to five years.

Task Force chair is John Tagler, who will be working with a group that includes Mary Beth Ciack, Tina Feick, Cindy Hepfer, Jamie Hurley, Sharon McKay and Barbara Meyers.

Among the topics to be addressed in the survey are the membership's perceptions about the various NASIG publications, annual conference and continuing education programs as well as the general administration of the organization.

Questionnaires will be mailed in mid-May with returns requested by July 1st. The responses will be analyzed during July and August and a report will be submitted to the NASIG Executive Board in early autumn.

The first NASIG membership survey was conducted in Spring 1988 and the findings provided direction in planning for the years thereafter. During the intervening years, the NASIG membership has grown and diversified and the 1992 survey promises to reflect the changing needs of that constituency.

We want to alert our members to this forthcoming questionnaire and we look forward to a good response rate!
NASIG'S SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
June 17-21, 1992
University of Illinois, Chicago

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THEME: If We Build It: Scholarly Communications and Networking Technologies

Wednesday, June 17, 1992
2:00 - 7:00 p.m. NASIG Board meeting

Thursday, June 18, 1992
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Conference Registration
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. UICh Library tours
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. NASIG Committees meet
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Welcoming reception
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Electronic Networking Workshop (LIMIT: 50 people by advance registration)
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Opening reception/dinner
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Opening festivities and welcome
8:30 - 9:30 p.m. NASIG Annual General Meeting
10:00 - midnight Opening night mixer

Friday, June 19, 1992
6:30 - 7:00 a.m. Fun Run/Walk
7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:45 - 12:30 p.m. NASIG PLENARY SESSION I
8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Announcements, Preliminaries
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Clifford A. Lynch, Director, Library Automation, University of California, Office of the President: "Entwined: transforming scholarly communications and libraries in the age of networked information"
9:30 - 10:00 a.m. James J. O'Donnell, Professor of Classics, University of Pennsylvania: "St. Augustine to NREN: the tree of knowledge and how it grows"
10:00 - 10:30 Discussion
10:30 - 11:00 Break
11:00 - 11:30 Julia Blixrud, Program Officer, Council on Library Resources, Washington, DC: "Webs that Link Libraries, Librarians, and Information: evolving technical standards for a networking age"

11:30 - 12:00 Anita Lowry, Deputy Head, Butler Reference Dept. & Director, Electronic Text Service, Columbia University Libraries: "Landlords and Tenants: who owns electronic information, who pays for it, and how?"

12:00 - 12:30 Discussion
12:30 - 2:00 Lunch
2:00 - 3:30 NASIG Workshops Set I
3:30 - 4:00 Break
4:00 - 5:30 NASIG Workshops Set II
5:30 - 6:30 Informal Discussion Groups
7:00 - Night on the town (NASIG sponsored Activity: Chicago White Sox game)

Saturday, June 20, 1992 - JOINT PLENARY SESSION

6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 - 9:30 a.m. NASIG Workshops Set I (repeat)
9:45 - 10:45 a.m. JOINT PLENARY SESSION
9:45 - 10:00 a.m. PLENARY: Welcome by presidents, and announcements
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Charles Reed, Chancellor, State University System of Florida, "Higher Education in the 90's: growth, regression, or status quo"

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. Break
11:15 - 12:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Choose from EIGHT
12:30 - 2:15 p.m. LUNCH
2:15 - 3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Choose from EIGHT
3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Break
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. JOINT PLENARY SESSION
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Willard McCarty, Assistant Director, Centre for Computing in the Humanities, University of Toronto: "A Potency of Life: scholarship in an electronic age"

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Town Meeting and Adjournment
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Joint NASIG/SSP Reception
9:00 - midnight Dancing

Sunday, June 21, 1992
7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. NASIG Workshops Set II (repeat)
10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.  NASIG PLENARY II

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.  Karen Schmidt, Head, Acquisitions Systems, University of Illinois: "Professionals or Profession-less, Information Engineers or ???: transforming technical services librarianship"

11:30 - 12:15 p.m.  Gary Brown, Regional Manager, The Faxon Company, "From Past Imperfects to Future Perfects: Wrap-Up"

12:15 - 12:30 p.m.  Final Announcements and Farewells

NASIG 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Electronic Networking & Serial Resources: Quotidian Applications for the Curious & the Cynical (LIMIT: 50 participants)  
Thursday, June 18, 1992, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Presenter:  Birdie MacLennan, University of Vermont, Chair of the NASIG Electronic Communications Committee, List owner and Moderator of SERIALST

This workshop will focus on how people working in the serials industry can enhance their worklives and have fun by making use of resources that are available to them on the networks. Offerings will include: a brief, historical overview of the networks, particularly Bitnet & the Internet; justification for use of the networks, or what they can add to your worklife (exploration of various forums & services for serialists); suggestions for gaining access to the networks (or how to get connected if you aren't already); practical tips in day-to-day e-mail usage (what to look for in a mail system, managing the influx of mail); and, strategies and methods for finding information in remote places (Telnet, FTP, and searching listserv archives).
used to assist collection development activities associated with determining the relative "worth" of journals. Audience reaction will be sought on a number of issues: who should fund and conduct price studies? what aspects are of critical importance to libraries? what have been local experiences in applying price studies?

3. Copyright and Licensing in the Electronic Environment

Speakers:
Sanford Thatcher, Director, Pennsylvania State University Press
Anita Lowry, Deputy Head, Butler Reference Dept. & Director, Electronic Text Service, Columbia University Libraries

Convener:

A university press director and copyright authority will address publishers' copyright concerns as publishing makes forays into the electronic arenas of CD-ROM, tapes, and networking. He will consider the adequacy of current copyright legislation in treating these newer media. A librarian who works with electronic files and texts will describe the models being presented to library and scholarly customers for such materials, highlighting concerns for both libraries and publishers in achieving workable solutions.

4. Preservation: future strategies for retaining the past

Speakers:
Jan Merrill-Oldham, Preservation Librarian, University of Connecticut
David Cohen, Director of Libraries, College of Charleston

Convener:
John Tagler, Director of Corporate Communications, Elsevier

Until now, preservation has been a term used for saving deteriorating old books; or for employing production techniques (such as acid-free paper) that retard deterioration. Increasingly, with the benefit of new technologies, preservation is being used to describe innovative ways of "saving" books in digitized or bit-mapped formats. Two experts will propose ways in which publishers and the library community can work together to eliminate concerns about books deteriorating or going out of print. The solutions require some technology investments, agreements about copyright/ownership, and redefinition of responsibilities of both publishers and librarians in the emerging electronic networking environment.

5. Regional Library Networking: new opportunities for serving scholarship

Speakers:
Jim Neal, Dean, University Libraries, Indiana University
Barbara von Wahlde, Associate Vice President for University Libraries, State University of New York at Buffalo

Convener:
Cindy Hepfer, Head, Serials Department, Health Science Library, State University of New York at Buffalo

Regional networking among libraries presents outstanding opportunities to enrich scholarly communication and collaboration, as well as for stretching library purchasing power for materials, both traditional print and electronic. Network linkages utilizing telecommunications, computers, and workstations provide the technical framework for new partnerships between libraries to explore relations with information providers/vendors and publishers. Using the State University Library Automation Network (SULAN) in Indiana and the SUNY University Centers as case studies and models of expanding cooperative ventures, this session will explore enhanced information delivery and cooperative resource sharing programs and their impact on the library, publishing, and scholarly communities.
6. **Z39.1 -- You Just Don’t Understand!**
Librarians and a publisher discuss the standard for Periodicals Format and Arrangement

**Speaker:**
Regina Reynolds, Acting Head, National Serials Data Program, Library of Congress

**Reactors:**
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Convener:
Sylvia Martin, Coordinator of General Technical Services Operations, Vanderbilt University Libraries

For every librarian who groans about a periodical's title change, strange numbering scheme, or on-again, off-again supplement, there is a publisher who has many reasons for doing what is done. Z39.1, currently undergoing revision, is a NISO standard developed by a committee of publishers and librarians. It provides guidelines for designing and producing periodicals that will be usable by, and therefore useful to, their readers. Regina Reynolds, a member of the NISO committee, will discuss significant areas of the standard, including recommendations about titles, numbering, identification of articles, volume identification, and printing and binding. A publisher and librarian will share their points of view about the standard and its implementation. General concerns which arise in discussion will be forwarded to NISO. Instructions will be given on how to obtain a copy of the draft standard and how to send formal comments to NISO.

7. **Marketing to Libraries: what works??**

**Speakers:**
Nan Hudes, Senior Director of Marketing, New Business, New Technology, R. R. Bowker, Martindale-Hubbell
Vicky Reich, Chief, Serials and Acquisitions, Stanford University Libraries

Convener:
October R. Ivins, Head, Serials Services and Acting Head, Acquisitions, Louisiana State University Libraries

Adapting market strategy to changes in the library community, such as static budgets, rising journal costs, and increased reliance on new technologies, will be addressed by Hudes. She will examine a variety of traditional and innovative techniques including the recently established Bowker Library Advisory Board. Reich will describe the evolving environment of library acquisitions, explain how selection decisions are made in various types of libraries, and discuss the success and failure of present marketing approaches from a librarian's viewpoint. She will use the results of the AAP/ALCTS Serials Section marketing survey, conducted in 1990, to broaden her remarks.

8. **Article Delivery: an alternative to ownership?**

**Speakers:**
Anna E. McKee, Bibliographic Services Librarian, Arizona State University, West Campus
Martha Lewis, Head, Library Operations, Abbott Laboratories Library

Convener:
Daniel H. Jones, Assistant Library Director for Collection Development, University of Texas Health Sciences Center

Two speakers will discuss the use of commercial and non-commercial article delivery services. Mitchell represents a branch campus library in which an intentional reliance upon the resources of the larger collection of the main campus has guided both acquisitions and the development of document delivery services. Lewis, in contrast, has made substantial use of many commercial article delivery services at her corporate library in the last decade. Both speakers will address vendor contract negotiations and techniques for complying with copyright laws.
Eighteen workshops will be offered and are described below in two sets. NASIG Conference participants will be able to attend TWO different workshops from each set.

SET I

1. Alternatives in Serials Cataloging Organization and Workflow

Lori Osmus, Head, Serials Cataloging Section, Iowa State University

Dena Hutto, Serials Cataloger, Pennsylvania State University

Take a fresh look at cataloging organization and workflow options. Osmus will discuss a fairly traditional serials workflow within the serials section of a cataloging department, and Hutto will describe a nontraditional serials workflow in which the cataloging process takes place across work units that communicate through serials cataloging teams. Participants will be encouraged to discuss the pros and cons of each approach and to offer examples of serials cataloging organization and workflow solutions from their own institutions.

2. Automating Binding Procedures: Using INNOVACQ vs. an In-House Binding Database

Barbara Shaffer, Assistant Serials Librarian, University of Toledo

Karen Aufdemberge, Assistant Serials Librarian, University of Toledo

Lisa A. Macklin, Serials Records Librarian, University of North Texas

The experience of two university libraries in automating binding procedures will be explored. The workshop will include an overview of the progress from a totally manual binding operation through all steps necessary to use the INNOVACQ binding module in its entirety. Also, an overview will be given of the creation of an in-house binding database used to print binding tickets, produce financial reports and print lists of titles at the bindery. Comparisons and contrasts will be made between the two automated binding methods.

3. The Footbone’s Connected to the Anklebone, or Enumeration, Checking-in and Labeling Instructions

Daphne Hsueh, Chinese Studies Librarian, Ohio State University

Beverley Geer-Butler, Head, Copy Cataloging Section, Ohio State University

This workshop will discuss managing enumeration data in an automated environment and will address problems which occur when checking-in and labeling. The workshop will use the experience of Ohio State University as a starting point to elicit discussion on this important issue in serial control. The goal of the workshop is threefold: to share experiences, to highlight this important aspect of serials control and to search for improved methods of representing enumeration in automated systems.

4. Game Shows, Elevators, Full Plates, and other Allegories: A Look at the Present State and Future Possibilities of LC Subject Headings

William E. Studwell, Professor, University Libraries, Northern Illinois University

By the use of several illustrative allegories, the author discusses the movement to revise and upgrade LC subject headings, analyzes the current status of LC subject access and glances into the future.

5. The Changing Role of the Vendor: Developing New Products and Services

Bill Leazer, Vice President, Majors Scientific Subscriptions

Marian Reijnen-Coyle, Area Manager North America, Martinus Nijhoff International

Workshop on the changing role of the agent in providing new services and products. Will discuss various research and development issues including how new services are developed in response to
library needs; how customers are consulted about new products and effects on service charges.

6. CHECK-IN with the SISAC SYMBOL (bar code): Implementation and uses for libraries, publishers, and automation vendors

M. Stephen Dane, General Manager, Kluwer Academic Publishers

George Wright IV, Vice-President, Publication Identification & Processing Systems

Jim Young, President, Sirsi Corporation

Sponsored by SISAC (Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee), this workshop will focus on the implementation and the uses of the SISAC Symbol (bar code). A publisher will describe why and how his company decided to use the SISAC symbol and what the benefits are. A filmaster producer of barcodes will explain the process of creating the SISAC Symbol and how publishers can do so. The representative of a library automation system will discuss why and how automation systems need to be able to accept the SISAC Symbol. There will be a final discussion covering the other possible uses of the SISAC Symbol - interlibrary loan, document delivery, inventory, etc.

7. Publishing Opportunities: Getting into Print or Getting Involved!

Cindy Hepfer, Head, Serials Department, Health Services Library, State University of New York, Buffalo

Julia Gammon, Head, Acquisitions Department, University of Akron

Getting librarians involved in publishing gives everyone, librarians and publishers, a broader perspective on both publishing and library issues. This workshop will explore both traditional and non-traditional publishing opportunities. The emphasis will be on practical ways to get in print or get involved in commercial and scholarly publishing.

8. Fine Tuning the Claims Process

Dianne McCutcheon, Assistant Head of Serial Records, National Library of Medicine

Marjorie Mann, Systems Librarian, National Library of Medicine

Stephen Giglio, Director of Medical Division, The Faxon Company

Handling claims from the vendor and the description of the claim cycle, quality control mechanisms, interrelationship of the bibliographic, claiming, binding, back issue order and indexing systems, ability to customize claim forms, and future enhancements. FAXON will present their systematic approach to claims with a brief summary of findings and an emphasis on the preventive actions taken to impact this growing concern.

9. Basic Training for Survival on the Frontlines

Susan Davis, Head, Periodical Section, State University of New York, Buffalo

Cheryl A. Bernero, Accounts Services Manager, EBSCO Subscription Services

Louise Diadato, Coordinator of Technical Services, Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee

Learn from battle tested veterans the "ins" and "outs" of serials. For those of you new to the skirmish, everything you wanted to know about serials that you never learned in library school from three perspectives -- an educator, a practitioner, and a vendor.
1. Cataloging Serial Computer Files

Colleen Thorburn, Assistant Librarian, University of Florida
Rebecca Ringler, Catalog Librarian, University of California, San Diego

Several examples of catalog records for various types of serial computer files will be examined. Specific problems related to the cataloging of serial computer files will be discussed, as well as methods of providing catalog access to the newer types of computer files, such as electronic journals and full-text databases.

2. Working Together For the Future: Librarian/Publisher/Subscription Agents

Mike Lennie, Publishing Director, Dawson Group
Toby Green, General Manager Marketing, Pergamon
Margaret Radbourne, Journals Administration Manager, John Wiley
Keith Courtney, Sales & Marketing Director, Taylor & Francis

An overview of current activities in the publishing arena, to improve services between Publisher-Agent-Libraries. Ideas for further improvements in this area. Topics to be discussed are: a) Format of bibliographic data, b) Publication dates, c) Claims and queries, d) The Subscription Agent and Publisher relationship, e) Automation systems. Short presentations to set the scene, followed by full participation by the audience.

3. The Role and Responsibilities of the Professional Serials Cataloguer

Marilyn Geller, Serials Cataloger, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries
Eleanor Cook, Serials Librarian, Appalachian State University

Trends in libraries have created new responsibilities for serials catalogers including supervision of support staff catalogers, management of projects related to or necessitated by automation, and implementation of cataloguing simplification guidelines. This workshop will focus on issues emerging from the changing nature of our responsibilities such as: levels of staffing (professional vs. support staff), staffing recruitment (qualities of a good serials cataloguer), training (resources and methods), and management of extra projects (recon, preservation microfilm, etc.). The workshop will take the form of moderated discussion, with audience sharing and participation expected.

4. How to Plan and Deliver a Great Workshop

October Ivins, Head, Serials Services, Louisiana State University Libraries
Tom Gearty, Operations Trainer, The Faxon Company

Ivins, a veteran presenter and Program Committee member, will concentrate on workshop content and explain how the Program Committee operates. She will provide tips on how to develop a successful proposal and design a topic to fit the workshop format. Gearty, a professional trainer of trainers, will focus on the techniques of effective presentations: planning, audience analysis, writing, practicing, and delivering presentations. He will explain the advantages of incorporating audiovisual support and handouts in workshops.

5. Fewer Subscriptions = Increased Interlibrary Services: How ASU and ASU West Meet the Challenge

Eleanor Mitchell, Information Delivery Specialist, Arizona State University West, Phoenix
Sheila Walters, Head, Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services, Arizona State University, Tempe

ASU West Fletcher Library was organized to provide access to its own holdings and those of the Tempe campus; the Tempe campus provides ILL borrowing for the ASU West Fletcher Library. Additionally, the Tempe campus continues to offer on campus document delivery and is conducting a pilot project using commercial article delivery services to provide access to cancelled serials. This workshop will offer practical advice on establishing an article delivery service, covering organizational, staffing and procedural aspects.
6. Managing "Pseudoserials"

Christopher W. Nolan, Reference Services Librarian, Trinity University

Keep track of when to order pseudoserials and how to anticipate and manage costs. Trinity University has approached this problem by creating a dBASE program for pseudoserials, allowing tracking of frequency of reorders and anticipated yearly costs. The workshop will consider the rationale for and design of the database, as well as practical implementation issues for reference and acquisitions staff.

7. Collection Development Assessment for Biomedical Serials Collections

Lynn Fortney, Biomedical Division Marketing Manager, EBSCO Subscription Services
Judith Rieke, Special Projects Librarian, University of North Dakota

A discussion of how libraries have used recommended standards, including measurements, against recognized biomedical index and abstracting services (both print and online), and evaluations by subject area (biochemistry, pediatrics, cardiology, etc.). Other "facts and factors," such as publisher reputation, ISI impact factor, country of origin, language and price trends can provide useful information for collection development decisions.

8. Auditing the Automated Serials Control System

Carol Hawks, Head, Acquisitions Department, The Ohio State University
Sandra Weaver, Vice President, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

How principles of internal control and auditing apply to automated serials control systems. Areas to be covered include: audit trails, segregation of functions, controlling electronic and physical access to data, password security, and how to evaluate your system and its internal controls.

9. The Cost Effectiveness of Claiming and Replacing Journal Issues

Marifran Bustion, Head, Serials Department, Texas A & M University

A report of a study to determine the cost, per title and issue, for claiming journal issues not received by the library and for replacing journal issues lost after receipt by the library. Discussion includes time interval between claim and fulfillment; costs in staff time; unjustified claims; and the relationship between claim/replacement requirements and subscription costs.

NASIG 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: TRAVEL INFORMATION

NASIG's coordinator, ATI Travel Management, Inc. has negotiated a special air travel program with American and Delta offering significant savings on air travel flying into Chicago, IL.

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NASIG 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEETING

The By-Laws Committee will meet in OPEN SESSION on Thursday, June 18, 1992 at the University of Illinois (Chicago) as part of the opening day activities of the 7th Annual NASIG Conference.

As in recent past years, the Committee will entertain any amendment proposals from the general membership AT THIS TIME in lieu of such being presented at the Business Meeting (BYLAWS Article XII, Section 1.)

Exact meeting time and location will be posted at the Conference Registration area.

NASIG 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUPS

The University of Illinois at Chicago conference program includes a scheduled time on Friday, June 19, 1992 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for informal discussion group meetings. Last year at the Trinity conference, informal discussion groups included a Dynix Users Group, Geac Users Group, Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Users Group, a SISAC/Standards Update, and a Cataloguers Discussion Group. The meetings were lively and well attended.

Five informal discussion groups are already scheduled to meet at Chicago. They include: a Geac Users Group, a Union Listing Discussion Group, a SISAC/Standards Discussion Group, a Cataloguers Discussion Group, and a Claiming Discussion Group. Meeting locations will be announced at the conference. If you would like to lead a discussion group, or schedule a group meeting, please contact Lisa Peterson, NASIG Secretary, before April 27, 1992. ADDRESS: 420 Effey Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 PHONE: 408-427-3090 FAX: 408-459-0895.

NASIG 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
CATALOGUERS' INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP / Marilyn Geller

The Cataloguers' Informal Discussion Group will meet on Friday, June 19, 1992 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please send topics for the agenda to:

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REPORT OF THE NASIG SELF-PUBLISHING TASK FORCE

Danny Jones, Chair
Buzzy Basch
Rosanna O'Neil

CHARGE:
This Task Force was established out of concern that we examine all options available to NASIG prior to signing our next Proceedings contract. In the past year, a Board-directed group conducted an assessment of existing publishers and determined that Haworth was the most suitable choice to produce NASIG's 6th proceedings. We have not yet assessed what it would mean to NASIG to be its own publisher for the proceedings. Accordingly, and as part of an ongoing assessment the organization will make from time to time about its publishing efforts, the Board has requested that such a possibility be thoroughly examined.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:
[The questions were included in the Task Force charge; the answers are supplied by the Task Force.]

1. "What level of effort is now sustained by NASIG in producing the Haworth proceedings? What services and values does the publisher add to the proceedings on NASIG's behalf? Report the time
The current level of effort devoted to the NASIG proceedings is significant. The annual meeting is carefully planned and coordinated to produce a high quality program. The intellectual content of the program is shaped by the editors and workshop recorders over a period of 6-8 weeks following the meeting into a manuscript which is delivered to the publisher. The publisher then produces, markets and distributes the printed proceedings.

Level of Effort (According to Patricia O. Rice, pre-1991):
The editor contributed eight weeks full-time effort. Two co-editors contributed approximately 4 weeks full-time effort (over a 6-week period). The indexer contributed 2 weeks full-time effort in December after the galleys were ready. Approximately 50 hours of secretarial support was required.

Level of effort reported by Suzanne McMahon 1991:
Editing: 220 hours

Value added by the Publisher (Production from manuscript provided by editor):
Layout, Graphics, Printing, Binding, Storage, Marketing, Order Fulfillment

2. "What does it currently cost NASIG to produce the proceedings under contract with Haworth? Volunteer labor? Paid labor? (transcribing, keying, indexing)"

The major cost carried by NASIG is for editing the proceedings volume with a small outlay for word processing and postage ($200-$300). At present the editing effort is wholly contributed or supported by the editor's institution. Workshop recorders are paid $50 to prepare summary reports for the published proceedings. Thus, we spend approximately $1200 annually on the proceedings. An outside estimate for contracting these editorial services would be $6,000-$10,000.

3. "What are the sales revenues from Haworth, year by year?"

As reported by Haworth Press:

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This represents the bulk of the sales of the proceedings. NASIG receives royalties only on the special edition for separate sale. Ulrich's reports the current circulation of the Serials Librarian as 931, so the majority of the proceedings have been distributed as a result of our affiliation with this journal, not through sales at the conference or direct sales of the special edition.

4. "What tasks does NASIG have to pick up in order to be the full proceedings publisher?"

NASIG currently provides all the editorial and intellectual content and indexing. NASIG would have to pick up the full production, marketing and distribution of the proceedings in order to be the full publisher. Specifically:

a. negotiate a printing contract specifying size, type, paper, covers, binding and delivery;
b. provide storage space for the proceedings;
c. establish a fulfillment address;
d. identify personnel to receive and fulfill orders, and account for income;
e. market the proceedings once the distribution mechanism is established.


NASIG is a small organization with no paid staff and no "home" address, essentially relying on volunteer efforts to accomplish our objectives. At the broader level, not just for the purposes of publishing the proceedings, it might be appropriate to consider engaging the services of an association management firm to handle some of the business of the organization. To totally self-publish,
NASIG would have to increase reliance on volunteer effort either through a committee, or by an individual, as with the editor.

6. "How would NASIG ensure indexing and abstracting, particularly in Library Literature?"

We have been assured that the printed NASIG proceedings will continue to be indexed by Library Literature and LISA. If NASIG self-publishes, we would need to provide them with a copy of the proceedings. Library Literature informed us that they have no plans to index electronic publications.

7. "Could self-publishing energy be sustained over time?"

This is difficult to answer. Academic rewards may be enough incentive to continue to attract the caliber of volunteers needed to edit the proceedings. But the more mundane activities, such as marketing and distribution, do not carry the same level of recognition among academics, nor do they necessarily provide the same level of personal satisfaction.

The Board is probably in a better position to judge if there is sufficient energy among the membership to move to self-publishing and continue it.

8. "List the pros and cons of moving to self-publishing."

**PROS:**
- Gain experience of being a publisher.
- Control over ownership of the proceedings.
- Greater control over the timeframe for publishing.
- Eliminates the ethical concerns some have voiced about dual publication.
- Provides additional opportunities for member participation.

**CONS:**
- Major cash outlays for printing, etc. are necessary before the first volume is distributed and there is no guarantee the investment will be recovered.
- Complexity of the organization would increase.
- Loss of the economies of scale associated with dual publication of the proceedings, i.e. as a special issue of a journal with a guaranteed subscription base, as well as a special edition for separate sale.
- Divides membership and leadership interest between program and proceedings publishing.

**NASIG PROCEEDINGS OPTIONS**

The name and the charge of the Task Force focused on self-publishing. However, the charge clearly left room for considering other options, so the Task Force would like to propose what we see as the full range of options which the NASIG Board should consider regarding its proceedings.

**SELF-PUBLISHING OPTIONS:**

**OPTION 1:**
Under this option NASIG would continue to provide volunteer editing of the proceedings; allowing the editor $1000 in expenses. Layout would be done by a volunteer using Aldus Pagemaker purchased by NASIG to produce the camera ready copy shipped to the printer ($1000). A proceedings printer such as Omnipress in Madison, Wisconsin would print and bind 400 copies (8" x 11", paper cover, perfectbind) and ship them to a volunteer fulfillment office ($4500). Marketing of the proceedings would be handled by a committee of NASIG at a minimum cost of $1000.

Upfront cost: $6500
Cost/Unit: $21.25

**OPTION 2** (Cost figures pending and subject to revision 12/18):
Under this option, production of the proceedings would be handled as above, but the fulfillment would be given to an association management firm such as the Resource Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Upfront cost: $10,500
Cost/Unit: $27.25

**OPTION 3:**
Under this option, editing would be provided by NASIG's volunteer editors and the manuscript would then be turned over to Allen Press. Allen Press would handle layout, production and fulfillment, and would list the proceedings in their catalog.

Upfront cost: Paper cover $11,000
Cloth cover $14,000
Cost/ vol.: Paper cover $27.50
Cloth cover $35.00

OTHER OPTIONS:

OPTION 1:
Continue as before with the proceedings being published by Haworth. This is clearly the easiest option since we already have the working relationships established and there have been few problems. It may be one of the least expensive options.

OPTION 2:
Discontinue publishing the proceedings completely. Sales of the proceedings have been modest and, in comparison to the contributed costs, the income from sales has been inconsequential. The quality and topicality of most of the papers presented at a NASIG meeting is of such a high standard that they could be published in any number of existing professional journals.

OPTION 3:
Discontinue publishing the proceedings and expand the Newsletter coverage of the papers presented at the meeting. This option was suggested by Bob Sherrill (University of Chicago Press) who reported that SSP has taken this approach.

OPTION 4:
Consider the offer of Pierian Press to publish the NASIG plenary sessions as an issue of Serials Review. Pierian would publish a full issue containing NASIG papers but would not dual publish the proceedings (i.e. both as a journal issue and as a monograph), although they would overprint the issue so it may be purchased separately. They would offer an honorarium in the range of $600 if NASIG provided the current level of editing. But, they would retain the right to a final editing to make sure the articles are consistent with Pierian Press standards. They are very flexible on copyright and do not require a formal contract. They only expect "first serial publication rights" and the authors retain ownership of their work.

OPTION 5:
The Electronic Alternative. The September 1991 NASIG Newsletter report from the e-mail task force identifies a significant opportunity to implement an electronic alternative to the printed proceedings. A major drawback of going the electronic route, however, is the question of indexing by Library Literature. For the present, they have no plans to begin indexing electronic publications. Certainly another drawback is the relatively low (but ever increasing) number of people who have access to the networks.

OPTION 6:
Publish the proceedings as a monograph. There are three established publishers which might be interested in publishing the proceedings as a monograph: JAI Press, Scarecrow Press, and Learned Information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue the publication of the proceedings; they show a record of substantive programming by NASIG.

2. Continue publishing with an existing publisher rather than self-publish. The Task Force members feel strongly that NASIG does not have the staff needed to maintain a self-publishing effort.

3. The proceedings editors should be paid an honorarium by NASIG.

4. Explore the offer from Pierian Press.

5. If the decision is to stay with Haworth Press, ask for a three-year contract, consider waiving royalty income in favor of an honorarium of $300-$1000 annually for providing intellectual content and editorial expertise. Ask Haworth to allow at least three months for editorial work.

6. Regardless of the publisher, retain electronic format rights to NASIG.

7. Speaker contracts with a publication clause should be considered in the future.
A.A.L.T. CONFERENCES

The Annual Conference of the Alberta Association of Library Technicians will be held May 28-31, 1992 at the University of Lethbridge. For further information, please contact: Olive Batchelor, Chair, AALT '92, University of Lethbridge, 4401 University Drive, Lethbridge, AB, T1K 3M4; 403-329-2269; FAX: 403-329-2269.

COUNCIL OF BIOLOGY EDITORS

The Council of Biology Editors will be meeting from May 9 to 12, 1992 at the Westin William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme of the conference is "Science: Who Pays? Who Profits?" For additional information about the program contact Martha Brookes, Program Chair, at 503-750-7449.

CORRECTION TO THE DECEMBER 1991 NEWSLETTER

The correct address information for Kenneth Field, Provincial Representative for Ontario, is as follows:

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30-April 2, 1992
UKSG Conference,
Edinburgh, Scotland

April 12-14, 1992
ACRL National Conference
Salt Lake City, UT

May 9-12, 1992
Council of Biology Editors
Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA

May 15-21, 1992
Medical Library Association
Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

May 28-31, 1992
Alberta Association of Library Technicians
Annual Conference, University of Lethbridge,
Alberta, Canada

June 6-11, 1992
Special Libraries Association
Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

June 11-14, 1992
Canadian Library Association
Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba

June 18-21, 1992
NASIG 7th Annual Conference,
University of Illinois at Chicago,
Chicago, IL

June 18-20, 1992
Society for Scholarly Publishing
14th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

June 27-July 2, 1992
ALA Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA

Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 1992
IFLA Annual Conference
New Delhi, India

Sept. 13-17, 1992
LITA National Conference
Denver, CO
There may be vacancies on NASIG committees for terms beginning June 1992. If you would like to serve on a NASIG committee, please fill out this form and indicate your committee preference: Bylaws, Continuing Education, Finance, Nominations & Elections, Professional Liaisons, Directory & Database, Electronic Publications, Newsletter, Regional Councils & Membership, and Student Grant.

List committee preference(s):
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Why are you interested in serving on this committee?
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What qualifications or previous experience do you have for serving on this committee?
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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR A NASIG COMMITTEE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT BY MAY 15, 1992 TO:

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