It's April and spring is in the air. It is time to stop counting the months and start counting down the remaining weeks before we convene for our eighth annual conference to be held at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. No doubt by now, many of you have completed and returned your conference registration. Conference committees and members are making final arrangements. Under the very capable leadership of Cindy Hepfer and October Ivins, the 1993 Program Committee has crafted a program that promises to be provocative. Jean Callaghan and Pat Putney are in the midst of handling registration and finalizing a seemingly endless list of details with Committee members, the Program Planning Committee and the Brown Conference Office staff. We are all focusing on June, which is only a couple of calendar turns away, and looking forward with anticipation to gathering with colleagues to discuss issues of mutual concern.

While we are nearing the opening of another conference, we are approaching the end of the conference planning cycle. The process of conference planning is a lengthy one. It all begins with site selection.

Site Selection - A short history

Like NASIG itself, the process of site selection has evolved over time. For the first few years, the President or Vice-President handled the site selection duties and proposed a conference site to the Executive Board. As the organization grew, so did members' participation in the site selection process.
This was inevitable given NASIG's commitment to convene conferences throughout North America. Involvement by local members became—and remains—critical to the identification and selection of appropriate conference sites. NASIG has fulfilled its goal to seek sites throughout North America. Our list of conference sites is impressive:

1986 Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania
1987 Denison University, Ohio
1988 Oglethorpe University, Georgia
1989 Scripps College, California
1990 Brock University, Ontario
1991 Trinity University, Texas
1992 Univ. of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois
1993 Brown University, Rhode Island
1994 Univ. of British Columbia, British Columbia

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the selection process for our fourth conference, held at Scripps College in Claremont, California. My involvement began in a simple and straightforward manner. At the Denison conference, John Riddick asked me if California would be a good site for a future conference. My affirmative reply lead to my involvement in site selection for the 1989 conference and later to my involvement in conference planning ("local arrangements").

The site selection process for the fourth, fifth and sixth conferences—"the middle years"—saw the growth of membership involvement and the appointment of working groups or committees. In the selection of sites for the 1990 and 1991 conferences, members were proactive and approached the Board with offers to host a conference in Canada at Brock University and in Texas at Trinity University. The Board welcomed the interest and enthusiasm shown by these members.

In recent years, the Board has continued to invite members to contribute ideas and participate in the site selection process. Committees explored and recommended the sites selected for 1992 and 1993 conferences. Also, efforts were made to begin the selection cycle at an earlier date and to explore more than one region/area in the cycle. As the process evolved it became more formalized and now includes several stages. [Continued on p.3.]
The Process

The Board initiates the selection cycle with a discussion of possible regions or cities. At this point, careful consideration is given to the suggestions compiled from the previous conference evaluation forms. The Board reviews "NASIG geography" - where past conferences have been held and identifies the "yet to be explored" areas. Two or more areas are selected.

The President contacts a member in each of the selected regions or cities and asks the member to serve as chair and to form a site selection committee comprised of local NASIG members. Each committee develops a list of colleges and universities in their area, then contacts the various campuses to determine if they can serve as a possible site for our conference. The basic questions asked at this point include:

"Do you have dates available in June?"
"Will your dorm facilities house 500 attendees?"
"Do you have an auditorium that will seat at least 500?"

If a campus meets the basic requirements, the committee asks the conference director to complete a preliminary checklist which outlines the site's facilities.

Each committee compiles a list of possible sites. An initial report accompanied by the preliminary checklists are submitted to the Board for review. If the region or area is judged to have one or more "good" sites, the Board will ask the committee to visit each site and prepare a more detailed checklist. At this point in the process, the committee gathers cost information and prepares a preliminary budget for each site.

Each committee prepares a final report that includes a ranking of the sites visited, plus the detailed checklists and the preliminary budgets for each site.

The Board reviews the reports from the regional site committees and selects a site from each region and determines the year for the site chosen.

The Selection Decision

The preliminary and final checklists employed by recent committees contain a wealth of information for the committee and Board to consider in the decision-making process.

When evaluating the possible sites in a region, the cost of housing, meals and other facilities are compared. In addition, consideration is given to the accessibility of the site, the condition of dormitories and meeting rooms, the general ambiance of the campus, the quality of the food service, the experience of the campus conference coordinator and the support of the university library.

The decision can be straightforward if one campus has most of the desired criteria. Often the decision is a difficult one that requires the Board to weigh the "pluses and minuses" and to select a site that offers the best mix of desired features.

In Conclusion

I applaud the efforts of our past site committees and am pleased to announce the beginning of a new round of site selection. At our January meeting the Board decided to begin a new cycle to search for sites for 1995 and 1996. The Research Triangle area (North Carolina) and the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul) area were selected. To Bill Sozansky (University of Minnesota) and Suzanne Striedieck (N. Carolina State University) and their respective committees, I offer my thanks and best wishes for a successful and fun-filled search. To all NASIG members, I encourage you to share your ideas for possible sites with the Board. We invite your participation in future selection processes.
NASIG 1992 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Date, Time & Place: January 22, 1993, 9:00AM-6:00PM, Denver, Colorado

Attending:
T. Malinowski, President J. Gammon
C. Hepfer, Vice President B. Hurst
A. Okerson, Past President S. Martin
S. Davis, Secretary E. Rast
Ann Vidor, Treasurer J. Tagler
E. Duranceau D. Tonkery
Guests: A. Alexander, Birdie MacLennan, Jean Callaghan and Pat Putney

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 7, 1992 Board meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The AAP/PSP Committee (Association of American Publishers/Professional Scholarly Publishing Committee) has asked NASIG to send a librarian representative to its next meeting. It is unclear at this point if an on-going, formal liaison relationship will be established. M. Sax will attend the Committee's next meeting as NASIG's representative, then report to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Membership Survey and Discussion of Strategic Planning Effort

J. Tagler reported that the final summary has gone to the Newsletter for publication. A longer summary will be prepared soon to distribute to committee chairs. Discussion followed about the next step in the process. A summary of the process to date was given:
November 1990: half day strategic planning exercise
Fall 1991: approval for membership survey
Spring 1992: distribution of the survey
Fall 1992: tally and analysis of survey responses

ACTION: T. Malinowski and J. Tagler will appoint a working group to draft a vision statement for Board review and approval.
reviews the draft statement, it will be distributed to committees and the membership for comment. The working group will consist of current and past Board members, committee representatives and others, up to 12 members. Co-chairs will be appointed by T. Malinowski.

The working group will make revisions as needed, and the Board will review and approve a final vision statement.

After approval of the vision statement, the working group will develop an implementation plan for NASIG in the year 2000. Committees will be asked to review their charges to see how they can contribute toward achieving the objectives in the implementation plan.

DATE: Draft vision statement to be presented at the June 1993 Board meeting.

2. Continuing Education Committee Report

A. Alexander reported that the committee has focused its efforts on preparing a basic serials management workshop. Outlines have been prepared for a librarian, vendor and publisher. The committee has two workshops scheduled for Spring 1993, one in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, the other in the Northeast. Particulars have not been finalized. They are also jointly sponsoring a one day pre-conference at the Mountain Plains Library Association Conference to be held in Fall 1993.

Alexander discussed his analysis of the continuing education data from the membership survey, which indicated interest in a variety of workshop topics with the Board.

Other possibilities for the committee were discussed, including a more regional composition for the committee, exploring more opportunities for co-sponsorship, identifying a target number of workshops to present, and working with or through Regional Councils.

ACTION: J. Tagler will send Alexander the written comments from the membership survey regarding continuing education. The Continuing Education Committee chairs will share the comments and Alexander's analysis with the committee members. The committee will revise its charge and discuss the need for a "mini-survey" to focus on specific issues regarding the program. Also, the committee will give the Board feedback on the Spring workshops.

DATE: Revised charge to be presented at the June 1993 Board meeting.

3. 1993 Program Planning Report

C. Hepfer distributed a tentative program schedule. After making several revisions the schedule was approved. Committee meetings are being emphasized this year.

It was decided to expand the NASIGNET workshop to four hours, and to charge participants $30.00 to cover the cost of equipment, handouts and a box lunch. Attendance will be limited to 100.

The Plenary speakers from Brown University will be invited to the NASIG social events and meals. Plenary speakers will be offered the guest rooms in Thayer. If any guest rooms remain they will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis to Board members, Conference Planning and Program co-chairs, couples and others with special needs. The one handicapped room will be reserved regardless for that purpose. These rooms will cost extra, except for the Plenary speakers or anyone needing the handicapped facility.

Discussion followed on concerns regarding the workshops. The committee noted that there were so many program submissions it was difficult to limit the number of workshop leaders. There are also some concerns about the quality and consistency of the workshop reports. It was suggested that more detailed guidelines be developed and sent to workshop recorders.

C. Hepfer proposed that the timetable for Conference Program planning be pushed back, so that the Call for Papers can go out by May 1, with a submission deadline of August 1. She would like the theme to be determined beforehand and included in the call.

ACTION: It was agreed to move the timetable back and let the Program Planning Committee
work out the details. The Committee will prepare guidelines for workshop recorders.

4. Brown Conference Planning Committee Report

Jean Callaghan and Pat Putney reported for the committee. At this time the airlines are not offering the special discounts we have seen in the past. However, NASIG can still qualify for free tickets by using the travel service. Information will be provided in the registration materials.

The draft of local information for the conference brochure was reviewed and several changes were suggested. The Committee expects to mail the registration packets out in early March. Putney and Callaghan acknowledged and expressed their appreciation for the fine efforts of the other members of the Conference Planning Committee.

A confirmation letter will be sent to all registrants, and it will include directions for those who elect to drive to Brown. Internet access will be provided at no additional cost to attendees, however Brown will charge NASIG about $200-300 for this service. The optional dinner boat cruise will be priced at $20 per person. The fee will cover the cost of the cruise and transportation. The Awards ceremony will take place on Sunday.

The Board discussed a proposal from AMIS (American ISSN friends) about a celebration in honor of the 20th anniversary of the National Serials Data Program (NSDP). After much discussion it was agreed to offer AMIS a display area near the registration area on Thursday. It was also moved and passed that NASIG join AMIS as a non-profit member, which will cost $100 annually.

ACTION: T. Malinowski will contact Regina Reynolds at NSDP and write a letter to be included with our membership check.

5. Electronic Communication Committee Report

B. MacLennan reported on activities since the November 1992 meeting. About 50 updates have been done to NASIG-L, with approximately 650 subscribers (60-65% of the membership). Maintenance is ongoing, there are still problems with Bitnet accounts. Anyone experiencing messages that bounce should resubscribe to the list to correct the problem. MacLennan acknowledged the efforts of A. Okerson to mount the Gopher application. A test file of the plenary papers from the 1992 conference are on Gopher, and the committee would like to add other publications and files. They are ready to mount the Bylaws and the December Newsletter issue. Other possibilities are the roster of NASIG officers and committee descriptions, scope and purpose.

Issues relating to mounting the membership directory were discussed. Concerns over privacy and currentness were expressed. It was suggested that access might be limited to one address at a time in answer to a specific query as opposed to retrieving the entire database.

ACTION: The committee will continue to monitor the use of NASIG-L, explore various applications with AMS, and provide a progress report.

DATE: Report at the June 1993 Board meeting.

The continuing concern of access for non-connected members was discussed. A list of Internet providers, prepared by Sheila Osheroff, will be appended to the next Membership Directory. An announcement about the list will appear in the Newsletter.

ACTION: B. MacLennan will contact S. Osheroff about updating and publishing the list.

Other issues related to the various NASIG Listservs were discussed. Some committee lists see very little or no activity. There is also concern about the automatic archiving of messages. It was noted that each of the lists is private and access to list archives is limited to committee members. There is a capacity to purge messages.

ACTION: B. MacLennan and E. Rast will work on coordinating the online and paper archives.

6. 1994 Conference

The final dates for this conference were approved for June 2-5, 1994 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.
7. **Nominations** (Closed session)

A. Okerson reported for the committee and presented a tentative slate of candidates to the Board. The slate will be finalized in the next several weeks. Also, the committee had prepared a written list of issues for the Board to consider. As time was growing short and no immediate decisions were required, discussion was postponed until the November 1993 meeting.

**ACTION:** Continuing members of the Nominations Committee will consult with the Bylaws Committee about issues related to process and procedures and determine if any changes in the Bylaws need to be considered.

**DATE:** Present issues/questions for discussion at the November 1993 Board meeting.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

A financial statement for 1992 was distributed. The year ending balance was $87,010.37. Membership as of Dec. 31 stands at 843. To date 235 members have not renewed, the fewest ever. It was agreed to continue to include financial statements in the Newsletter. The Board discussed the need to provide feedback on committee expenditures with committee chairs.

**ACTION:** The Treasurer will prepare an annual report of expenditures for each committee.

**DATE:** August of each year.

A. Vidor reported that two additional bills have been received for the 1992 conference, reducing the profit from $16,283.74 to $16,221.74.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Check-writing Procedures**

A. Vidor reported that 11 checks were written during 1992 in the amount of $2,000 or more. She learned that NASIG would have to open new accounts to accommodate the decision to require two signatures and recommended that the change in procedure be implemented when the new Treasurer takes office. The motion was passed.

2. **Voucher Procedures**

There has been some confusion about the proper way to complete vouchers and which signatures are necessary.

**ACTION:** The Finance Committee will review the voucher guidelines and voucher form and make recommendations for changes.

**DATE:** June 1993 Board meeting.

3. **Commendation for AMS**

The Board approved the proposal from A. Okerson to recognize Dave Rodgers, American Mathematical Society, for all the work he has done in setting up NASIGNET. A. Okerson will consult with the Awards Task Force regarding the preparation of the commendation.

4. **Awards & Recognition Recommendation**

A preliminary proposal from Mary Beth Clack for awards and recognition was discussed. It was agreed to accept her recommendations to set up a Task Force to present a discussion paper outlining the feasibility of each award, the application and proposal review process where appropriate, and the structure necessary to support an expanded NASIG awards program. In addition, the committee will be asked to handle the arrangements for the annual awards to be given at the 1993 Conference and to recommend a procedure for handling the annual awards.

**ACTION:** T. Malinowski will appoint members of a Task Force.

**DATE:** Report at the June 1993 meeting.

5. **Ad hoc Committee on Conference Evaluation Forms**

The group has been formed and includes: Ann Okerson, Elaine Rast, Theresa Baker (University of Kansas Medical Center), Linda Golian (Florida Atlantic University), Martin Gordon (Franklin & Marshall College), Pamela Morgan (Memorial University, Health Sciences Center, Newfoundland), and Cecilia Tavares (Suffold University Law Library). The committee will prepare the evaluation form for the 1993 Conference.

**DATE:** Report at June 1993 meeting.
NEW BUSINESS: (resumption of)

9. Newsletter Update

It was agreed to have the Newsletter table of contents cited in SERCITES. E. Duranceau proposed a new feature profiling members and committee chairs. It was agreed to profile committee chairs and highlight the activities of their committees.

10. 1995 Site Selection Update

Site coordinators have yet to be appointed.

ACTION: Appointment of site coordinators for the Research Triangle (North Carolina) and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

DATE: T. Malinowski and C. Hepfer will make appointments as soon as possible.

11. Conference Proceedings

A. Okerson raised concerns about the quality and consistency of the proceedings. It was suggested that we need one person to give a holistic review to the proceedings after the editing has been completed.

ACTION: C. Hepfer and J. Gammon will consult with previous editors and prepare guidelines for the proceedings editors.

12. Publicity Committee Proposal

A. Okerson submitted a proposal about the need and purpose of a Publicity committee. There was concern about overlap and duplication with committee projects and ongoing "publicity". It was suggested that a publicity coordinator might serve our needs. No decisions were made.

13. Remainder of Agenda

As the hour was growing late, the remaining agenda items 15-17 (NASIG Archives, Conference Planning Manual, and Other Committee Reports) were tabled until the June 1993 meeting.

14. Next meeting

June 9, 1993, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Brown University.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

NASIG 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PROGRAM INFORMATION
BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R.I.
JUNE 10-13, 1993

"SCHOLARSHIP: NEW SERIALS"

Preconference Workshop
Thursday, June 10, 1993 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Lunch, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

NASIGNET and Beyond: A Guided Tour of Electronic Networking Resources for Serialists

-Birdie MacLennan, Serials Cataloger, University of Vermont
-Marilyn Geller, Serials Cataloger, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

In this workshop, MacLennan, SERIALST Listowner & Moderator and Geller, Citations for Serials Literature, Listowner & Editor, will feature practical applications for the use of NASIGNET, a collection of networked services (listserv forums, publications, organizational information, etc.) that are available from one Internet location to NASIG members. MacLennan is Chair, and Geller is a member of the NASIG Electronic Communications Committee.

The presentation also will explore other forums, services, and/or electronic serials of interest to members of the serials community. They will discuss/demonstrate the ways in which some of these forums and services may be accessed, either through NASIGNET (Listserv and Gopher applications) or as independent entities.

This workshop should be viewed as an information session - not as a training session. By using audiovisual materials, and drawing upon a generous assortment of handouts (which also will allow participants to explore these resources independently), the presenters hope to encourage lively discussion while demonstrating the ways in which networked information serves both purpose and value in our work with serials.

Enrollment limited to: 100 participants. There is a $30 per person cost-recovery fee for this workshop. The fee includes a box lunch and all materials.
Preconference Workshop  
Thursday, June 10, 1993 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

How to Plan and Deliver a Great Workshop  
-Tom Gearty, Operations Trainer, The Faxon Company  
-Julia Gammon, Head, Acquisitions Department, University of Akron

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. Gammon, a member of the NASIG Program Planning Committee, will concentrate on workshop content and explain how the NASIG Program Committee operates. She will provide tips on how to develop a successful proposal and design a topic to fit the workshop format. Those attending are encouraged to bring workshop ideas for discussion.

Plenary Session I  
Friday, June 11, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Convener: Elaine Rast, Head, Cataloging/ Automated Records Department, Northern Illinois University

Scientific Visualization in Earth and Planetary Sciences: It Looks Good But Will It Publish?  
-John Mustard, Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences, Brown University

With the advent of computers, scientific visualization has emerged as a critical tool for research and as a means for the scientist to convey concepts and results to peers and the public, although the results won’t transfer easily to the printed page. Examples from earth and planetary sciences include results from the recent NASA mission to Venus and the flybys of the Galileo probe and modeling three dimensional convection in a planet’s mantle over the time scales of millions of years.

Higher Dimensions and Interactive Electronic Publication  
-Tom Banchoff, Professor of Mathematics, Brown University

Challenges of visualizing phenomena in higher dimensions have spurred developments in computer graphics, presentation of images in static and animated forms. New technology makes it possible to approach these ideas using interactive electronic media in laboratories, and soon in publications.

Navigating a Jet Plane through Information Space: How SGML Is Making the Vision a Reality  
-Alen Renear, Senior Academic Planning Analyst, Computing and Information Services, Brown University

It has been said that computer mediated communication of the future would be like “navigating a jet plane through information space.” But how do we get from here to there? The foundation for this transition is the data description meta-language SGML, the Standard Generalized Markup Language, to which every advanced scholarly communication project has committed. This talk will give a brief overview of SGML and describe how it supports jet-propelled information space navigation.

Incrementalism Won’t Get Us There!  
-Brian Hawkins, Vice President for Academic Planning & Administration, Brown University

There seems to be a commonly shared vision that technology and electronic access to information is the future for much of scholarly communication. The problems keep mounting, and we all are waiting for something big to happen in this regard, but our current activities and efforts seem inadequate to address the magnitude of the problem. This talk attempts to explore the hype and the reality about this future scenario.

Plenary Session II  
Saturday, June 12, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Convener: John Tagler, Director, Corporate Communications, Elsevier Science Publishers, Inc.

Current Challenges: Current Opportunities  
--C. Edward Wall, Publisher, Pierian Press and Editor, Library Hi Tech

This presentation will look briefly at some of the urgent problems facing society and the opportunities offered by new technologies to meaningfully address related issues. Wall will share a number of visions that relate to descriptive
cataloging, information retrieval, and the linking of intellectual content in publications.

Plenary Session III
Sunday, June 13, 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.


Serials 2020
-Laura N. Gasaway, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
-Susan Keiser, Journals Editor, Oxford University Press, New York
-Rebecca T. Lenzi, President, CARL Systems, Inc.
-Richard Lucier, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Information Management and University Librarian, University of California at San Francisco
-David Rodgers, Head of Systems Development, American Mathematical Society/Mathematical Reviews

This panel, representing diverse interests and constituencies in the serials information chain, will present individual and challenging views of the serials universe the day after tomorrow.

Concurrent Sessions
Saturday, June 12, 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

1. Cataloging Electronic Serials: Today and Tomorrow
Convener: Ann Vidor, Head, Cataloging Department, Emory University

Electronic Supplements to Printed Serials: Beyond the 525 Field
-Dena Holiman Hutto, Serials Cataloger, Pennsylvania State University

-Gail McMillan, Serials Team Leader, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Controlling E-Journals: The Internet Resources Project, Cataloging Guidelines, and USMARC
-Priscilla Caplan, Head, Systems Development Division, Office for Information Systems, Harvard University Library

Serials catalogers have always faced challenges, and never more so than with the proliferation of electronic serials, electronic supplements to paper serials, and serials issued in electronic format. Hutto will share how her institution makes decisions on bibliographic description, public access, and long-term storage of computer files that are received with paper serials subscriptions.

McMillan will amalgamate catalogers' concerns about cataloging CD-Roms by combining information from the serials format as well as the computer files format. She will address the catalogers', the systems, and the online catalog users' needs.

Caplan will discuss the OCLC Internet Resources project, which has resulted in a new model for cataloging e-journals and changes to USMARC bibliographic and holdings formats. She warns that even this approach may soon be superseded by developments in the Internet community.

II. Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Future of the Subscription Agent
Convener: James Mouw, Head of Serials, University of Chicago Library

The Role of the Specialized Vendor in a Changing Market
-Jane Maddox, Director of Library Services/North America, Otto Harrassowitz

The Megavendor: Threat or Promise?
-John E. Cox, Managing Director, B.H. Blackwell, Ltd.

Future Value-Added Services: Remaining Competitive in a New Market
-Kathleen Born, Academic Marketing Manager, EBSCO Subscription Services

Ownership and Access: Strategic Implications for Subscription Agents
-Adrian W. Alexander, Southwest Regional Manager, The Faxon Company

As journal prices rise, as libraries cancel subscriptions, as publishers decrease discounts to subscription agencies, librarians wonder where the future of our favorite vendors lie. Four subscription agency representatives tackle these concerns. Maddox will explore economic factors for vendors that result from a shrinking journal
subscription market. Cox will address the emergence of the large vendor and the potential for domination of a shrinking market. Born will discuss future value-added services including not only EDI, management reports, and online serials databases, but, in addition, document delivery and full-text databases. Alexander will conclude by exploring some of the factors that must be considered by subscription agents when making long-range strategic decisions in a changing market.

III. New Publishing, New Serials: A Tale of Two Experiments

Convener: Daniel H. Jones, Assistant Library Director for Collection Development, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Scientific and Scholarly Communication in a Knowledge Management Environment
-Richard E. Lucier, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Information Management and University Librarian, University of California at San Francisco

The NASA STELAR Experiment
-Michael E. Van Steenberg, Astrophysics Science Data Manager, Goddard Space Flight Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Traditional print on paper journals will no longer suffice for cutting edge scientific researchers or in fields such as health care which demand immediate retrieval of and access to information. Lucier will describe the concepts underlying the rationale for a "knowledge management environment," and will focus on practical strategies to test the feasibility of such an environment. Red Sage, a collaborative online journals project of UCSF, AT&T Bell Laboratories and Springer-Verlag will be covered in detail. Van Steenberg will describe the Study of Electronic Literature for Astrophysics Research (STELAR) experiment which aims to bring astrophysics literature online. The experiment is being conducted jointly with publishers, authors, copyright holders, libraries and others involved in the production and dissemination of astrophysics literature.

IV. Copyright & Libraries: Working in an Electronic Environment

Convener: Dan Tonkery, President and CEO, Readmore, Inc.

The Copyright Law: How It Works and New Issues in Electronic Settings
-Brian Kahin, Director, Information Infrastructure Project, Science, Technology and Public Policy Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

The Copyright Law: Fair Use, Recent Court Decisions, Libraries, and Electronic Access
-Laura N. Gasaway, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The dissemination of research information in an increasingly networked and functionally sophisticated age poses difficult questions for researchers, their institutions, and for librarians.

Both the cost of maintaining serials subscriptions and the advantages of electronic publication argue for a radically different approach to dissemination. Kahin's presentation will examine some of the stress points in the current system and will explore possible options for the research community. Gasaway's discussion will emphasize deployment of the "Fair Use" provisions of the copyright law in both a print and in an electronic world.

NASIG Workshops

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, for a total of four workshops.

SET I: Friday, June 11, 1993 and Saturday, June 12, 1993 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

1. Invoicing Unveiled: Added Charges and Payment Plan Options for Serials
-Carol Magenau, Serials Librarian, Dartmouth College Library
-Michael Markwith, National Sales Manager, The Faxon Company

Reasons for added charges and credits on an account of over 8,000 titles placed with a major subscription vendor will be analyzed for three
years, and compared with renewal and bill-later payments to give a statistical picture of costs through the entire budget cycle for a medium-sized academic library. The role of currency exchange fluctuations and publisher rate setting practices will be explored. Standard renewal options will be contrasted with the increasingly popular fixed payment option.

2. When is a Union List Not a Union List (and Vice Versa)?
   - Linda Arnold, Manager, Resource Sharing Section, OCLC, Inc.
   - Betty Landesman, Coordinator, Systems Planning, George Washington University
   - Ann Schaffner, Assistant Director for the Science Library, Brandeis University

What happens to union lists in the environment of the 90s? Both current uses and changing models will be explored. The workshop will cover current OCLC union listing and ILL staff use, a university library's experience linking union list holdings to article/table of contents services and sharing an online system in a consortium, and a consortium's union list experience and exploration of alternatives for its evolution.

3. Designing Effective Journal Use Studies: "You Can't Always Get What You Want; But...You'll Get What You Need"
   - Kate S. Herzog, Director, Science & Engineering Library, State University of New York at Buffalo
   - Henry T. Armistead, Collection Development Librarian, Thomas Jefferson University

As journal costs escalate, serials use-studies become more important. Since most libraries do not allow their journals to circulate, librarians have devised alternative means to collect data on their use (including using hand-held scanners). The purpose of this workshop is to provide a forum for librarians to share their expertise on use-study methodologies (planning, timing, database creation, procedures, results and costs). Participants will also be encouraged to discuss their experiences, especially with cancellation projects.

4. Magazine Fulfillment Centers: How to Work With Them
   - Marcia Tuttle, Head, Serials Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
   - Malena Silva, Manager, Cash Management, NeoData

Fulfillment centers such as NeoData have changed for the better since librarians and subscription agents became aware of them (and vice versa), but they still work for magazine publishers and thus demand special library acquisition procedures. This advanced workshop concentrates on the services fulfillment centers offer publishers, the vendor's role in facilitating orders, the mailing label and the library's use of it in claiming and renewal.

5. Serials Cancellation Projects: Two View Points
   - Chris Desjarlais-Lueth, Head, Collection Development, University of Connecticut
   - Olga Paradis, Head, Acquisitions Department, The Citadel

An advanced workshop discussing the serials cancellation projects of two academic libraries. The Daniel Library at The Citadel involved library faculty and teaching faculty in a cooperative effort to cancel selected serial titles. This presentation analyzes the acquisitions studies and expanded interlibrary loan/document delivery programs used to demonstrate that cancellation does not equal loss of access.

The Brown University serials cancellation project brought together faculty and librarians to identify serials that are "core" to undergraduate and graduate instruction. This discussion examines the mechanisms - matching language, chronology, geography, and frequency of use - by which those serials considered essential are identified.

   - Vivian Buell, Manager, Standing Order Services and Approval Program, Ballen Booksellers International
   - Rita VanAssche Bueter, Manager, Collection Development and Standing Order Services, Blackwell North America, Inc.

In this intermediate workshop, the presenters will define standing orders and discuss a variety of management concerns: handling by libraries and vendors, monitoring receipts and claims, publisher communication problems. The presenters will derive, with audience participation, a profile of reasonable service expectations from standing order vendors.

-Sandra J. Gurshman, Librarian/Manager, Publisher Services, Readmore
-Susan Malawski, Director, Subscription Fulfillment and Distribution, John Wiley & Sons
-Karen Anspach, Systems Analyst, Data Trek
-Minna C. Saxe, Chief Technical Services Librarian, C.U.N.Y. Graduate School Library

This workshop is intended for anyone involved in serials work. Emphasis will be on the importance of publishers using the SISAC symbol (a bar coded version of the item identifier section of the serial item and contribution identifier or SICI) on periodicals, the need for vendors to include the capability to access the SISAC symbol in their software, and perhaps, most importantly the need for librarians and agents to inform publishers and vendors that the use of the SISAC symbol will greatly improve their handling of serials. Status reports on the work of the SISAC ASC X12 subcommittees also will be given.

8. The International Serials Data System: A Cataloging Resource

-Pamela Simpson, ISDS Cataloger, National Serials Data Program, Library of Congress
-Steve Shadle, ISDS Cataloger, National Serials Data Program, Library of Congress

The intent of this workshop is to acquaint people with the ISDS (International Serials Data System) Register, a database of more than 600,000 serial titles from 193 countries. The workshop will consist of an overview of the history and mission of the International Serials Data System, an examination of the strengths and weaknesses of the database and its catalog records, and a presentation of ISDS sources currently available. The workshop will also include a demonstration of ISSN Compact, the CD-ROM version of The Register. Particular attention will be paid to the differences between ISDS records using ISBD(S) and those created following standard North American cataloging practices.

9. Honey, I Shrunk the Kardex! Problems and Issues in Serials Automation

-Roberta Winjum, Assistant Head of Serials, Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii at Manoa

-Christine Conroy, Senior Cataloger, O'Neill Library, Boston College

Based on the experiences of two university libraries, this workshop will focus on moving serials check-in and holdings to an integrated system. Winjum will cover conversion from manual to automated check-in. Conroy will address migration from one system to dual automated systems to an integrated one and will further touch on problems in providing holdings information in the OPAC when check-in is on a separate automated system. Workshop discussion will include planning, training, implementation, workflow, and application of standards.

SET II: Friday, June 11, 1993 and Saturday, June 12, 1993 4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m.

10. Vendor Choice: Does it Really Make a Difference?

-Heather Miller, Head, Acquisitions Department, State University of New York at Albany
-Michele Crump, Head, Receiving Unit, University of Florida

Service issues aside, this advanced workshop will report the findings of two studies which tracked price variations of same title orders for monographic series and periodicals from several different libraries through a variety of vendors. Publisher, vendor policy, service charges, and shipping fees will come into play as we show how vendor choice can affect your library budget. We will identify patterns and share guidelines we hope will help libraries perform similar price comparison studies as part of the vendor selection process.


-Kathleen Imhoff, Director, Public Libraries of Shelby County, Columbiana, Alabama
-Thomas A. Peters, Coordinator of Collection Development, Mankato State University

This workshop will explore the possibilities and challenges of CD-ROMs and locally-mounted databases as access mechanisms to serial literature. It will include research results of the impact of locally-mounted databases on the use of locally-held periodicals, and firsthand experiences of the impact of a CD-ROM public access catalog containing both periodicals and books.
12. The Nature of Serials Public Service
-Steve Savage, Head, Periodicals/Newspapers/Microtexts Department and Central Serials
  Record, University of Kentucky Libraries

During the 1991-1992 school year, users of the periodicals public service department at the
University of Kentucky Libraries asked 50,000 questions requiring problem-solving on the part
of the staff. Those questions will be analyzed, with particular attention paid to how records
produced by technical processing are used to answer them. Uses of bibliographic, acquisitions,
check-in, holdings, binding, union list and other records will be examined, as well as issues
unique to service for large newspaper collections.

13. Dups to Dumps: How to Manage Those Duplicate Materials
-Daphne C. Miller, Senior Library Technical Assistant, Serials, Fordham Health Sciences
  Library, Wright State University
-Glenn W. Jaeger, Manager, SerialsQuest, BookQuest/SerialsQuest
-Patricia L. Thornberry, Serials Librarian, University of South Florida

An interactive workshop discussing the avenues taken in handling duplicate and unwanted
serials. Management of needed backfile volumes and issues will also be discussed. Two librarians
(academic & medical) and a vendor present their procedures concerning these two issues. Backfile
vendors, duplicate exchange lists, third world needs and SerialsQuest are some avenues
pursued. Experience new ways to move duplicates to where they are needed - instead of to landfills, where
they are not needed.

14. Keeping the Serials Beast at Bay: A Case Study of Collaborative Serials Review
-Mary H. Munfoe, Acting Head, Collection Development, Pullen Library, Georgia State
  University
-Rebecca C. Drummond, Humanities Bibliographer, Pullen Library, Georgia State
  University
-Anne Page Mosby, Social Science Bibliographer, Pullen Library, Georgia State University

This workshop will demonstrate methods of serials review employed at Georgia State University and
give hands on experience with the discipline-based committee method of reviewing serials. The
workshop will describe several serials review and cancellation projects, explain the use of discipline-
based committees, and examine the dynamics of how working committees interpreted the mandate
of targeting serials for cancellation over three years. The audience will then be divided into
small groups to demonstrate how the process works and to illustrate in some detail both the
advantages and perils of this approach to serials review.

15. Taming the Claims Monster: Some Methods of Measuring and Improving the Efficiency of
Claiming Through a Vendor
-Donna Padgett Lively, Serials Acquisitions Librarian, University of Texas at Arlington
Libraries
-Lisa A. Macklin, Serials Records Librarian, University of North Texas Libraries

The bulk of periodicals claims are made through the agency of a subscription vendor. In fact,
relieving serials staff from the burden of sending out claims to many different publishers is one of
the best reasons for using a subscription vendor. However, the inclusion of the vendor/middleman
adds yet another step to the process and as such constitutes a potential barrier to efficient claiming.
In this workshop, the presenters will describe the methods they used to evaluate claiming, including
vendor performance, and how they applied the information they gained to improve the overall
effectiveness of their claiming procedures.

16. EDI Implementation: A Discussion and Demonstration
-Wilbert Harri, Periodicals/Reference Librarian, Moorhead State University
-Alan Nordman, Data Services Manager, Dawson Subscription Service (Chair, SISAC X12
Implementation Task Force)

This workshop will briefly describe Electronic Data Interchange and clarify X12 utilization for the
library industry. A librarian with EDI experience will chart the precursors to implementing EDI in
the library serials acquisition process (ordering, invoicing, claiming, and payment). The advantages
and potential traps of using EDI in these processes will be highlighted. A vendor will cover what
industry standardization organizations (SISAC, ICEDIS, CSISAC, etc.) have done to date. An
integrated EDI system will be demonstrated. Each step of the invoice load, claim, and claim response
process will be examined, describing the various processes in English NOT computerese.
17. Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Format Integration but Were Afraid to Ask
-Paul J. Weiss, Systems Librarian, Technical Services, National Library of Medicine

Format integration is coming. What will it mean for serials catalogers? This workshop will focus on the nuts and bolts of format integration: what serial records will look like; which fields are being expanded, added, deleted, or made obsolete; what the new 006 is and how it will be used. Several examples will be reviewed and practical exercises will be included. The status of preparations being made by LC, NLM, and the utilities will be covered.

18. Fitting the Serials Puzzle Together or Factors to Consider in Organizing Serials Work
-Glenda Thornton, Associate Director for Library Services, Auraria Library, University of Colorado at Denver
-Elaine Jurries, Coordinator of Serials Services, Auraria Library, University of Colorado at Denver

Thornton will discuss how and why the organization of serials work changed during her tenure at each of four libraries. Jurries will discuss the challenges she faced at the Auraria Library creating a Serials Services Division organized by format (includes acquisitions, cataloging, binding, check-in, public service and ILL). The audience will be encouraged to share how any recent developments (such as document delivery, electronic journals, etc.) have affected the organization of serials in their libraries.

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NASIG 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1993):
CATALOGERS DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING / Marilyn Geller

Yes, there will be an "Informal" Catalogers' Discussion Group Meeting at the NASIG Conference at Brown University in June! And yes, we will have another full agenda -- if you submit topics to be put on that agenda! All issues, large and small, will be considered. Send your ideas to me along with any documentation that might help us discuss the topic. This year, I'm also looking for a volunteer to help collect documentation, set the agenda and moderate some of the discussion, and a volunteer to take minutes. Here are the hundreds of different ways you can get in touch with me to offer an agenda topic or to VOLUNTEER:

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NASIG 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1993):
LATE NIGHT SOCIALS AT NASIG!!! / Marilyn Geller

The 8th Annual NASIG Conference offers its typically excellent program: great ideas, great opportunities and a chance to *network* with your peers. This year, we are planning Late Night Socials at Josiah's, a comfortable gathering place in the dormitory complex. To help keep conference expenses down, and to make sure we've got the perfect music, we are asking attendees to bring your favorite music tapes -- the kind you want to boogie to! Josiah's will be equipped with a sound system that can accommodate standard audio cassette tapes. If you love to dance and want to share your tapes, please contact me!

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NASIG 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1994):  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
CALL FOR WORKSHOPS  
CALL FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS  

"A KALEIDOSCOPE OF CHOICES: RESHAPING ROLES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERIALISTS"

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an organization committed to serving the interests of all members of the serials information chain, will hold its ninth annual conference June 2-5, 1994, at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. NASIG's annual conference provides a forum in which serials librarians, publishers, vendors, educators, binders, systems developers and other specialists exchange views, present new ideas, proactively seek solutions to common problems, and discuss matters of current interest. The proceedings are published and distributed to a wide audience.

The Program Planning Committee invites plenary paper proposals dealing with any "big picture" aspect of the theme. Examples:
* Forces that are reshaping the serials information chain
* Successful strategies for reacting to these forces
* New models and opportunities for collection management, organizational structure, access, and outreach
* Re-examining the role of the serials professional in the new information society

The Program Planning Committee also invites workshop and discussion group proposals that will proactively address changes and provide tools for managing the continuing "serials crisis."
* Case studies in successful "downsizing" or "reshaping"
* Strategies for adjusting to organizational change
* Training/retraining/educating serialists for new roles in article delivery, public service, monograph acquisitions, etc.
* Time/stress/strategic management techniques
* Relevant new technologies/services/software packages/standards
* Grantsmanship
* Costing out functions and streamlining workflow

Submission of topics and suggestions for speakers are welcome from NASIG members and other members of the information community. Since all proposals are reviewed competitively, please include the following information for maximum consideration:
* Name, address, phone/fax numbers/e-address(es) of the proposer
* Program title
* An abstract of 200-300 words that clearly explains the intent of the proposal as well as its relationship to the theme
* Indicate preference for having the proposal used as a plenary paper, workshop, or discussion group by ranking these 1-3

Proposals should be submitted no later than August 1, 1993 to:
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NASIG COMMITTEE PROFILE:  
DIRECTORY AND DATABASE COMMITTEE

NOTE: This is the first in an irregular series of NASIG committee profiles, which will be included in upcoming issues. The purpose of the series is to give the membership a feel for what NASIG committees do, how they do it, and who makes it happen. This particular column is based on a discussion with Joan Luke Stephens, Chair of the Directory and Database Committee--Ed.

History of the Committee

The Directory and Database (D&D) Committee is both a new committee and an old committee, by NASIG standards. Preparing a membership directory and tracking members' addresses in a database has gone on for many years, but this work has been done by the D&D committee for only two years. Previously, the Directory was a subcommittee of the Publications Committee, and the Database was managed by the NASIG President (or, more accurately, by an assistant of the President), and then, later, by a group that was not officially a committee until 1991 when Database and Directory functions were merged.
Joan Luke Stephens, Assistant Head of the Acquisitions Department at Georgia State, has been the guiding force in maintaining the database and producing the Directory. Joan began work on the database when Roger Presley, Head of Acquisitions at Georgia State, was President of NASIG. She volunteered to maintain the database, which was entirely separate from the Directory at the time, and was asked to stay on when Mary Beth Clack took over the Presidency. In 1991, Joan officially became Chair of the newly formed Directory and Database Committee, working with a committee that includes Dan Tonkery, CEO of Readmore and Board Liaison for the Committee; Roger Presley (mentioned above); Judith Shelton, Assistant Head of the Catalog Department and Head of the Serials Unit at Georgia State; and Beverley Geer-Butler, newly named Head Cataloger at Trinity University in San Antonio.

What Does D&D Do?

The work of the D&D Committee is classic "behind the scenes" work—when it’s done right, the average NASIG member is probably not consciously aware of it. The work of D&D is absolutely essential to NASIG, however, for without it, NASIG, in a sense, would not exist, since the membership listing and our ability to communicate with the membership IS the organization.

The weighty responsibility of maintaining access to the NASIG membership comes down, however, to some quite straightforward tasks: simply put, the work of the D&D committee is to ensure that the membership information for each NASIG member is up to date by coordinating all additions and changes to the database and to produce an accurate membership directory from the database. Achieving this straightforward goal involves a tremendous amount of checking, rechecking, and checking again to verify data and be sure all possible changes have been made.

This core work is supplemented by other responsibilities, including notifying the Electronic Communications Committee of address changes, soliciting changes in addresses, and preparing mailing labels for each Newsletter issue and for other NASIG mailings such as the conference brochure, the treasurer's reminders, and the Elections Committee's ballots.

D&D work tends to be seasonal, especially for those members who are not chairing the committee. Joan reports that the vast majority of the work done by members takes place in January and February each year as the Directory is prepared for publication. Committee members are needed to proofread, create indexes, and write the forward and other introductory matter for the Directory. Judith and Roger, for example, have both proofread the corrections to the database, and helped with mailings; in addition, Judith has edited indexes and Roger has verified member information. Beverley has verified email addresses and put together introductory material for the Directory, including the introduction and lists of officers and committee chairs.

During the rest of the year, most of the work is done by the Chair, although Joan is quick to add that this could change. The heaviest workload occurs in the fall and winter as people are renewing their memberships and the Directory is being prepared (there are currently 875 member records and 222 nonrenewing member records in the database; the number of members usually grows during the year to replace all nonrenewing members).

D&D work is not all detail work, for there is a need for coordinating that comes with Chairing D&D. Joan spends a good bit of time working with the Treasurer, perhaps more than with any other NASIG member. The Treasurer and the Chair of D&D work together to be sure all new members are added to the database and that current dues-paying members are reflected in the database. Joan also fields calls from various officers needing phone numbers or addresses, prepares lists of members for Regional Council Representatives, and works with the Electronic Communications Committee to be sure that email addresses are current for NASIG-L and in the Directory.

Accomplishments and Satisfactions of D&D

Looking back on her work with the Directory and database, Joan sees several satisfying accomplishments that have improved key resources for the membership. Indexing was added to the Directory, including geographic, institutional, and automated system indexes in addition to the main listing by name. Joan has overseen the combination of the Directory and database work to
create a coherent team, merging two functions that when separate had inevitably duplicated work. Finally, Joan is excited that this year the Directory is going to become more attractive, durable, and even easier to use, since it will be distributed in April in a "comb binding" and on higher quality paper.

For Joan, the satisfactions of D&D work come from the "pats on the back" from fellow NASIG members who use the Directory, and from the knowledge that she has at her fingertips the most current information about the NASIG membership. Unlike so many tasks, there are tangible rewards to D&D work, too, as when Joan receives her Newsletter addressed by one of her own well-produced labels or flips through the clean, clear, and accurate Directory. Knowing that both the database and Directory are useful to NASIG's membership is perhaps Joan's greatest source of satisfaction.

**Future Plans and Opportunities**

While the D&D committee operates efficiently these days, there are still things that Joan sees that could be done in the future to improve the D&D products even further. She thinks a new committee chair could explore ways to redistribute the committee's workload. Also, Joan notes that it may be time to consider the purchase of a more sophisticated software program to increase the flexibility and capabilities of the database, and has shared her concerns with the Board.

In June, Joan will step down as committee chair. To those who might be interested in serving as a member or chair of the committee, Joan notes that a strong ability to work with detail is critical, but as she pointed out, anyone in serials already has that skill! So, if you like working with databases, and want to have your finger on the pulse of NASIG itself, consider volunteering this spring. The NASIG Committee Volunteer Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.
CALL FOR WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The time has come once again to honor the Worst Serial Title Change of the Year, and other fine contributions to our serials workload from the serial publishers of the world. The presentation of these prestigious awards, (sponsored by the Serials Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of ALA), will take place during the ALCTS President's Program at ALA's annual conference in June, in New Orleans. The 1993 award winners will also be noted in a future ALCTS Newsletter.

AWARD CRITERIA INCLUDE: a frivolous title change for no apparent reason and producing no advantage; the unnecessary change of an old, respected title; repeated changes, the latest being no better than any earlier ones; and the "Snake in the Grass" or "Et tu, Brute?" category for library publications. The title change must have occurred since January 1, 1992, to be considered.

Please supply complete citations for the change, including title, number and/or date of last issue with old title; title, number and/or date of first issue with the new title; and the publisher's name and address. Photocopies of relevant pages or cataloging printouts are useful as verification, including historic title changes for titles changing often over time.

Nominations must be mailed by May 15, 1993 to: Rosanna M. O'Neil, Chair, Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Committee, E506 Pattee Library, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802. Feel free to contact me via e-mail (rmo@psulias.bitnet) or phone (814-865-1755) if you have any questions.

Thank you to those who have contributed in the past and for making the work of this committee so entertaining. We look forward to this year's nominations.

Please use the following form for each nomination:

WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

Each year the ALCTS SS Worst Serial Title Change of the Year Committee solicits nominations for its serial title change awards. Please use this form to submit your nominations. Title changes must have occurred since January 1, 1992, to be considered.

I nominate the following publication for the 1993 awards:

Current title:

Former title:

Other related information:

Suggested award name ("Et tu, Brute," etc., or your own award title):

Please include a photocopy of the title pages and/or other relevant pages, and a printout of the bibliographic records, if possible.

Name:

Library/Address:

ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED BY May 15, 1993 to:
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TITLE CHANGES / Ellen Finnie Duranceau

NOTE: Please submit items about yourself or other NASIG members to the Editor.

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Glenn Jaeger, formerly Vice President of Abacus, a Faxon company, reports that he has been promoted to Manager of SerialsQuest/BookQuest and has relocated from Maryland to Faxon's Westwood office. Abacus has changed its title, too, along with Glenn, and following the move to the Westwood office, has become known as FaxonQuest. Glenn can be reached at 1-800-999-3594, extension 393.

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Con Jager, who has been a member of NASIG since its founding, tells us in a letter that:

"I've been out of the US serials loop since my young family and I moved (back) to The Netherlands in 1990. After many fascinating years in the US and Canadian university library world representing two subsequent Dutch bookdealers/subscription agents, I am pleased to report that my future might hold more serials and even a dose of NASIG again, with my professional interest now coming from an automation angle.

"I wanted to let NASIG friends and acquaintances know that I am very happy to have joined Automated Library Systems Netherlands last year. A.L.S. Netherlands is a unit of Automated Library Systems Ltd of the UK, the well-known library automation company.

"Although I don't know whether it will be this year already, I do expect to visit the NASIG Conference again in the future, in view of further building up our knowledge on the serials front. I'm also looking at attending the UKSG this or next year and am planning to be at the European Serials Conference in Holland next year. It would be a joy to meet some of you at one of those occasions again.

"I wish NASIG and its members continued success, and, on a personal note for those who are wondering: our twins will be 3 on February 27th, are doing great, speak Dutch and English, and live in a town with an ALS-automated public library.

"Kind regards, Con Jager, Market Development Manager"

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Patrice O'Donovan of the Oregon Health Sciences University Library has reported a title change from Information Resources Librarian to Collections Development Coordinator. Patrice's phone number is 503-494-3219.

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A note from John Cox, Managing Director of BH Blackwell Ltd., summarized the recent reorganization at Blackwell's, which has affected several NASIG members. John tells us that "Blackwell's has restructured its organization, separating the strategic planning of its international group of companies from the day to day management of its traditional journal and book businesses based in Oxford. A new partner company, Blackwell Ltd, now takes responsibility for Blackwell companies throughout the world. These include four companies active in North America: BH Blackwell, Blackwell North America, Readmore, and Readmore Academic Services."

These organizational changes will alter the responsibilities of the following NASIG members:

John Cox, who was previously Director of Blackwell's Periodicals Division, has become the Managing Director of BH Blackwell. (John is also Treasurer of the UK Serials Group.)

Christine Stamison, who has joined Blackwell's Periodicals as a Serials Specialist, working with Tina Feick.

Heather Steele, who has added Australia and New Zealand to her existing American sales responsibility within the Periodicals Division.
Provincial and state representatives recruit new members (by distributing NASIG membership information at appropriate regional and local gatherings); provide updates on membership activities and concerns to Regional Coordinators; prepare and forward items for the Newsletter to the Regional Coordinator and Chair; and communicate ideas and suggestions for continuing education programs to the Regional Coordinator and Chair.

In addition, Regional Coordinators coordinate membership activities for their regions and serve as primary NASIG resource people for the state and provincial representatives. They distribute information packets (including membership brochures and insert cards) to new representatives; assist with special projects; and, together with the state and provincial representatives, generally promote NASIG.

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June 5-10, 1993
Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
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Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Meeting
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June 17-20, 1993
Canadian Library Association Annual Meeting
Hamilton, Ont.

June 24-July 1, 1993
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IFLA Annual Conference
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