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PRESIDENT’S CORNER / Cindy Hepfer

NASIG LEADERSHIP: Concerns and Strategies

Twice in the past three years, the NASIG Nominating Committee has been unable to run a competitive election for the presidency. Both times a number of outstanding members were nominated for the position, several with sufficient experience or "bench strength" to understand the complex issues and challenges we face and to know how the organization functions. In both instances the Nominating Committee, after first considering those members who were nominated for the presidency and failing to secure two finalists for the ballot, directly approached a number of well qualified, active members. But as in 1992, despite all of the best efforts of the Nominating Committee, we again have one presidential candidate on the 1994 ballot.

Ann Okerson’s April 1992 President’s Corner concerned the challenge of finding NASIG members who were willing to run for the presidency. She outlined several reasons why highly qualified members decline the nomination: lack of time, lack of funds to afford travel to board meetings, lack of access to support services, lack of confidence, and lack of information about what the job actually involves. That list of reasons is still very much on target.

We are extremely lucky that this year’s candidate, Julie Gammon, is a highly-qualified individual who has served NASIG in several capacities, someone with a visible leadership role in the serials and acquisitions communities. I have no doubt that Julie will be an outstanding president. Still, I am very concerned - as is Julie, who would have preferred to have competition on the ballot - that every year the Nominations Committee seems to face an arduous task in getting members to run for our presidency.
Readers should ask, "What steps is the NASIG Board taking to address this situation?" Below, I will review Ann's list of reasons nominees can't see their way clear to run, and address these reasons in light of current policy and practice.

LACK OF TIME. This is perhaps the most difficult of the reasons to address. Most NASIG members (be they librarians or commercial members) have experienced cutbacks in their institution's workforce and are contending with new and expanded responsibilities. Moreover, every one of us is stretching and struggling to adapt to an ever-changing information environment. We spend enormous amounts of time and mental effort learning new technologies that enable us to do our jobs more effectively and efficiently. Finally, we have families and friends we actually like to see from time to time! In point of fact, there are few of us who are able, even if we are willing, to take on the three-year responsibility of NASIG Vice President/President Elect.

The board addressed the time issue at its February meeting. We talked about what absorbs the president's time and talked about what kinds of assistance can be offered. The first thing we discussed is the not inconsiderable amount of work which is clerical in nature. For instance, the president spends a fair amount of time writing letters and organizing a mass of written and/or electronic communication. More importantly, the president's time and efforts are expended on management duties that require intellectual effort and constant, wide-ranging communication. The NASIG president is called upon daily to interpret NASIG policies, to assist in reviewing or developing procedures, to react to new ideas and challenges, and to advise on the next step in implementing numerous activities. To accomplish all of this, the president has to be in contact with other officers and board members, with committee chairs and committee members, with liaison organizations and our proceedings publisher, and with individual NASIG members. Communication is the big consumer of time, but in my mind it is also the great joy of the NASIG presidency since it allows me to work with and to get to know so many wonderful serialists.

Some strategies the board discussed for lessening the amount of time the president has to devote to the job:

1) Providing the president (and other NASIG principals, including committee chairs with significant organizational workloads) modest financial support to hire "contract labor" to assist with filing, typing, photocopying, or similar activities.
2) Delegating more management responsibility to and empowering board members to a greater extent than we have.
3) Shifting significant responsibility to members who are not either officers or board members by delegating responsibility for task like program planning to a committee and having a board member liaise with the group, rather than serving as its chair.
4) Sharing more presidential duties with the vice-president, who will be relieved of responsibility for program planning.

We believe that these measures will significantly cut the amount of time the president needs to invest in the organization on a daily basis. Our officers and board members are actively seeking ways to assist the president and make the job more doable.

LACK OF FUNDS FOR NECESSARY TRAVEL. The biggest expense in the board's own "committee" budget is travel, and NASIG provides more support for its officers and board than many organizations. Board members meet three times a year: at the annual NASIG conference in June, at some "central" meeting point in November, and at ALA Midwinter. We fund travel and hotel costs for the November meeting. We also pay for Thursday night's hotel at ALA Midwinter so that board members can attend an all-day NASIG board meeting of Friday. We do not give the officers or board any financial assistance to attend the annual conference, even though an all-day board meeting there means coming in one or sometimes two days in advance of the conference opening. But we believe that support is now adequate enough that most members interested in holding office or serving on the executive board will not have to disqualify themselves based on a lack of funds to attend required board meetings.

LACK OF ACCESS TO SUPPORT SERVICES. Lack of access to equipment, supplies, and support services is a problem for some members. The board can provide technical assistance in getting an individual an e-mail account and basic e-mail training if needed. We can hire contract help to do such leg work as running to Kinkos or the post office. We can buy or supply basic office supplies such as stationery or printer ribbons, reimburse for phone bills, and in some instances, might even purchase software.
LACK OF CONFIDENCE. Lack of confidence is an understandable deterrent to running for the presidency. In any office, it is always highly desirable for the incumbent to have had previous experience with the organization, to know the challenges it faces and how it works. Thus, the more active involvement one has in NASIG, the better prepared one will be to face the challenges of the presidency.

The board addresses the confidence issue by offering as many members as possible an opportunity to become involved in NASIG activities. These opportunities include serving on committees or task forces, serving as a regional or state representative, participating in regional continuing education seminars, and participating in the annual conference as a presenter, an introducer or a workshop recorder. When the NASIG president (or vice president) makes committee appointments, s/he tries to balance each committee with experienced and first time members. We strongly believe in doing whatever we can to develop potential leaders and a strong, interested membership for the organization.

In fact, if you are interested in getting involved in NASIG, let Vice President/President-Elect October Ivins know about your interests and talents. A copy of the NASIG committee volunteer form appears in this issue of the Newsletter. Although there may not be an immediate appointment opportunity available, as new challenges arise and we develop new activities or task forces we often refer to volunteer forms of members who have expressed an interest in getting involved. Don’t be discouraged if you do not get appointed to a committee right away. I didn’t get appointed to a NASIG committee when I first volunteered!

Another point I want to make in regard to confidence is that while the NASIG presidency is a very big job, the president is never "in it all alone." The president has a past president (and previous past presidents) to turn to for advice and background, a vice president and officers to turn to for assistance, and board members, committee chairs and committee members who all share the goal of keeping NASIG on the cutting edge of serials education.

LACK OF INFORMATION. Lack of information is the final deterrent Ann Okerson mentioned two years ago. Information is key to having the confidence to run for the presidency, to supporting efforts to share responsibilities, and to having NASIG function more efficiently and effectively. Past president Teresa Malinowski and I are both firm believers in documentation. To that end, we have initiated projects to create or revise a number of documents. Recently completed documents include a proceedings editor manual, a NASIGNET manual, revised expense report forms and reimbursement guidelines, highly-detailed financial reports to assist in committee/board budgeting and in conference and program planning, committee charges for all standing committees/activities, revised officer and board job descriptions, a NASIG calendar/timetable, and a new board member packet. A conference planning manual is in progress, plans for a program planning manual are underway, and a board manual is being discussed.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALTERNATIVE. Another alternative to delegating responsibility and empowering other officers and executive board members to share in management activities is to hire an executive director to serve as an administrative assistant to the president. There are a couple of reasons that NASIG has not done this already. One is that hiring an executive director would be costly. The other is that it would mean fewer opportunities for NASIG members to share in the organization’s management.

NASIG is one of life’s real bargains. We have US$20 a year dues and an annual conference that to date has not exceeded US$300 total for basic registration, room and food. Modest profits on the past few annual conferences have allowed the board to cover operating expenses basic dues cannot meet, to have a financial cushion should an annual conference lose money, and to have enough money to expand certain member services. But one financially unsuccessful conference could change that entire picture, and the board has tended to be conservative.

In recent years the notion of paid administrative support has surfaced not only in relation to easing the president’s workload but also in regard to providing continuity and ongoing support to the conference and program planning chairs, whose responsibilities are considerable. The board briefly discussed the notion of an executive director at our February meeting. We estimated that a salary, benefits and overhead for this individual would approach $50,000 per year. NASIG’s $20,000 per year membership income, an honorarium from Haworth for the proceedings, and our conference profits (if any) will not currently allow us to hire full time, or even part-time, administrative support. In order to accommodate
such an expense, we would have to raise dues considerably, significantly raise the cost of the annual conference, and/or ask for financial support from our corporate members (something NASIG has consciously tried to avoid). The board needs more information in regard to our financial health and planning needs in order to consider the notion of an executive director/paid administrative support further, and thus we have come to no conclusions at this time.

Personally, I do not advocate NASIG hiring an executive director or administrative help. One of the things that sets NASIG apart from other organizations for me is the sense that the members OWN the organization, have a strong voice in managing it, and can participate in running it. I am proud that we are a volunteer organization and am afraid that if we go the route of hiring an executive director, some of that sense of ownership and the excitement that goes with it might dissipate. Our vision statement and the upcoming strategic planning process will give us further opportunities to consider the management challenges NASIG faces.

The moral of my column this month is: get involved and help us find ways to share the management of the North American Serials Interest Group!

NASIG 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1994): CONFERENCE PLANNING REPORT / Kat McGrath

GREETINGS FROM VANCOUVER

By the time this newsletter issue reaches your mailbox, those of you who are planning to attend the upcoming 'NASIG Nine' Conference in Vancouver are likely to have already submitted your registration form to meet the May 2nd deadline. You may also have completed your travel arrangements. For those of you who will be flying to Vancouver, we hope that you have taken advantage (or will take advantage) of the special discount program coordinated by ATI Travel Management. In addition to providing savings to you as a NASIG traveller, your participation in this program enables the NASIG organization to earn travel bonuses which we can offer to our student grant recipients. It's a good deal all around -- consult the conference brochure for more details.

As I write this, the conference brochure is being mailed to all NASIG members as well as a host of other interested parties. We hope that you've found time to read it from cover to cover and are as excited as we are by what it contains.

This year's program promises to present the NASIG audience with a stellar cast of speakers and workshop leaders and we in Vancouver are primed to stage the memorable event. Those of us involved in preparing the brochure struggled to find a balance between providing enough information to be useful and enticing without overwhelming our readers with detail. Fortunately the group dedicated to complete this mission rose to the challenge with tireless enthusiasm, inspired creativity, and x-ray vision checking for typos, grammatical weaknesses, and contradictions, as well as for 'gaps' in the textual holdings. Diane Grover and Laurie Sutherland stood at the helm of the production flotilla, and with patient determination they guided the content and analysis crew through the choppy waters of compiling, editing and correcting. The cross-continental crew consisted of October Ivins and Julie Gammon (co-chairs of the Program Planning Committee), and their committee members: Alex Bloss, Bobbie Carlson, Karen Darling, Michele Crump, Carol Magenau, Rosanna O'Neil and Roberta Winjum, with myself thrown in for local color. The eyes and voices of conferences past -- Cindy Hepfer, Susan Davis, Teresa Malinowski, and Jean Callaghan -- provided invaluable assistance as editorial advisors and proof-reading pros. Congratulations and thanks to all team members for a job well done.

This year's conference marks an important change from previous NASIG meetings with the separation of accommodation reservations from the program registration package. PLEASE remember to direct ALL your inquiries and reservation requests for housing on campus to the Reservations Office at the UBC Conference Centre. The staff are very 'accommodating' and will do their best for you. Note that if you wish to share a suite, you must find your own roommate(s) as UBC does not provide a match-making service. Only one person needs to reserve a suite, but it is necessary to include the number of people in a room on the form. Separate bills will be provided to those people sharing rooms. If you want to indicate with whom you wish to share the single room/shared washroom units, you may list names on the accommodation request form.

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Alternatively, these arrangements can be made upon check-in.

A block of rooms has been reserved for our NASIG group for the duration of the conference. However, delegates who wish to extend their stay in Vancouver either before or after the conference are welcome to reserve additional nights of accommodation at Gage. Those who are planning to be joined by friends or family members can modify their housing needs accordingly. Room rates remain the same. A tip about the applicable room taxes: these figures are not specified on the form because taxes (like currency rates) can change without notice. Currently, the UBC rooms are subject to 8% hotel tax, and 7% GST (which can be reimbursed to U.S. guests - application forms will be available at Gage).

Although Gage operates much a like a professional hotel, many of the rooms, especially those with the shared washrooms, have dormitory-style decor. So, while they may not earn a 5-star rating in Fodor’s for interior aesthetics, on the plus side, some rooms have million-dollar penthouse views of the Howe Sound at a bargain basement price. The deluxe suites are presently being renovated, and will certainly be lovely for those who choose to reserve one. Do it soon though, as these are limited in number.

Here are a few suggestions if you are wondering what else to pack in your suitcase aside from your camera, walking shoes and perhaps an umbrella (good for both rain or shine). Travellers from the U.S. and overseas should remember their passports or other appropriate IDs to facilitate border crossings. Delegates who have registered for the full conference will be provided with all meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch. We don’t intend for you to go to meetings hungry. However, you may wish to bring some extra dollars to buy an ice cream cone or some midnight munchies from the numerous food outlets on campus.

Remember that you must bring your own toiletries, but if you should forget something, there are shops nearby where these items can be obtained. Aside from the NASIG souvenirs we will be offering for sale, Vancouver mementos can be purchased at the bookstore. There will be cash bars at the various social functions. You may also decide to extend your night on the town with some added entertainment, or join a post-conference tour - keep your mind open to the kaleidoscope of choices that awaits you here.

Currency exchange services are available on campus, and U.S. dollars and Visa/MasterCard credit cards are readily accepted on the campus and throughout the city. Don’t worry, however, that you must be prepared to spend extra money; there is plenty to do for free, too.

We hope that the conference brochure provides answers to all of your questions, but we expect that your curiosity to know more may be aroused by some detail or another. If you find yourself still wondering about something after having read the brochure carefully several times, consult the list below for the contact person best qualified to answer your question.

WHO KNOWS WHAT AND HOW TO CONTACT THEM

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Tourism Victoria: 800-663-3883

Finally, if you have access to the Internet, you may wish to check out UBC’s gopher, VIEW UBC, for up-to-the-minute information on the campus and our environs. The address is gopher.library.ubc.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks!
NASIG 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1994): PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM

"INTERNET TOOLS AND RESOURCES: AN ELECTRONIC BUFFET"

Thursday June 2, 1994
8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The NASIG Electronic Communications Committee is sponsoring a preconference held in conjunction with the 9th Annual NASIG Conference at the University of British Columbia. The preconference will introduce attendees to some of the tools and resources available on the Internet. A cost recovery fee of $35.00 (U.S.)/$45.00 (CDN) will be charged. Registration is limited to 100.

GENERAL SESSION
The program will begin with a 1 1/2 hour general session.
Conveners: Marilyn Geller, Serials Cataloger, MIT Libraries, and Birdie MacLennan, Serials Coordinator, University of Vermont

The FreeNet Movement / Jacqueline van Dyk, Systems Librarian North Vancouver District Public Library and Library Liaison/Board Member, Vancouver Regional FreeNet

Freenets, a growing phenomenon in North America, are free public-access community computer networks which will facilitate free access to publicly-funded information and research. They provide a range of community electronic information resources and possibilities for the exchange of experience, ideas and wisdom; and promote computer literacy. Libraries become involved in the current development of the information highway, including the development of freenets. There are critical issues regarding access to public information and the use of the technology which deserve increased public visibility and participation. This talk will focus on the public interest aspects of freenets and the proposed high-speed electronic highways.

The Internet, Client-Server Computing, and the Revolution in Electronic Publishing / David F. W. Robison, Educational Documentation Specialist NorthWestNet

With the broad-based implementation of client-server computing on the Internet that we see today, a number of applications are appearing and becoming very popular among network users. Most notable among these applications are Mosaic/WWW and Gopher. These applications make electronic publishing easier for both publisher and reader. Not surprisingly, then, publishers have begun to take advantage of this new environment, and readers and libraries are not far behind.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
The remaining portion of the preconference program will be divided into one hour sessions on individual topics. Attendees may choose any two of these sessions at the time of registration. These five sessions are:

1. Tunneling through Cyberspace in Search of Adventure: An Introduction to Gopher / Maggie Rioux, Acquisitions Librarian MBL/WHOI Joint Library

A gopher is a virtual furry critter which tunnels through the Internet maze, finding information and bringing it back to your own computer. How does it work and what makes it so special? Learn how gopher can help you navigate cyberspace and have fun doing it. Find out more about some of the gopher resources useful to serialists and get an introduction to other gopher tools like veronica and jughead which can help you locate other interesting resources.


A basic introduction to setting up and maintaining a gopher den (ahem, server). What kind of time and commitment does it take to establish a niche in gopherspace? What are the tools you need and where can you find them? Where do you get help and support? What are some of the difficulties you will encounter? Learn how to put together your own Gopher Construction Kit.


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The World Wide Web is an Internet access protocol. Along with the new user interface developed last year by NCSA called MOSAIC, the Web provides its creator the ability to present information in an attractive format; even better it enables links within documents and between documents, files, sound and graphical (i.e., multi-media) formats. Thus items can be read linearly or the reader can move in a hyper-text/media manner among information.

MOSAIC can be used as an interface for many kinds of Internet information accesses, but it is particularly useful with WWW, because it simplifies access to non-text forms such as images, movies, sound, etc. MOSAIC is able to interpret the type of media being requested and to transparently open the tools the user needs. The session will describe these hot developments and show them off.


LISTSERVs and ListProcs provide a framework for a geographically diverse group of people to send and receive information on a chosen topic. This session will introduce participants to the basics of joining electronic discussion groups, including how to subscribe to a list, how to determine what your options are for receiving mail from the list, how to set your mail options, and how to participate in discussions on a list.

5. (Almost) Everything Else You Ever Wanted to Know About LISTSERVs and ListProcs / Marilyn Geller, Serials Cataloger MIT Libraries

LISTSERVs and ListProcs provide their subscribers with a wealth of information beyond the daily discussion messages. Learn how to search for and retrieve information from a list’s archive, how to use the information in list headers, and how to find new lists. Discuss with the group techniques for managing the time you spend reading list mail.

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PLENARY AND CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

Plenary Session I: Overviews of Change
Friday, June 3, 1994
8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Convener: Brenda Hurst, Head, Acquisitions, Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information

Technological Change and its Influence on Scholarly Communication and Information Management / Czeslaw Jan Grycz, Chair, Scholarship and Technology Study Project, University of California Office of the President

When one considers the building blocks of scholarly communication, it is possible to see historical trends forcing them apart into relatively specialized and isolated positions. Today, those entities who are the most concerned with professional skills supporting scholarly communication face disconcerting change: in their markets, in their mission, in their revenues, in their operational strategies, in the technology they use to facilitate their work. Simultaneously, the concept of information management is going through transformation and re-invention. As a result, knowledge workers in these fields face instability on practical levels, and ambiguity on philosophic levels. The opening address will attempt to describe the conditions of our dilemma and suggest ways for resolving those conflicts, as a preparation for the sessions to follow.

The Future of Publishing: Lessons From Recent Workshops / Robert Weber, Principal, Northeast Consulting Resources

For three and a half years, Mr. Weber’s firm has been facilitating two day, highly interactive public workshops on Mapping the Future of Publishing and the Information Industries. In the past year or so, several new issues and themes have emerged that concern both publishers and users of information, including the personalization of information through modularization or "chunking," and the use of encryption-based metering technology to control and charge for information access and use. Publishers also face critical strategic business issues in migrating
from print to electronic publications. This talk will explain the workshop process and what participants thought about these important issues.

Reshaping the Serials Vendor Industry: How to Survive the Impact of Technology and Shifting User Expectations / Dan Tonkery, President and CEO, Readmore Incorporated

The vendor industry as we know it must develop new products and services in order to remain in the information delivery chain. The economic pressure on library budgets is forcing changes in the publishing industry and user demands. With the shift to on-demand publishing and other electronic services, subscription vendors must be creative to avoid the ice age.

Changing Focus: Tomorrow's Virtual Library / Naomi C. Broering, Director, Biomedical Information Resources Center and Medical Center Librarian, Georgetown University Medical Center

To move beyond today's electronic libraries to tomorrow's networked virtual ones, libraries will need to extend well beyond their institutional boundaries. By providing direct access to many different print and nonprint formats, bibliographic indexes and abstracts, CD-ROM systems, document delivery, full-text-electronic journals, images, and multimedia products, libraries will offer customized services that seamlessly bring the world of information to users through the Internet, super networks, and wireless communications. Besides personnel and technological reconfigurations, new strategic partnerships with other libraries, commercial enterprises, software suppliers, publishers, campus computer centers, and user communities of educators and researchers will position libraries to become the high profile knowledge management centers of the future. Descriptions of a virtual medical library will illustrate the progress some libraries have made in these new directions.

Plenary Session II: An Introspective View of Change and Choice
Saturday, June 4, 1994
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Convener: John Tagler, Director, Corporate Communications, Elsevier Science Publishers, Inc.

Getting Past the Rapids: Individuals and Change / Linda Moore, Chief Executive Officer, tranSKILLS

Both the nature and depth of the changes we are experiencing today are dramatically different from the changes experienced in the last fifty years or more. Using the metaphor of the North American Voyageur, this imaginative approach will give insights into how we as human beings can end the negative games we play, learn how to respond to change and how we can approach change in a more positive way. This presentation is meant to build excitement and hope in the opportunities available to us and to encourage individuals to develop the skills to meet change with the heart of a modern voyageur, mapping new landscapes and travelling unknown rivers!

Plenary Session III: Choosing Change: New Products and New Skills
Sunday, June 5, 1994
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Convener: Julia Gammon, Head, Acquisitions Department, University of Akron

Electronic Chemistry Journals: Elemental Concerns / Richard Entlich, Technical Project Manager, Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University

Experimental scholarly electronic journals have existed in a variety of forms for several years. The CORE (Chemistry Online Retrieval Experiment) Project is now in its final year. Cornell University's Mann Library, Bellcore, the American Chemical Society, Chemical Abstracts Service, and OCLC have created a system to provide networked access to nearly a million pages of machine-readable text and graphics from ACS journals. Its objective is to study the technical, logistical, economic and sociological issues in the shift from paper to electronic dissemination of scholarly research. The library's focus has been on how to ensure that scholars retain unimpeded physical and intellectual access to journal contents after this transition takes place.

Adventures in Information Space: Biomedical Discovery in a Molecular Sequence Milieu / Mark S. Boguski, M.D., Ph.D., Investigator, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine and Acting Director of Bioinformatics, National Center for Human Genome Research, National Institutes of Health

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Since the mid-1970s, DNA and protein sequence data has led to remarkable discoveries that are revealing the fundamental causes of cancer and genetic disease. By the year 2005, the Human Genome Project will produce a complete blueprint of human biology. Scientists and physicians access these data in GenBank(R), an NIH database developed, maintained and distributed by the NCBI. These sequences are linked directly to molecular structure databases and to the biomedical journal literature through bibliographic databases like MEDLINE. This new knowledge management system functions with the use of email, CD-ROM products, and Internet client-server applications, and blends the world of print publishing with primary source data residing in globally accessible databanks. Current systems require that human beings initiate specific search, analysis and retrieval requests. However, software robots already maintain and update these data, and "intelligent agents" will soon be available for the automated and targeted dissemination of new research findings. This presentation will discuss the development of this new working model and speculate about the impact of future technological advances, the effect on how researchers and physicians work, and possible applicability to other research disciplines.

Grabbing the Bull by the Tail: Holding on During Change / Marjorie E. Bloss, Director, Technical Services, Center for Research Libraries

In our professional world today, we are experiencing change on three fronts: technological, economic/political, and organizational. Any one of these taken by itself would cause us to modify significantly the ways we do business. As luck would have it, dramatic changes are occurring in all three simultaneously. This presentation first will review the nature of these environmental changes. It will then examine them in relation to the library profession. Finally, it will urge serialists to view change as an opportunity by encouraging them to shape change rather than letting change shape them.

I. Managing Organizational Change
Convener: Connie Foster, Serials Supervisor, Western Kentucky University

Change Without and Change Within: The Structural Adaptation of an STM Publisher / Pieter S. H. Bolman, President, Academic Press, San Diego

Organizational Change in a Research Library Setting: Strategies and Implementation / Mary Elizabeth Clack, Serial Records Librarian/Staff Development Officer, Harvard College Library

Strategic change in organizations is shaped by external forces and internal considerations. The presentations will address strategies and implementation of organizational change in the publishing world and in an academic library environment. Dr. Bolman will present a simple conceptual approach to describe how technological and market changes affect planning in the STM publishing world. Practical hints as to how to formulate and implement a strategic plan and a reorganization that copes with these changes will be provided. Ms. Clack's presentation will focus on the formulation of an organizational development process in a climate of strategic change. Leadership strategies, group process management and education for staff development will be addressed. Examples will be drawn from the experience of the Harvard College Library's strategic planning process.

II. Reports from the Frontiers of Change
Convener: Alex Bloss, Head of Acquisitions, University of Illinois at Chicago

Wanted: Information Manager: New Roles for Librarians and Vendors / Sharon Cline McKay, Product Manager, Dynix Marquis, Inc.

From Earth to Ether: One Publisher's Reincarnation / Susan Lewis, Online Projects Manager, Johns Hopkins University Press

Library Cultures in Conflict: Exploring New Roles for Librarians / Johann Van Reenen, Head, UBC Life Sciences Libraries, University of British Columbia

New ways of working and thinking are required of all members of the serials information chain if we are to thrive in the rapidly changing information environment. Exploring, deciding on, and growing...
into these roles leads to individual and organizational stress. Each speaker will address this theme from their unique vantage points. Having worn many hats in the library and information industry, McKay will share her perceptions of the increasing similarity of skills and functions demanded of vendors and librarians as information managers, and one byproduct of such change: the growing appreciation for one another’s roles. Lewis will relate her experience in reinventing the publishing process by creating a sophisticated electronic publication in collaboration with the university library and the computing center. Van Reenen suggests that librarians seem to group into two cultures when it comes to deciding on the skills, attitudes and actions needed to embrace change. He discusses this process and some conclusions reached at his organization.

III. Professional Advice on Handling Change
Convener: Teresa Malinowski, Serials Coordinator, California State University Fullerton

Understanding Transition: The People Side of Managing Change / Judy Clarke, Owner, Judy Clarke and Associates

As we approach the 21st century, our futures will be cast in our ability to embrace continuous change. One of our most critical challenges will be preparing for the needs and expectations of tomorrow. Just managing change is not enough. We must emerge with new insights. The future belongs to those who understand the human side of organizational change. This presentation will focus on: understanding why change is so difficult for people; learning the significant difference between change and transition; exploring the process of transition; and recognizing signs of unmanaged transition.

IV. Real People and Virtual Libraries
Convener: Barbara Carlson, Head, Serials Management, Medical University of South Carolina

At Ease in Liberspace / Susan A. Cady, Associate Director for Technical Services, Lehigh University Libraries

The Human Side of the Virtual Library / Marion T. Reid, Dean of Library Services, California State University San Marcos

Libraries have already entered the vestibule of virtual reality. What have they found to be the myths and realities “beyond the looking glass”? How are the real people affected—staff and all categories of users? Does technology drive change or do human values shape the technology? This presentation will attempt to answer these questions and will offer profiles of our customers and staffs at the end of this decade when we have emerged more fully into the electronic environment.

V. From Cutter Handmaids to Cyberspace Guides: The Future of Catalogers
Convener: Karen Darling, Head, Serials Department, University of Oregon


Getting the Expert into the System: Expert Systems and Cataloging / Paul J. Weiss, Systems Librarian, National Library of Medicine, Technical Services Division

SGML and the Transformation of Cataloging / Daniel Pitti, Advanced Technologies Projects Librarian, University of California, Berkeley

How will the cataloger of the future meet the need to catalog an ever-increasing volume of materials in an ever-evolving number of formats? Reynolds will first take you on a layman’s tour of such potential tools on the technological horizon as: expert systems, SGML, imaging technology, relational database techniques, and hypertext-like links between and among local and remote files. Then, get ready for a trip into your own near- to mid-term future guided by two library researchers. Weiss will cut through the hype about expert systems and show you where the real value of this rapidly evolving technology lies. Pitti will describe how widespread adoption of Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) might transform both what and how we catalog.
Set I
Friday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 4, 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

1. Rethinking the Workforce and Workplace: Alternative Ways of Getting the Job Done
Hien Nguyen, Serials Cataloger, National Library of Medicine
Kevin McShane, Head, Serials Cataloging, National Library of Medicine
Bill Willmering, Head, Serial Records Section, National Library of Medicine

Faced with diminishing staffs and budgets and the difficulty of recruiting skilled serialists, librarians are exploring alternative methods for getting the job done. National Library of Medicine staff describe their experiences with Flexiplace, a program in which employees do most of their work from home, and with small purchase orders or contracts for services. The presenters will discuss the details of Flexiplace as well as successes and limitations of working with contracts for special language cataloging, binding preparation, check-in, and other tasks. The audience should come prepared to share their experiences and ideas about alternative ways to work.

2. The New World Order: Serials Management of Electronic Resources and Document Delivery
Sharon Wiles-Young, Serials Manager, Lehigh University
Jeri Van Goerhem, Head, Acquisitions/Serials Department, Duke University

As libraries shift from journal subscriptions to a bewildering array of electronic options, serials management takes on a new meaning. The processes of budgeting, acquiring, controlling, and implementing networked CD-ROM sources, remote sources and document delivery sources are discussed. These processes and future challenges will be described from the experiences of Lehigh University and Duke University. This workshop is intended for serial and acquisition librarians or anyone interested in learning about how libraries are implementing electronic resources.

3. Negotiating Contracts for Electronic Resources
Anne Caputo, Manager, Academic Programs, Dialog Information Services
Trisha Davis, Head, Continuation Acquisition Division, Ohio State University
William Kara, Acquisitions Librarian, Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University

Serials in electronic formats often require contractual agreements governing their use. Librarians need to be educated consumers and work with the producer/vendor community, understanding their issues and concerns, in order to secure reasonable agreements for electronic access. Standard "boiler plate" contracts often do not meet the needs of different libraries and may contain provisions that should be questioned or clarified. Database producers and vendors have their own contractual and legal obligations which must be considered when negotiating with individual libraries. This intermediate workshop examines contracts for electronic resources from a variety of perspectives and addresses the diverse complexities of the negotiating process.

4. "Keep Them Doggies Rollin'," or, Using Series Authority Records to Improve Cataloging and Processing Workflow
Beverley Geer-Butler, Head Cataloger, Maddux Library, Trinity University
Beatrice McKay, Serials Cataloger, Maddux Library, Trinity University

As libraries automate, paper files such as the card catalog, the shelf list, the order file and authority files are also automated. To exploit the automated authority file and to help streamline the handling of titles in series, Trinity University Library has developed a method to store cataloging and processing information in the online series authority record. The workshop will show how to integrate the pure title authority function of the series authority record with the pragmatic aspects of processing titles in series. As a result, acquisitions staff, catalogers and copy catalogers can easily obtain information about distribution and cataloging treatment of titles within series and analyzed serial titles. This procedure is adaptable to manual environments as well.
5. To Be Continued? or, The Birth of a Series
Rita VanAssche Bueter, Manager, Collection
Development & Standing Order Services,
Blackwell North America
Vivian Buell, Librarian-at-Large (formerly Manager, Approval Programs, Ballen Booksellers)

The intent of this workshop is to explore the processes and perceptions that determine the development of a monographic series or serial. The logic behind publishers’ marketing strategies frequently seems at odds with the expressed needs and concerns of the library community. Through interviews with a cross-section of publishers (trade, scholarly, university, association/society) information will be gathered to further our understanding of their goals, strategies and problems. This project is not designed or presented as classical "survey research" or number-crunching, but rather as grass-roots publisher/vendor/library communication. This workshop is geared towards anyone involved in monographic serials at any level.

6. Integrating Documents Processing into Traditional Technical Services
Susan Davis, Head, Periodicals, State University of New York at Buffalo
Deanna Iltis, Cataloging Coordinator, Oregon State University

This workshop discusses the experiences of two libraries incorporating federal documents processing into the traditional technical services workflow. Oregon State Library automated its documents processing in a PC environment, while the State University of New York at Buffalo processes documents using the NOTIS integrated library system. The presenters will share re-organization, staffing, and workflow changes, including labeling, shelflisting, check-in, and bibliographic control procedures. The coverage will range from basic to intermediate levels and apply to a number of library situations.

7. Ethics in Action: The Vendors’ Perspective
Mary Devlin, Regional Sales Manager, The Faxon Company

Ethical questions ask what should be done, what is right behavior? Real (but anonymous) situations which vendors have encountered and which may pose ethical problems will be presented. The group will discuss the issues involved and whether the behavior was ethical. Through discussion, participants should find insights and surprises as we attempt to understand where ethical boundaries lie. This is a participative workshop—come prepared to talk!

8. Cost Accounting for the Serials Librarian: Making Financial Decisions in Tight Times
Wil Harri, Periodicals Librarian, Moorhead State University

This workshop will discuss key cost accounting concepts and describe how to use these concepts in serials management decision-making. Accounting jargon will not be used. Serials-based examples will be provided to illustrate these concepts.

9. Serialists on the Front Line; New Opportunities for Serials Professionals in Reference and User Education
Blaine E. Knupp, Serials Librarian, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Diane Grover, Serials Control Project Manager, University of Washington

Serials and technical services librarians are in a unique position to share valuable expertise in public service and bibliographic instruction settings. Skills learned in the organization of information and experiences with electronic resources such as e-journals, databases and the Internet, translate well into the user services arena. Discussion will focus on the professional and personal rewards of public services, and on building collaborative partnerships with reference librarians and teaching faculty to promote creative user education for electronic resources.

Set II
Friday, June 3, 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 5, 8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

10. Who Needs to Know What?: Essential Communication for Automation Implementation and Effective Reorganization
Cynthia M. Coulter, Head, Acquisitions Department, University of Northern Iowa
Lola Halpin, Serials Unit Supervisor, Emory University

Effective channels of communication must be established and maintained during the process of
reorganizing in technical services. The workshop leaders will describe the impetus for reorganization in each of their libraries, and how the decisions were made and implemented. They will also discuss the types of communication needed, the parties which must be involved (both within and outside of technical services), and will share some of the lessons they learned from their own experiences.

11. Document Delivery: Staffing, Technology and Budgeting Implications
Anthony W. Ferguson, Associate University Librarian, Columbia University
Margaret Price, Head, Document Supply and Delivery Centre, Life Sciences Library, University of British Columbia

Today's fiscal realities encourage libraries to experiment with document delivery as an alternative mode of information delivery. The results of Columbia University's recently completed Scientific Information Study, a segment of which compared the costs of ownership and access, and other Columbia studies which examined researcher acceptance of online indexes and document delivery as an alternative to ownership, will be presented. Similarly, the experience of the Woodward Biomedical Library at the University of British Columbia with new technologies (ARIEL, AVISO, DOCLINE and a local online document delivery request system), merging library units, resource sharing, and providing commercial documentation delivery services to other libraries will be discussed.

Eric Lease Morgan, Systems Librarian, North Carolina State University
Christa Reinke, Assistant Serials Librarian, University of Houston
Beth Weston, Coordinator of Serials Acquisitions, University of Delaware

This workshop focuses on the issues surrounding methods for collecting, processing, and providing access to electronic serials. Weston debates the access versus ownership issues of electronic journals and discusses the changing roles of systems and acquisitions librarians in the provision of access to these journals. Reinke outlines the University of Houston's acquisitions process, an approach paralleling traditional serial acquisitions methods. Morgan describes an automated serials acquisitions process developed at the North Carolina State University.

13. Is it Tweaking or Catalog Enrichment?: Choices in Reshaping Serial Cataloging Copy
Carroll Nelson Davis, Serials Cataloger, Columbia University
Kay Teel, Serials Cataloger, New York University

Serials catalogers are required to balance the economy of taking standard cataloging copy "as is" against local demands to catalog apart from the standard. Two serials catalogers discuss examples of cataloging-enhancement practices from the viewpoint of their respective institutions. They examine each in terms of the following: impetus; problem solved or opportunity realized; stakeholders affected; costs, documentation needs, and new problems entailed; and factors shaping decisions to make changes or not. Participants will be invited to share and discuss.

14. The Journal Pricing Season: The Publisher, Subscription Agent and Librarian's Viewpoint
Tina Feick, Senior Serials Specialist, Blackwell's Periodical Division
James Mouw, Head of Serials, University of Chicago
John W. Breithaupt, Director-General, Marketing and Association Management Services, Allen Press

In this workshop, the leaders will provide behind the scenes information on how and when journal pricing is determined by publishers, is handled by subscription agents and is recorded and analyzed by librarians. The effects of "firm pricing", currency exchange rates, budgetary considerations and other issues will be discussed, especially in relationship to the 1994 changes in the journal pricing season.

15. ...And Then it Happened: Effect of Changes in the Serials Information Environment on the Small to Medium Size Academic Library
Gale Teaster-Woods, Head, Serials Acquisitions/ Cataloging, Winthrop University
Martin Gordon, Acquisitions Librarian, Franklin & Marshall College
Kathleen Sweet, Library Assistant, Phoenix College

Employing three institutional case studies, this workshop will actively engage veteran academic serialists in a discussion of positive methodologies for harnessing the various forces at play within the
scholarly information environment. Concentration will be placed upon both personal and organizational strategies to successfully cope with the geometric rapidity of changes, both at the library and institutional level.

16. Workshop Ergonomics and Computer Calisthenics
Frances C. Wilkinson, Head, Serials Department, University of New Mexico

As nearly every aspect of serials work becomes automated, we must select workstation furniture and equipment with human comfort, health, and efficiency in mind. This beginning-to-intermediate level workshop provides a checklist for planning a new workstation or evaluating the "people ergonomics" of an existing one. As a guide to preventing visual and muscular fatigue, workshop participants will engage in exercises which are designed to be done at the terminal with no special equipment, clothing, or athletic ability required!

17. Problem Solving Workshop Based on Total Quality Management (TQM) Principles
Richard Lynch, Director of Quality, The Faxon Company

While quality has long been an issue in libraries, the more structured approach to problem solving of total quality management has proven to be an effective vehicle for systemizing quality in libraries. In this workshop, Mr. Lynch will first provide a brief overview of the infrastructure required for TQM. He will then focus on one key component: systematic problem solving. His overview will be followed by examples illustrating the 7-step problem solving process. In order to gain a more in-depth understanding of the process, participants will learn how to diagnose quality improvement problem solving cases for proper use of tools (Pareto charts, fishbone diagrams, etc.), correct sequence of analysis steps, and appropriate team participation.

Rosanna M. O'Neil, Chief, Cataloging Department, Pennsylvania State University
Ann Vidor, Head, Catalog Department, Emory University

One of the "strategies for adjusting to organizational change" is to start looking for another job, voluntarily or not! No matter what your motivation is for job hunting, this may be a new and perhaps difficult experience for those who have not had to look for a job for awhile. Topics discussed will be applicable to positions in both technical and public services as the workshop leaders share their many years of experience on search committees, interviewing and hiring, and job hunting for themselves. This workshop will review various job hunting skills and survival techniques for today's job market and will cover updating/tailoring your resume, cover letters, and aspects of the interview process.

NASIG 9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1994):
CATALOGERS DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING / Meg Mering and Beverley Geer-Butler

In an attempt to follow in the well-organized footsteps of Marilyn Geller, we are planning a Catalogers' Discussion Group meeting at the NASIG conference at the University of British Columbia in June. We need your help in setting the agenda. Please submit topics along with any documentation that might help the discussion. If you are willing to lead the discussion (or just provoke it), please indicate so. Please contact one of us by May 15, 1994:

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POLICY FOR MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NASIG ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual NASIG conference is a mecca for professionals who work with serials or who have an interest in issues relating to serial publications. In recent years various groups have scheduled meetings and other events in conjunction with our annual conference. NASIG seeks to support its members and in the past has provided assistance upon request to groups needing meeting space and accommodations. When considering a date and a time for adjunct meetings and events, members and attendees should avoid conflicts with any portion of the NASIG schedule, including preconferences and social events. Dates for the 1994 conference are June 2-5, 1994. For information and assistance in planning adjunct meetings and events, please contact Kat McGrath, Chair of the UBC Conference Planning Committee at 604-822-5476; Fax: 604-822-3201; Internet: kmcgrath@unixg.ubc.ca.

MINUTES OF THE NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Date, Time & Place: February 4, 1994, 9:00 a.m.-7:20 p.m., Los Angeles, California

Attending:
C. Hepfer, President
C. Foster
O. Ivins, Vice President
J. Gammon
T. Malinowski, Past President
B. Hurst
S. Davis, Secretary
B. MacLennan
D. Tonkery, Treasurer
J. Moul
J. Tagler

Guests: Kat McGrath, Chair, Conference Planning Committee

MINUTES:

1. The minutes of November 13, 1993 were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. D. Tonkery distributed a financial report dated Feb. 2, 1994. As of Feb. 1, NASIG's cash balance is $97,696.00. Renewals number 700, and 91 new members have joined, resulting in total membership of 791. D. Tonkery reported that the renewal rate is comparable to last year. In late February personal reminders will be sent to members who have not renewed.

2. D. Tonkery reported that he had met with Thomas Stagg, a partner with Ernst & Young who specializes in non-profit organizations and discussed financial planning for NASIG. A written report will be prepared before the June meeting.

3. D. Tonkery requested authorization to transfer $15,000 from the savings account into the investment account. It was so moved, seconded and approved.

ACTION: $15,000 will be transferred from savings to the investment funds.

DATE: ASAP

4. D. Tonkery advised the Board that he is sending a welcome letter and a Directory, if one is in stock, to new members. The most recent newsletter issue is also sent to new members by the Distribution Editor.

5. The issue of selling the NASIG Directory to non-members was revisited. A motion was made and seconded to sell the directory on request for $25.00. By a vote of 10-2 the motion was approved. However, the Board decided that NASIG will not market or advertise the Directory to promote its sale.

6. The document, "Guidelines for Financial Support for NASIG Activities," was approved as amended. It will be distributed to all officers, board members, committee chairs, in the new Board member packet, and to the Nominations and Elections Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. S. Davis asked for advice in dealing with exchange arrangements for the NASIG Newsletter and newsletters from other organizations. The Board agreed that exchange materials sent to NASIG should be sent to the permanent address in Decatur, Georgia. The Newsletter Distribution Editor and the Database and Directory Committee Chair will maintain a
S. Davis distributed a revised draft of documents to be sent to new Board members upon their election. Several corrections were noted. The Board orientation documents were approved as amended.

CONFERENCE PLANNING REPORT:

1. K. McGrath and C. Hepfer presented budget figures for the 1994 Conference at UBC. Based on these figures the Board approved the following registration fees. Full conference package (includes registration and food) US$200 or CDN$265. The day rate, including program and lunch is US$100/CDN$135 for Friday/Saturday and US$75/CDN$100 for Sunday. Thursday will be priced at US$50/CDN$65 and will include the Asian buffet dinner, but not the preconference which is separately priced. Housing will be handled by the UBC Conference Center reservations office and paid for separately.

2. The Board talked about the best way to handle conference registration given two currencies and countries. Discussion focused on the issues of mailing checks to a registrar in Canada, then remailing them to the Treasurer in the U.S. as well as the need for the Treasurer to maintain a complete financial database for conference income and expenses. It was agreed that all registrations will be mailed to the Treasurer, who will process the payments and forward the registration forms to Katy Nelson, registrar for the conference. All inquiries about registration should go to Katy Nelson, University of Victoria, not to K. McGrath.

3. K. McGrath confirmed that check-out time from the dormitories is 11 a.m. There will be an area to store luggage.

4. The Board discussed setting a cap for registration. Because an overflow room will be available for the plenary sessions, the Board agreed to extend the limit from 500 to 600. The main auditorium in IRC, where two of our three plenary sessions will be held, seats a maximum of 500. Since we can broadcast the sessions into an adjoining room, we can raise the registration cap.

5. The Library Science Student Grant Committee asked the Board to consider a recommendation to offer a student conference rate. Concerns were expressed about the possibility of not having enough space to accommodate all members and students who might wish to attend a conference. Also, since the conference is already priced at cost-recovery, plus a slim margin, significant registrations at a lower rate could cause the conference to lose money, or result in higher rates for other members. Discussion concluded with the Board agreeing to deal with this issue on a conference by conference basis. For the 1994 Conference, student members will be granted a 25% reduction in the day rate. Conference Planning Committee will mail information about this discount to the three local library programs, University of British Columbia, University of Washington, and the Library Technician program at UBC. O. Ivins noted that there will be three library schools in the vicinity of our 1995 conference site, so the issue will need to be addressed next year.

PROGRAM PLANNING REPORT:

1. O. Ivins distributed a nearly finalized list of plenary and concurrent speakers and abstracts. J. Gammon distributed a final list of workshops and abstracts. The Board expressed its admiration and appreciation for the hard work of the Program Planning Committee.

2. C. Hepfer asked the Board to develop a more formal philosophy on preconferences. It was agreed that preconference proposals should follow the same program review and acceptance process as all other program proposals and that preconferences will be listed in the call for papers.

Several other changes were suggested for the next call for papers, the main one being not to include informal discussion groups in the call. The 1995 Program Planning Committee will handle informal discussion groups separately.

3. O. Ivins reported that she has not yet established a theme for the 1995 conference, although she
has several ideas. The Board agreed to stay with a proposal deadline of August 1. ACTION: Issue the Call for Papers
DATE: ASAP after Board notification of election results

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

1. C. Hepfer led a discussion of arrangements for the Annual Business Meeting. Officers will sit up at the dais, and those giving reports will be asked to sit near the front. Committee Chair reports will be limited to 3-5 minutes, and they will be asked to follow a prescribed format. Members from all committees will stand to be recognized at the end of the reporting session.

2. The need for a parliamentarian at the meeting was discussed.
ACTION: C. Hepfer will investigate the issue with the Bylaws Committee to see if they can identify a parliamentarian to serve at the Business meeting.

3. It was agreed that the President will identify a few key items for the Secretary to report on from the June Board meeting.

4. Due to the ever lengthening agenda for Board meetings, and the need to be available to the Conference Planning Committee on registration day, C. Hepfer suggested the June Board meeting begin late Tuesday afternoon, May 31, and continue all day Wednesday, June 1. The Board approved this suggestion.

CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS:

C. Hepfer reported that A. Okerson has agreed to handle the conference evaluation process for this year. A. Okerson will be responsible for developing the form, which will follow the same basic format as last year. C. Hepfer asked the Board to review last year’s evaluation form and send her any comments. There was discussion whether there should be a separate form for the preconference. The Board decided that evaluation questions for the Preconference will be added to the main form for the conference. B. MacLennan and M. Geller will prepare some questions specifically for the preconference.
ACTION: Review last year’s evaluation form and send comments to C. Hepfer.

C. Hepfer reported for S. Striedieck. Duke's payment policy requires a 1/3 deposit 60 days before the conference, another 1/3 30 days prior, and the balance due at the end of the conference. C. Hepfer noted that there was still no report on the dorm rooms. O. Ivins explained to the Board that because of Duke's conference booking policy, NASIG may not receive official confirmation that the conference could be held at Duke in June 1995 until August 1994. Even though conference staff at Duke feel confident that our dates of June 1-4, 1995 will be available, many Board members expressed concern that we could end up with no site. As a contingency, the Board agreed to place a $1,000 deposit with Davidson College to reserve the June date, provided those dates are still open.
ACTION: O. Ivins will confirm that Davidson is still available for the conference dates, and arrange for a deposit to be sent.
DATE: ASAP
ACTION: O. Ivins will continue to monitor the Duke conference scheduling process.

SITE SELECTION FOR 1996 AND BEYOND:

1. T. Malinowski reported for B. Sozansky on two possibilities in the Twin Cities area, the College of St. Catherines and the University of St. Thomas. Dorm renovations are expected at the University of St. Thomas, so it was agreed to defer further site selection activity in the Twin Cities area to 1997.

2. Based on data from the 1993 conference evaluations, the Southwest U.S. was suggested as a potential site for 1996. Areas to be investigated would include: southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and San Diego.
ACTION: C. Hepfer will appoint a Site Selection Committee.
DATE: Preliminary checklists to be discussed at June 1994 meeting.
POSITION DESCRIPTIONS:

1. C. Hepfer initiated a discussion of the heavy workload on the NASIG officers and ways in which it could be more equitably distributed. Many ideas were mentioned, including more empowerment to Board liaisons, and removing program planning responsibility from the Vice-President's job description so the Vice-President can work more closely with the President. C. Hepfer also recommended that the Vice-President handle committee appointments, chairs, and liaisons, in consultation with the President.

2. T. Malinowski presented revised position descriptions for the Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary and Member at Large. D. Tonkery discussed the Treasurer's position with the Board. After some discussion several revisions to the descriptions were suggested. The position descriptions will appear in the Directory and are used by the Board and the Nominations Committee.

ACTION: D. Tonkery and T. Malinowski will revise the Treasurer position description.
DATE: Approval ASAP
ACTION: T. Malinowski will revise the other position descriptions based on the discussion.
DATE: Approval ASAP

NASIGNET MANUAL:

1. B. MacLennan reported that the ECC was nearing completion of the NASIGNET Manual. Several issues related to the production of the manual were discussed. D. Tonkery estimated that each manual would cost $3.70 to produce and that postage would run an additional $.75-1.00. The merits of selling the manual to the membership versus providing it as a member service were discussed. The Board agreed to provide one copy to each member as a membership service. Additional copies will be made available at $25.00. Non-members may purchase the manual. D. Tonkery will announce availability of the manual on SERIALST and in the UKSG's publication, Serials.

2. B. MacLennan and M. Geller expressed interest in retaining copyright to the NASIGNET Manual. The Board discussed the implications of NASIG not holding copyright, yet being the actual publisher of the manual. The Board and B. MacLennan agreed to jointly hold copyright to the manual pending agreement by M. Geller.

COMMITTEE CHARGES:

Committee charges were reviewed and some comments offered. Board liaisons were asked to send final versions of their committee charges to C. Hepfer and J. Mouw for inclusion in the NASIG Directory and the April Newsletter.

ACTION: Send final draft of committee charges to C. Hepfer and J. Mouw.
DATE: By Feb. 14, 1994

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Although the Continuing Education Committee has become more active this year, the Board agreed that we should provide the committee with written goals and guidelines.

ACTION: C. Hepfer and J. Tagler will develop a charge and select members for a task force to develop goals and guidelines for the Continuing Education Committee.
DATE: report due June 1994

FINANCE:

D. Tonkery will prepare a charge for this committee.

PROFESSIONAL LIAISONS:

S. Davis will draft a charge for this group. The Board agreed that it would no longer be a standing committee, but would be coordinated by a Board liaison.

REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP:

C. Hepfer will follow up with L. Knapp to prepare a charge. C. Hepfer will also ask this group to assume responsibility from the Treasurer to prepare a new member packet.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. J. Gammon announced that new editors will be appointed for the 1994 Conference Proceedings. Interviews for the position are currently underway.

ACTION: Appoint new editors
DATE: ASAP
2. C. Hepfer asked C. Foster to serve as Board liaison to the 1995 Proceedings editors. C. Foster agreed.

3. C. Hepfer reported that Haworth had responded to some of the Board's concerns with the 1994 Proceedings agreement. Haworth will offer a 50% discount to NASIG members purchasing copies of the Proceedings. Haworth also offered to send reprints of workshop reports to the workshop presenters if NASIG will provide the names and addresses.

4. C. Hepfer explained the Board's concerns with Haworth's restrictive document delivery policy to Kathy Rutz at Haworth. She also told K. Rutz that NASIG had lost a paper from the 1993 Proceedings because of it. C. Hepfer told Haworth that when a competitive bid is sought next year, willingness of the publisher to work with document delivery services will be one of the factors considered. D. Tonkery volunteered to discuss the issue further with Haworth.

NEWSLETTER:

Since she could not attend this meeting, E. Duranceau sent the Board a report describing some changes in the editor assignments to take effect in July. Kathy Schmidt will be retiring from the Production/Design Editor's position, which will be assumed by Maggie Horn. M. Horn's Distribution Editor position is being advertised, and a replacement will be selected this spring. Copies of the mockup of the February issue done by K. Schmidt with Microsoft Publisher, a desktop publishing package, were distributed. The Board agreed that a desktop publishing package would enhance the newsletter's appearance, but believed that M. Horn should select whatever package she prefers.

ASSIG NEWSLETTER:

B. MacLennan distributed copies of the ASSIG Newsletter which contained excerpts from the NASIG Newsletter. The information reproduced had been edited in such a way as to be misleading and not completely accurate. The Board discussed the importance of sharing information with other serials groups but asked B. MacLennan, M. Geller and E. Duranceau to contact the ASSIG Newsletter editor to discuss concerns.

ACTION: B. MacLennan, M. Geller and E. Duranceau will contact the editor of the ASSIG Newsletter.

DATE: ASAP

The Board also discussed the need to revise the Newsletter copyright statement to require prior approval before publishing portions of the Newsletter.

ACTION: J. Mouw will draft a revised copyright statement. DATE: ASAP

AWARDS:

1. C. Hepfer reported that a charge is being developed for the New Serialist Award Task Force. She is still considering appointments to this group.

2. Likewise, a charge is being developed for the Research Award Task force. C. Hepfer is considering appointments to that group as well.

ACTION: C. Hepfer will complete the charges and make appointments to both Task Forces.

DATE: ASAP

ACTION: Reports from both groups at June 1994 meeting.

VISION STATEMENT:

J. Tagler distributed the latest version of the Vision Statement which appears in the February Newsletter issue. The Task Force will be accepting comments through March 31. They will keep the Board informed of any substantive remarks.

ACTION: Approve Vision Statement

DATE: June 1994 meeting

ACTION: Begin to make decisions for action plan based on Vision Statement

DATE: June 1994

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BYLAWS:

C. Hepfer distributed a draft of the Bylaws ballot. The ballots will be mailed shortly.

DATABASE & DIRECTORY:

J. Mouw reported that the committee had a question about who qualifies for NASIG's student membership rate. The Board agreed that NASIG would not require any proof of student status, but if someone claims student rates for a number of years, we will investigate.
J. Mouw reported that B. Geer-Butler was beginning preparations for the 1994 NASIG Directory. The database run of members has already taken place, so late renewals will not be included. Since our membership is at its lowest in late winter, the Board questioned why the Directory has been published at this time of year. J. Mouw will investigate this issue with the committee.

ACTION: J. Mouw will report to the Board on whether the database run can be pulled a month or two later and the Directory published closer to the time of the annual conference.

DATE: June 1994

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS:

1. B. MacLennan reported that the committee has been busy working on the Preconference and revisions to the NASIGNET manual. The committee is looking into a Jughead index to the Newsletter issues on the NASIG gopher as well as a committee menu option which would list all of NASIG’s committees and their charges.

2. B. MacLennan informed the Board that the membership directory can be easily mounted on the gopher if desired. The Board agreed to defer the issue for the time being until some of the security implications of an electronic membership directory could be more fully addressed.

3. The committee is working on developing a list of priorities.

4. The committee is looking into purging non-renewals from NASIG-L at the same time the database is purged in early spring.

5. B. MacLennan noted that AMS is in the process of testing a software upgrade for the mailing list software that supports NASIG’s discussion lists. It will be implemented in early March and will be called (interchangeably): Listserv or Listproc (for Listprocessor).

6. B. MacLennan also noted rotational changes and new committee involvement for NASIGNET maintenance. Ann Ercelawn will be assuming primary listowner responsibilities for NASIG-L, while M. Geller and B. MacLennan will assume backup responsibilities. M. Rioux will be working with M. Geller for backup support with gopher maintenance.

7. The Board and the ECC Committee expressed their thanks and appreciation to AMS for their ongoing service and support for NASIGNET activities.

8. The committee is still concerned with the archives aspects of the files. B. MacLennan would like to see this issue discussed before the June 1994 meeting, when it had been previously agreed we would deal with print and electronic archive issues.

FINANCE:

It was suggested and agreed that members of the Finance Committee be asked to assist with staffing the Treasurer’s table during the conference.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

T. Malinowski reported that the committee is in the process of contacting all the nominees who were not on the final ballot. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed Feb. 22, 1994. The Board approved the slate of candidates.

PROFESSIONAL LIAISONS:

1. As noted above this group will no longer function as a standing committee. The Board liaison will serve as coordinator. Liaisons will be asked to write reports on the sister organization and its activities for the Newsletter and provide the coordinator with the dates for that organization’s conference. The Board liaison will also maintain a roster of liaisons which will also appear annually in the Newsletter and the Directory.

2. C. Hepfer announced that Minna Saxe had attended a luncheon meeting of the AAP/PSP Journals Committee. As a result of her fine presentation, the group has appointed Sue Malawski, John Wiley & Sons, as their liaison to NASIG.

STUDENT GRANT:

C. Foster distributed the student grant application announcement that has been sent to library schools and appeared in the Newsletter. Several changes in the wording were suggested for the future. C. Foster will share the Board’s suggestions with the committee.
PUBLICITY:

Discussion of this issue was deferred to the June 1994 meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held May 31-June 1, tentatively starting at 3:30 or 4 p.m. on Tuesday and all day Wednesday (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

NASIG COMMITTEE CHARGES, Spring 1994

[NOTE: We are including these committee charges along with the volunteer form in this issue to assist you in deciding which committee(s) you might like to work on. Several members suggested last year that this would help them understand what each committee does, and therefore to make a more informed choice. The volunteer form is on p.39, where it can be easily removed for mailing.-Ed.]

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The By-Laws Committee is charged to receive, review, notify and educate the membership about the proposed revisions or amendments, disseminate the ballots, and tabulate votes. Any NASIG member may submit a proposal to the By-Laws committee for a change to the By-Laws.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

The Conference Planning Committee coordinates site arrangements for the annual conference. The committee works closely with the campus conference director and staff on the local/social arrangements for the conference. Major responsibilities of the committee include: registration, preparation of the conference registration brochure and on-site registration packet, food services, transportation, audiovisual and media, tours and entertainment, and budget. The committee also coordinates with the President, Treasurer, and the Program Planning Committee on various issues and projects.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The NASIG Continuing Education Committee is charged with providing serials education opportunities to its membership as well as the serials community as a whole. In this regard, the committee will develop high quality programs that can be offered on a regional basis to serialists in all parts of North America. The content of these programs will be diverse in order to reach as many segments of the serials community as possible, and will include a range of topics, including general and specific as well as theoretical and practical aspects of serials work.

DIRECTORY AND DATABASE

The purpose of the Directory and Database Committee is to maintain the NASIG membership database; to produce an annual printed directory of members; and to provide mailing labels, reports, lists, renewal/directory forms, and other information as needed. The Committee works closely with the Treasurer, the Newsletter Editor, the Electronic Communications Committee, and the Conference Planning Committee.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The purpose of the Electronic Communications Committee is: to encourage and enable the use of electronic communications throughout the organization—both as a tool for conducting organizational business, and as a means of informing the membership about the activities of the organization; to educate and inform the membership in regard to the use and potential of electronic communications media in general, and NASIGNET (the organization's electronic communications forum) in particular; and, to coordinate efforts with colleagues and supporters at the American Mathematical Society to plan, develop, implement, and maintain resources on NASIGNET.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee is charged with supporting the Treasurer in managing budgetary matters and providing sound financial advice for NASIG. The Finance Committee provides advice, reviews the annual budget, and assists the Treasurer at the annual meeting.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter Editorial Board is charged to oversee the production and dissemination of the NASIG Newsletter. Activities include maintaining and reviewing the publication schedule, including what information should be covered in each issue and deadline dates; reviewing editing and production duties to maximize editorial board efficiency; monitoring costs; coordinating with committees, officers, professional liaisons, and board members to regularly report on their activities; and considering enhancements to newsletter formats, both print and electronic. NASIG members are offered the opportunity to apply for Newsletter Editorial Board positions as they become vacant. The Board has established term limits (two terms of two years each) only for the Editor-in-Chief.
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
The Nominations and Elections committee will solicit nominations of Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Board members, review proposed candidates’ qualifications, prepare a slate of candidates for the Executive Board’s approval, prepare the ballot, carry out the election, report the results to the NASIG membership and review any challenges to the election. The Committee’s deliberations will be confidential. The Committee will adopt all necessary and proper precautions to ensure the conduct of a trustworthy election.

PROCEEDINGS
The proceedings editors are charged with preparing both a printed and an electronic version of the annual conference proceedings. Activities include securing and editing plenary and concurrent session papers; selecting and coordinating workshop recorders and editing their contributions; working with the print proceedings publisher to establish and adhere to a schedule; proofreading publisher’s galleys and preparing the electronic version of the proceedings for NASIGNET. NASIG members are offered an opportunity to volunteer for the editorial role when the position turns over. The Board has not established a term limit.

PROFESSIONAL LIAISONS
NASIG maintains liaison arrangements with a variety of other professional organizations in the information community in pursuit of mutual enrichment and exchange of information about serials-related activities. Liaisons are charged with providing an annual report for the NASIG Newsletter on the sister organization’s serials-related activities, and with keeping NASIG informed of the other organization’s conference dates. Other expectations are reciprocal attendance at committee meetings and/or conferences and support for possible joint conferences, publications, workshops or electronic forums. While Professional Liaisons is not a standing committee as such, a roster will be maintained and published annually in the NASIG Newsletter and the directory.

PROGRAM PLANNING
The Program Planning Committee considers the needs of the diverse NASIG membership in preparing an annual conference program that highlights common concerns. All committee members referee proposals. One subcommittee combines topics and solicits speakers as needed to produce a balanced group of workshops which provide practical help with members’ daily responsibilities. The second subcommittee identifies and solicits additional plenary and concurrent session speakers to address overarching, cutting edge ideas. Activity spans fifteen months, with the period of most intense activity occurring between August and June with refereeing, selection, speaker notification, non-selection letters, preparation of copy for the registration brochure, and speaker liaison duties. Frequent interaction with the President, Secretary and Board Liaison, and with the chair(s) of the Conference Planning Committee is required.

REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP
The Regional Councils and Membership Committee is charged with recruiting new members to the organization, preparing and sending a membership packet to new members, revising and reprinting the membership brochure as needed, and coordinating with provincial/state representatives. The group may also be called upon to assist the Continuing Education Committee in finding appropriate venues for continuing education activities. Members of the Regional Council and Membership Committee are appointed by the President, but provincial/state representatives are recruited and appointed by the Chair of this committee. The committee consists of one member from each of the nine membership regions.

SITE SELECTION
The Site Selection Committee consists of several members residing in the region the NASIG Board has selected to investigate for an upcoming Annual Conference. The committee is charged with identifying potential sites, completing a preliminary checklist for each, and writing a recommendation for the Board. Once the Board determines which sites should be pursued, committee members conduct a site visit, complete a full checklist for each site, and prepare a prioritized list and final report for Board consideration.

STUDENT GRANTS
The Student Grant Committee encourages student participation in the serials information chain by awarding conference grants to library/information science students who are interested in some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degree. The committee publicizes the grant opportunity, screens applications and selects recipients. At the annual conference the committee members coordinate student participation in conference activities.

NASIG COMMITTEE CHARGES
THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: UPDATE ON RECENT ACTIVITIES / Marilyn Geller and Birdie MacLennan

Throughout the fall and winter months, the Electronic Communications Committee has been exploring options and avenues for activities at the Vancouver Conference. We tried to dream big and then bring those dreams down to a reality-based, cost-effective plan. Through the cooperative efforts of the committee, and with substantial help, input, and encouragement from Kat MacGrath and Ann Doyle of the University of British Columbia, a Preconference proposal was produced, along with tentative plans for developing quick reference handouts to electronic resources, as well as staffing of the Internet Access Room during some of the hours that the room will be open.

The Preconference program is now in place, and the speakers are busy working on their presentations. The Committee is still developing a list of possible topics for quick reference sheets (if you've got any ideas, please let us know). Kat and Ann have done an incredible job of identifying options for an Internet Access Room at the University of British Columbia. And we're also working on gathering volunteers and schedules to help staff this room.

One aspect of the charge of the Electronic Communications Committee is to help educate NASIG members about networked tools and resources. To do this, we need input from the members regarding what you'd like to know more about and in what manner we can get this information to you. We welcome your input and your help and encourage you to share your ideas with us.

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NASIG COMMITTEE PROFILE: BY-LAWS COMMITTEE / Joyce Tenney

1. What is the history and composition of the committee?

The original NASIG By-Laws were two pages long and were approved in 1986. As the membership grew, the need for expanded By-Laws became apparent. In 1988, a committee was formed to review the By-Laws and make them more comprehensive. The committee was composed of Tina Feick, Elaine Rast, Sylvia Martin and Martin Gordon. (Apologies if names have been omitted.)

This group performed the herculean task of revising the original By-Laws. Their document was approved in 1989. It is a credit to their efforts that there have been so few changes to the By-Laws in the past 5 years. Under the chairmanship of Martin Gordon, formal guidelines for the committee were drafted and approved in 1991.

The current committee membership is David Winchester (Tabulator), E. Gaele Gillespie (Secretary), Sandy Folsom, Marifran Bustion, Brenda Hurst (Board Liaison), and Joyce Tenney (Chair).

2. What are the major duties of the committee?

The committee receives, reviews, disseminates, and tabulates votes upon proposed revisions or amendments to the By-Laws. Once a year via the NASIG Newsletter, the committee supplies to the membership a current copy of the By-Laws.

3. How do changes in the By-laws come about?

Any NASIG member in good standing may propose revisions or amendments to the By-Laws. There are two ways to make proposals:

1) Verbally: The committee meets each year in open session at the annual conference, and any member may attend and offer proposals at that time. Proposals may also be offered during the general NASIG Business Meeting at the annual conference.

2) In Writing: Any member in good standing may submit proposals for revisions or amendments to the By-laws, in writing, to any member of the By-laws committee.
By-Laws committee members may not at any time solicit proposals for revisions or amendments to the By-Laws.

The by-laws of an organization reflect the rules that govern the operations of its actions. Requests for revisions or amendments are a serious matter. Once a proposal is received, detailed procedures must be followed to ensure equal treatment for each request. After lengthy committee discussions, the proposal, if accepted, is drafted into a formal ballot. The sponsor of the proposal is involved in the drafting and editing of the document. The final ballot is mailed to the membership for a vote. If the proposal is approved by the membership by a 2/3 majority, the proposal passes. A new edition of the By-Laws is issued and distributed to the membership.

4. What has been the greatest challenge for the committee?

The greatest challenge for the committee is finding the proper balance in the pros and cons sections of the ballots. It sometimes takes five or six drafts before we finally arrive at the best way to illustrate what the proposals mean to the membership.

5. What is the one thing that you would like the membership to know?

Although By-laws changes do involve painstaking work, it is important that the By-laws accurately reflect the views of the membership. As an organization evolves, so must the rules that govern its operations. Please keep reviewing the By-laws and bring problems, confusions, or omissions you may find in the document to the attention of any By-laws committee member.

6. Do you have additional comments to the membership?

Please do not forget to vote on the current By-Laws proposals. We will announce the results in the June issue of the Newsletter and at the annual conference.

If you have any questions concerning the By-Laws, or how to propose changes to them, please contact:

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Title Changes / Ellen Finnie Duranceau

[NOTE: Please submit items about yourself or other members to the Editor. If you do not have an email address, it would be particularly helpful if you could report changes.]

David Bull, who was Journals Promotion Manager at Routledge Journals, is now Associate Marketing Manager. He can be reached at dbull@routlon.d.mhs.compuserve.com or at 071-583-9855.

John Cox will join Carfax Publishing Company, the Abingdon (UK)-based journal publisher, as Managing Director on June 1. According to a press release from Carfax, John, who is currently Managing Director of B.H. Blackwell, the Oxford-based library bookseller and journal subscription agent, is looking "forward to rediscovering the pleasures of publishing, the day-to-day rewards of dealing with editors and authors, and the challenges presented to journal publishers by new technology." At Carfax, it is expected that John will "strengthen ... sales in the world library market, and ... take advantage of the current revolution in electronic publishing and document delivery." While at Blackwell's, John has been Director of the Periodicals Division and brought Blackwell's into document delivery through a joint venture with UnCover. John can be reached at 0865261300 (office) or 032785903 (home).

Jim Forrester reports that his title change is "more of an adjustment." He is now Head of Systems Support at Ontario College of Art, which is a "more accurate reflection" of what Jim does than his old title, "Head of Technical Services." Jim can be reached at forrestj@hubble.sheridanc.on.ca.

Charles Germain is now President, Publishers Communication Group. He can be reached at 617-496-6514.

Diane Grover, formerly Head, Serials Processing Section at the University of Washington, is now
Serials Control Project Manager. She is responsible for system-wide implementation of the Innovative Serials Control subsystem, the development of guidelines and standards for serials checkin, and the management of a checkin record conversion project for an estimated 70,000 records. She will now also coordinate staff training and documentation for Innovative serials checkin, which will involve at least 40 people. Diane can be reached at grover@u.washington.edu.

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According to a press release, "Butterworth-Heinemann USA, a leading scientific, technical and medical publishing company, has announced the appointment of Philip Shaw as President. In his new role, Shaw will report to Doug Fox, CEO of Butterworth-Heinemann worldwide, headquartered in Oxford, England. Formerly Director of Sales and Marketing for Butterworth-Heinemann USA, Shaw will continue to oversee all sales and marketing efforts for the company in addition to his new responsibilities." The announcement goes on to say that Philip "holds an MBA from Cranfield University and a BA from Cambridge University, England. He resides in Reading, Massachusetts with his wife, Barbara, and their two children, Robert, 6 and Hannah, 4 months."

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The rest of the meeting was spent discussing critical issues for serials librarians. Some of the concerns raised were: reorganization, loss of traditional concentration of serials expertise, and training and education.

ACRL JOURNAL COSTS IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES DISCUSSION GROUP

Jim Mouw, University of Chicago, chaired this interesting and informative session.

Michele Crump, University of Florida, presented some of the data collected as part of the Aqueduct benchmark pricing project. The data was presented in coded form to preserve the anonymity of the participants and vendors involved. A number of interesting questions arose after compiling the data for the 1992 subscription year. Most prices paid by libraries for a particular title were very close, usually within one or two percentage points. However, there were a few cases where one library’s price was very much out of line with the rest. Further investigation and analysis will be done. There were also some instances of a library paying later in the season incurring an added charge, when other libraries who paid earlier did not. Michele reported that the group hopes to continue this project as it expects to need several year’s worth of data before formulating any definitive conclusions.

Ron Aike, Faxon, and Tina Feick, Blackwell’s Periodicals, very successfully used a team approach to talk about currency exchange and firm prices. They described a number of ways exchange rates for journal prices could be set. The publisher may establish a fixed rate that is good for orders entered during a certain period. The exchange rate may be set on the day the order is placed, or on the day the invoice is run. Many vendors outside the U.S. use a match point method. They try to estimate the amount of income they expect in each currency and compare that amount to how much they will need to pay in each currency. Using these numbers, the vendor sets an exchange rate for the entire renewal season.

Regarding firm prices, both Ron and Tina reported that more publishers provided firm prices by Sept. 1 than in the past. However, it was noted that libraries did not pay their renewal invoices earlier than in the past! There was also a general sense that publishers did not inflate prices just to cover any risks incurred by setting prices earlier in the year.
CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Electronic Serials Don’t Give You Paper Cuts

At the 49th annual conference of the Canadian Library Association in Vancouver, June 14-18, 1994, the Serials Interest Group is sponsoring a session on the topic of electronic serials. The session is called Electronic Serials Don’t Give You Paper Cuts. There will be two speakers:

Dr. Midori Kanazawa, assistant professor in the Dept. of Management Information at Kaetsu Women’s Junior College in Tokyo -- a well-known Japanese serials expert, who has published several papers on serials librarianship -- who will speak on The Utilization of CD-ROM as a Medium of Electronic Publishing in Japan.

Darlene Fichter, head of the Circulation Dept. at the University of Saskatchewan Libraries in Saskatoon, who will speak on Electronic Journals: Technology, Policies and Procedures for Handling These Serials.

Each speaker will speak for about an hour, and there will be plenty of time for questions. Everyone is welcome to attend what promises to be a fascinating and timely session. See you there.

Time: Thursday, June 16, 1994, from 9 till noon

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Newly formed in 1993 to link together the activities of the Serials Interest Groups of Europe, the EFSG is proud to announce its first major collaborative venture, the third European Serials Conference.

The Conference builds on the undoubted success of the first two conferences held in The Netherlands in 1990 and 1992. In adopting a new location it reflects the growing supra-national community of interest in the serials-related information industry.

Once again the program will be aimed at librarians, publishers, subscription agents and information managers, and will concentrate on current issues of major importance. A program of visits to exploit the wealth of local professional and related places of interest will also be included.

The Conference will enjoy high-quality accommodation at the Polytechnic University of Valencia as well as the full support of the local authorities.

Important conference facilities will include in-depth provision for language interpretation. The official languages of teh conference will be Spanish and English.

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Vancouver, British Columbia

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[Please note corrected dates.]

June 11-16, 1994
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Vancouver, British Columbia

June 23-30, 1994
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Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain
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[NOTE: Once a year, the list of representatives are printed in full. I've asked Leslie to explain a bit about what these representatives do. -Ed.]

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