President's Corner

As I approach (or pass, as the case may be!) the January deadline for getting this column to our patient Newsletter Editor, Maggie Horn, I am also preparing for the upcoming NASIG Board meeting which is held prior to the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. As these Board meetings are the way we conduct much of the organization's business, I thought I would fill you in.

How many meetings are there?

There are three NASIG Board meetings per year. The first is held in the fall, usually October or November, followed by the one which is held in conjunction with the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The final meeting is held one day prior to the start of our annual June conference. For the past two years, the fall meeting has been held at the site of our upcoming annual conference, which has seemed to facilitate planning. While the location has varied for the fall meeting, the other two are determined by the ALA Midwinter Meeting and our annual conference location.

Who attends the meetings?

Eleven NASIG officers and Executive Board members along with the Newsletter Editor attend. The conference chairs are invited to the meeting as well as the program chairs, and they report on planning activities for the upcoming conference.
How is the agenda determined?

About a month before the meeting, I send out a call to the officers and Executive Board asking for agenda items. Items may be from members, committee chairs, the Board, or outside the organization. From those agenda items, I compile a formal meeting agenda and assign time slots. I then send it out electronically for any last minute forgotten item or tweaking of the order. Finally, I collect the Board's arrival times, handouts, and reports and merge them all with the agenda to create a packet which is then mailed.

What is the length and format for the meetings?

These meetings usually run 1 day (8 hours or more) at both the ALA Midwinter Board meeting and pre-annual conference meeting to about 2 days at the busy fall planning meeting. To conserve time, breakfast and lunch are usually brought in, and written reports are submitted with action items clearly noted; however, most reports are also given orally. One of the busiest persons at the meeting is the NASIG Secretary, Susan Davis, who works very hard to participate in the discussion as well as to take accurate minutes – a job she does quite well. Usually the meetings conclude around 7:00 p.m., and we take a break for dinner, but sometimes it is hard to figure out when the meeting ends and the dinner begins as the discussion usually reverts to NASIG – a topic near and dear to us all.

How do we keep you informed about what goes on at the meetings?

After we all return home, the Secretary writes up a draft of the minutes and runs them by the Board for any additions or corrections prior to publication in the newsletter. As with any meeting, our perceptions of what happened, or what was decided at the meeting, may vary. To insure accuracy, we verify the minutes prior to distribution in the NASIG Newsletter. You will find the minutes of our fall meeting in this issue so take a look; I hope you will take time to keep up with what we are doing.

How is business conducted between meetings?

During the time between these three Board meetings, much of the organization's work and decision-making is handled by e-mail, telephone, and fax. So that we can keep you aware of these decisions, they are reported in the next meeting minutes.

Why are these meetings successful?

In one word, it is "people" that make these meetings successful. Probably one of the most enjoyable things about these meetings is seeing people who are so committed to making this a well-run organization. They put in a great deal of their own time, money and energy to make this all happen. So to October Ivins, Beverley Geert-Butler, Susan Davis, Dan Tonkery, Jean Callaghan, Bobbie Carlson, Eleanor Cook, Birdie MacLennan, Kat McGrath, and John Tagler – the NASIG Executive Board – I say, "Thank you!" But remember folks, we could not do it without you, the NASIG members who support the organization in so many ways and make our jobs even easier. You, the members, are the people who deserve OUR thanks!

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Ballots for a proposed change in the NASIG Bylaws will be mailed to the membership in February.
The proposal would change the status of the immediate Past President to that of an Executive Officer.

If you have any questions about the ballot, please contact me:

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PLEASE VOTE!
Bienvenidos!

The Land of Enchantment's tri-cultural heritage, near perfect weather, and unique charm are poised to bid you welcome. Both the Conference Planning and Program Planning Committees are hard at work to bring you an exciting and memorable 11th Annual NASIG Conference. This year's theme is "Pioneering New Serials Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials."

The conference will be held at the University of New Mexico campus in majestic Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 20-23, 1996. Universidad de Nuevo Mexico was founded in 1889 and presently has an enrollment of about 25,000 students. Our campus is located in the heart of Albuquerque, and it reflects the beautiful Southwestern environment with its traditional pueblo-style architecture. This architecture is considered to be one of the most distinctive styles found on any college campus in North America. The campus sits a mile above sea-level and covers close to 700 acres. Campus terrain is generally flat and easily navigated. UNM is comprised of twelve colleges, has more than one-hundred academic disciplines, and houses the state's only schools of law, pharmacy, and medicine. The UNM Lobos play in the Western Athletic Conference and have been consistent leaders in basketball, swimming, track, golf, volleyball, and other intercollegiate sports. The weather in June typically ranges from 90-97 degrees at mid-day: in general, light shirts and pants or shorts are the recommended attire.

Air-conditioned dormitory rooms have been reserved for NASIG attendees throughout the dorm complex which includes, Hokona, Zia, Santa Clara, and Coronado Halls. All buildings are situated within a two minute walk from La Posada Dining Hall (where breakfast and lunch will be served) and within five minutes from the conference meeting rooms. Single and double rooms are available and furnished with beds, linens (which are changed every other day), desks, reading lamps, closets, and chests of drawers. There are phones available in each room for local, collect, and calling card calls. Pay phones for direct long distance calls are located in the lobby. Two community bathrooms are located on each floor and co-operated laundry facilities are located in the basement of each residence hall. The interiors of the dorms at UNM are typical of dorms that you would find at older, established campuses around the country.

We have planned several social events for you, including Thursday evening's welcoming which will include a Mexican buffet, with beer and wine provided, at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology on the UNM campus. Guests are invited to explore the Museum (the exhibits will be "Peoples of the Southwest," "Human Evolution," and "Petroglyphs and Pictographs of the Rio Grande") and be entertained by a group of American Indian Hoop Dancers.

Friday night will feature a visit to the Anderson Valley Vineyards in Albuquerque's lush North Valley. The winery was founded by Maxie Anderson, co-pilot of the Double Eagle II transatlantic hot air balloon flight. The evening will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and a performance by a classical guitarist. To provide a taste of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (traditionally held annually in October), guests will be taken on tethered hot air balloon rides, piloted by the experienced staff of Braden's Balloons Aloft. As a special memento, bottles of wine featuring commemorative NASIG labels will be available for sale. There will be a wine cash bar featuring wine margaritas.

Saturday night's event will be held at the Rio Grande Zoological Park where guests will be invited to explore the zoo and all its wonders, followed by a buffet style meal with a live band for dancing on the grass. There will be full cash bar services provided. Everyone is encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to fully enjoy all the events!

On Sunday afternoon, following the close of the conference, there will be three bus tours from which to choose. The Albuquerque City Tour is a classic tour of the "Duke City." You are invited to come discover our past, present, and future -- from the 10,600 ft. Sandia Mountains just east of the city to the Rio Grande River and the sleeping volcanos to the west. This tour will take you through downtown Albuquerque, the country club area, the peaceful Rio Grande Valley, Petroglyph Park, and the museums and will include a stop at the Rio Grande Nature Center and a short visit to historic Old Town. The Tram Tour will give you the thrill of a quick ascent on the world's largest single-span tramway to the top of Sandia Peak (10,600 ft.), overlooking beautiful Albuquerque. There is a small nature exhibit at the top along with one of the most magnificent, expansive views in the world, offering vistas up to 100 miles. The Santa Fe Day Trip features Santa Fe, which was founded in
1609, ten years before the pilgrims came to America. It was ruled by the Indians, the Spanish, and the Mexicans before becoming part of the U.S. territory. Finally, in 1912 Santa Fe became the Capitol of the 47th State, New Mexico. On this tour, you can enjoy the scenic drive along the Turquoise Trail through ghost towns, proceeding through the Ortiz Mountains to Santa Fe, nestled at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. You will walk through the Plaza, the heart of Santa Fe since 1610, visit its quaint boutiques and many galleries offering the finest in art, Indian crafts, fashion, and jewelry. This tour also includes a walking tour of the Mission, Loretto Chapel, and Footsteps Across Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials. The brochure and registration form will be mailed in February 1996. If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you please contact us: Fran Wilkinson, CPC Co-Chair: 505-277-7219 (voice), 505-277-4446 (fax), fwilkins@unm.edu (e-mail); Michael Brown, CPC Vice-Chair: 505-277-8899 (voice), 505-277-4446 (fax), mickeyb@unm.edu (e-mail). By mail, both can be reached at: Acquisitions and Serials Department, General Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1466. The general CPC e-mail address is nasig@unm.edu and the UNM/NASIG Home Page address is http://www.unm.edu/~nasig. See you in Albuquerque in 1996. Adios!

By now we hope to have persuaded you to attend this year's NASIG Conference in record numbers! You can get to Albuquerque by plane, train, bus, car, or horseback. Albuquerque International Airport, Amtrak and Greyhound Stations are all located 3.5 miles from the UNM Campus. Rio Grande Travel has agreed to serve as this year's official conference travel agency. They provide full reservation services with 5% off the lowest applicable fare for American Airlines and 10% off the lowest applicable fare for Southwest Airlines. Their toll-free number is 800-778-6861 or WWW http://www.rio-grande-travel.com. By car, Albuquerque's two main arteries are I-40 (east/west) and I-25 (north/south). From I-40, turn South onto I-25 and from there, take exit 225 East (Lomas Blvd.), then turn right (South) onto Yale Blvd., which will take you onto the UNM Campus.

The plenary sessions for this year's conference focus on our overall conference theme "Pioneering New Serials Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials." Our Keynote Speaker, John Lienhard, is M.D. Anderson Professor of Mechanical Engineering and History at the University of Houston. Professor Lienhard has an interest in the history of technology as well as mechanical engineering, and is the host of a popular radio show on the history of technology on the Houston NPR station. He will be discussing "Reinventing Journals: Reinventing Knowledge." Plenary two will focus on the transition in publishing from print to electronic, and will feature a primary publisher, John Cox, and a secondary publisher, Richard Kaser. Their session will focus on changes in the process of scholarly communications. Plenary three includes some real electronic serial pioneers, Stevan Harnad, Paul Ginsparg, and Jim Neal. Harnad and Ginsparg will share their cutting edge experiences publishing and sharing knowledge on the electronic frontier, and Neal will share his vision for "The Serials Revolution."

We have selected workshops to appeal to a variety of serialists. Topics include format integration, eliciting user feedback, improving in-house communication about serials, and serials in special libraries. Highlights include two hands-on WWW/HTML workshops and an update by Rick Ralston to his highly-rated 1995 workshop, "Automating Journal Use Studies."

This year's concurrent sessions are designed to allow a wide variety of choices for our diverse membership. We think we have something for everyone with concurrent sessions focusing on cataloging, copyright, electronic journals, the physics literature, partnerships, and the world wide web.

For those of you who want to arrive early in Albuquerque, we will be offering a choice of Preconferences on Thursday morning. Attendees will be able to choose between "EDI and Related Standards: A Primer and Update" or "Risk Taking for Library Pioneers."

Those of us on the Program Planning Committee hope that you find our program as exciting as we do, and we hope to see you in Albuquerque.
THURSDAY June 20, 1996
8:30am-1:00pm PRECONFERENCES
1. "EDI and Related Standards: a Primer and Update"
   Amira Aaron, Readmore, Joyce McDonough, Columbia
2. "Risk Taking for Library Pioneers"
   Johann van Reenan, UBC/UNM

FRIDAY June 21, 1996
8:45am-9:45am Plenary I "From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials"
"Reinventing Journals: Reinventing Knowledge"
John Lienhard, University of Houston
Convener: Julia Gammon, University of Akron
1:45pm-3:15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS:
"An Array of Choices"
(7 choices, not repeated)
1. "Electronic Serials Cataloging: Now That We're Here, What Do We Do?"
   Steve Shadle, University of Washington
   Bill Anderson, Library of Congress
   Thomas Champagne, University of Michigan
   Leslie O'Brien, Virginia Tech.
   Convener: Jean Callaghan, Wheaton College
2. "Order out of Chaos: Collection Development and Management of Internet Resources"
   "Hunting and Gathering in Cyberspace: Finding and Selecting Web Resources for the Library's Virtual Collection"
   Maggie Rioux, MBL/WHOI Library
   "Keeping the Jell-O Nailed to the Wall: Maintaining and Managing the Virtual Collection"
   Betty Landesman, George Washington University
   Convener: Birdie MacLennon, University of Vermont
3. "The Electronic Physics Literature at the Forefront"
   "The Electronic Journal Programme of the Institute of Physics"
   Alan Singleton, IOP
   "Digital Archiving in the Physics Literature"
   Robert Kelly, APS
   Convener: John Tagler, Elsevier

4. "Issues in Electronic Licensing"
   "Navigating the Electronic River: Electronic Product Licensing and Contracts"
   Nancy Buchanan, University of Houston
   "Site Licenses and Academic Research"
   Rene Olivieri, Blackwell Publishers
   Convener: Dan Tonkery, Readmore
5. "The CIC Electronic Journals Collection Project Cooperative"
   Bonnie MacEwan, Penn State
   Mira Geffner, CIC.
   Convener: Eleanor Cook, Appalachian State
6. "The Great Debate Over Copyright in the Electronic Environment"
   "What Libraries and Educational Institutions Seek in the Electronic Environment"
   Laura Gasaway, UNC Chapel Hill
   "Electronic Publishing is not Print Publishing - Understanding the Difference"
   Carol Risher, Association of American Publishers
   Convener: October Ivins, University of Texas, Austin
   "Digital Library Partnerships: the Issues and Challenges"
   Jay Trolley, ISI
   "A Medical University Library’s Partnership to Provide Electronic Access to Life-Science Serials - Philosophy and Issues"
   Paula Lynch, Thos. Jefferson University
   "The Mann Library/USDA Partnership - a Library/Public Agency Collaboration"
   William Kara, Cornell
   Convener: Kat McGrath, University of British Columbia

SATURDAY June 22, 1996
8:45am-10:15am Plenary II "Publishing in the Cyber Age"
"Changes in Publishing Methods"
John Cox, Carfax Publishing
"From Publishing Continuum to Interactive Exchange: The Evolution of the Scholarly Communication Process"
Richard Kaser, NFAIS
Convener: Susan Davis, SUNY, Buffalo
SUNDAY June 23, 1996
9:15am-11:45am Plenary III "Pioneering New Serials Frontiers"
Part 1
"How to Fast-Forward Serials to the Inevitable and the Optimal for Scholars and Scientists"
Stevan Hamad, University of Southampton
"First Steps Towards Electronic Research Communication"
Paul Ginsparg, LANL

Part 2
"The Serials Revolution: a Call for Vision, Innovation, and Tradition"
James Neal, Johns Hopkins University
Convener: Beverly Geer-Butler, Trinity

We invite your participation in this year's NASIG NETWORKING NODES at the 11th Annual Conference. These Networking Nodes will offer opportunities for conference-goers to informally exchange ideas, problems, solutions, and opinions on a variety of issues in comfortable settings. They are scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 22 from 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Informal networking is an essential part of the NASIG experience, and we encourage your participation. Last year there were about ten nodes, ranging in topics from "Serials Cataloging" to "Back Issues" to "Contracting for Serials Services." Feedback from past conferences has indicated that you are interested in attending both a topical as well as a user group discussion, so both opportunities are offered. We seek discussion leaders and topics for THE NODES.

NODES DEADLINE: March 1, 1996 so the topics can be published in the April Newsletter. The topics will also be posted to NASIG-L and appear in the conference registration packets. (Late submissions will be accepted as long as room arrangements can be made, but advance publicity will be limited.)

The traditional USERS GROUPS will be held after the conference closing at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 23 in keeping with NASIG's no-conflict, non-commercialism policy. Boxed lunches will be available to facilitate a "chat-n-chew" atmosphere.

USERS GROUPS DEADLINE: April 5, 1996, but any groups submitting by Mar. 1 will be listed in the April Newsletter. Other groups will be announced over NASIG-L and in the conference registration packets.

Please contact the NASIG Secretary (see p. 28 to arrange for either the NETWORKING NODES or USER GROUPS.

The NASIG Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring a Conference Mentoring Program to help make new conference attendees feel more at ease, highlight membership benefits, and help create new networking opportunities. The program will match experienced NASIG conference attendees with new NASIG Conference attendees.

Qualifications:
1.) First time NASIG Conference attendees planning to attend the 11th Annual NASIG Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Student members and new NASIG members are especially encouraged to apply. A total of 25 mentees will be selected to participate for the 11th annual conference.

2.) Seasoned NASIG members with several years conference experience willing to volunteer a few hours of conference time sharing, advising, and assisting new NASIG members. NASIG Executive Board and NASIG Standing Committee members are especially encouraged to apply. A total of 25 mentors will be selected to participate for the 11th annual NASIG conference.

Mentees (those being mentored) may be library science students, new librarians, or new NASIG members. NASIG membership and first time NASIG Conference attendance is required.

Mentors (those providing mentoring) need a sincere interest in helping someone get the most out of the NASIG Conference and general membership. This involves being a good listener, acting as a professional role model, and being an experienced NASIG Conference attendee. Mentors are expected to contact their mentees prior to the conference. Mentors should expect to meet with their mentees a minimum of two times during the conference to answer questions, provide guidance, introduce mentees to other members and to listen. More
contact during the conference, and afterwards, is strongly encouraged. Mentors must also be NASIG members.

Mentees and Mentors will be invited to a special pre-conference Mentoring Reception to help facilitate networking.

To apply, please complete the form at the end of this issue of the Newsletter and return it by:

MAY 17, 1996

to:

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR NASIG MEMBERSHIP?

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

If your label reads "Not Renewed," then you are reading your LAST NASIG Newsletter.

If you have any questions about your status, contact Theresa Baker tbaker@kumc.edu or (913) 588-7307

Steve Murden, Chair, NASIG Nominations and Elections Committee

Ballots for the general election are mailed in February, to be returned in March. All active members as of January 15, 1996 will be eligible to vote.

NASIG members will be asked to select the following on this year’s ballot:

Vice-President/President Elect
President/Past President

Secretary

3 Members-at-Large

Only original ballots are acceptable. Vote for no more than 1 candidate for Vice-President/President Elect, no more than 1 candidate for Secretary, and no more than 3 candidates for Member-at-Large. An equal number of write-in votes may be substituted for the slated candidates.

Ballots should be returned in the pre-addressed "Official Ballot Envelope" provided, postmarked no later than March 15, 1996.

Results of the election will be published in the June 1996 NASIG Newsletter and will be announced during the Business Meeting at the 11th Annual Conference.

Please address any questions regarding the general election to:

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Date, Time: Oct. 20, 1995, 2:40 p.m.-7:00 p.m; Oct. 21, 1995 8:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.
Place: Albuquerque, NM

Attending:
J. Gammon, President
B. Carlson
B. Geer-Butler, Vice-President
E. Cook
O. Ivins, Past President
B. MacLennan
S. Davis, Secretary
K. McGrath
D. Tonkery, Treasurer
J. Tagler
J. Callaghan
M. Horn, Newsletter Editor

Guests: 1996 Conference Planning Committee members:
J. Griffith and F. Wilkinson, co-chairs
Michael Brown, vice-chair; 1996

1. MINUTES

The minutes of May 31, 1995 were approved with one correction. The list of committees in section 9.5 (Treasurer's report) should include: Nominations and Elections and the full name for the Database and Directory Committee.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

2.1 S. Davis distributed the Board roster for corrections. She also brought a supply of stationery and membership brochures for the Board's needs.

2.2 S. Davis reported that 56 program proposals had been officially received and distributed to the Program Planning Committee. She also noted that several proposals were received after the deadline and were not considered.

2.3 S. Davis compiled the following list of Board decisions since the last meeting for inclusion in these minutes.

* The Board approved mailing the Membership Directory via 1st class mail

* The Board approved co-sponsorship of a Continuing Education program on EDI for November 1995 with SISAC and the New England ACRL chapter.

* The Board agreed that J. Gammon and O. Ivins could work out an appropriate response to ASSIG (Australian Serials Special Internet Group) regarding their invitation to O. Ivins to participate in a speaking tour in Australia. O. Ivins will confirm that NASIG will not have any financial obligation for the trip.

2.4 S. Davis reported that an updated roster of Professional Liaisons appeared in the Sept. Newsletter issue, and noted our new liaison relationship with ASIS (American Society for Information Science). Buzzy Basch will serve as liaison. She received a message from Garry Wolfe (RoweCom) who has been asked by the President of SLA to be their new liaison to NASIG. S. Davis sent him a number of questions about the liaison process for SLA, which he has referred to their Board for discussion at their meeting later in October.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 D. Tonkery distributed a financial report which included a report of activities, 1995 Expenditures and the 1996 draft budget. As indicated in the report, NASIG's cash position remains strong, with a total cash balance of $121,137.11. To date, 1995 expenditures have amounted to $36,766.28. It is too early to report on 1996 renewals.
3.2 The Duke Conference has been another financial success for NASIG. D. Tonkery estimates the income from the conference to be $24,510.95. He is still verifying some late invoices and will submit a final conference financial report when all the figures are firm. D. Tonkery reported 584 paid registrations for the conference.

ACTION: D. Tonkery will prepare and distribute final conference financial report
DATE: As soon as financial information is verified.

3.3 The Board reviewed the draft 1996 budget, with expenses totaling $59,240.00 and projected income at $38,875.00. D. Tonkery noted that this budget results in a deficit, as has been the case for the past several years. However, he also pointed out that conference income has exceeded expectations and allowed NASIG to build sufficient financial reserves to cover the deficit and pay for new programs the Board has approved. D. Tonkery also noted that the cost for core activities are covered by regular (non-conference) income, which is in line with the recommendation made by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board at the May 1995 meeting.

ACTION: The Board approved the 1996 budget, pending any changes resulting from the committee reports later in this meeting

D. Tonkery reported that the committee budget process is working well and congratulated the committee chairs for submitting their budget requests on time.

4. TASK FORCE REPORTS

4.1 ELECTRONIC ACCESS

4.1.1. B. MacLennan and O. Ivins announced an agreement had been signed with the University of North Carolina to provide NASIG with enhanced electronic services starting January 1, 1996. The Board approved payment of $5,000 to UNC for student support for these services. D. Tonkery will issue a check as soon as possible with a brief letter indicating the payment is for student support.

4.1.2. The Board discussed transition issues related to moving all the NASIGNET files and lists from AMS to UNC. J. Gammon agreed to formally notify AMS of the move once a transition plan was in place. The Electronic Communications Committee was asked to prepare a transition plan which would discuss a timetable, the need for pointers from the AMS site to UNC, whether parallel systems would be needed and any other pertinent issues. B. MacLennan noted that the ECC list has been housed at the University of Vermont and must move by December 31, 1995. She suggested that the ECC list move would serve as a good test for moving the other lists. (NOTE: As these minutes were going to press it was learned that the University of Vermont renewed its BITNET membership, precluding the need to move the ECC list immediately. It can be moved whenever most convenient.) The Board was also concerned about coordinating publicity regarding the relocation of NASIGNET. M. Geller, O. Ivins and members of the Electronic Access Task Force will work out necessary details for public announcement(s).

DECISION: ECC to develop transition plan
DATE: ASAP

DECISION: J. Gammon will officially give notice to AMS that we are moving our electronic services and provide them with our transition plan
DATE: within 60 days

(NOTE: Soon after this meeting, NASIG was notified by AMS that they were restructuring the AMS gopher and NASIG would need to relocate its gopher. J. Gammon then officially notified AMS that NASIG would be moving all of its electronic activity by late December/early January 1996. The Board also expressed its appreciation to AMS for their contribution to the success of NASIG's venture into the electronic environment. [Ed. note: See related article on p.17.])

The Board congratulated the Electronic Access Task Force, Marilyn Geller (Readmore), chair; Ann Ercelawn (Vanderbilt), Steve Oberg (University of Chicago), and Maggie Rioux (Woods Hole/MBL) for their excellent work in successfully locating a new home for NASIGNET. B. MacLennan reported that the Electronic Access Task Force and the ECC are very excited about the potential for enhanced services at the UNC site.

4.2 STRATEGIC PLAN

J. Tagler distributed the final version of the NASIG Strategic Plan and asked the Board for advice on how to best distribute it to the membership and implement the action plans. The Board accepted the report with thanks to the Strategic Plan Task Force: Mary Beth Clack (Harvard) and John Tagler (Elsevier), co-chairs; Barbara Hall (USC), Cindy Hepher (SUNY Buffalo Health Sciences), October Ivins, Birdie MacLennan (University of Vermont), Barbara Meyers (Meyers Consulting Services), Ann Okerson (Yale) and Teresa Malinowski.
(Cal State Fullerton). The Board also expressed its thanks to the Working Group Chairs: Theresa Baker (University of Kansas Medical), Marilyn Geller (Readmore), Sandy Gurshman (Readmore), Birdie MacLennan (University of Vermont), Dan Tonkery (Readmore) and Susan Malwaski (John Wiley).

After discussing a number of options, the Board agreed to the following scenario for distribution and implementation:

**DECISION:**

* Distribute entire strategic plan to the membership with the Newsletter mailing (to be a separate document, not part of the Newsletter)
* Board liaisons will talk with committee chairs about committee's role in addressing the action plans
* Committee appointment letters will be accompanied by a copy of the plan
* Committees will be encouraged to discuss the plan at their meetings
* Periodic reports as well as committee annual reports should address actions the committee has taken to implement the plan
* The plan will be distributed in the new member's packets
* The plan will be part of the NASIG gopher/web, but not printed in the Membership Directory

**DATE:** Policies effective immediately, implementation as distribution completed

### 4.3 PROGRAM PLANNING MANUAL

B. Carlson reported that they have prepared an expanded outline which needs further development. She has also archived a number of messages from the 1995 program planning process which are relevant. B. Carlson suggested that the Board consider merging the PPC and CPC manuals into one working manual. She felt that it would be useful to have all the conference information together and help avoid possible misunderstandings and miscommunication. The Board agreed. For the time being, drafts will be exchanged between the two manual task forces, and the manuals will be merged when the PPC manual has been completed. It was also suggested that the manual have a section on Treasurer's guidelines. D. Tonkery will prepare some guidelines.

### 4.4 CONFERENCE PLANNING MANUAL

S. Davis reported that this task force has completed its charge and has been disbanded. She asked the Board to approve appointing a small group to serve as an editorial board to review future suggestions and update the manual. The Board agreed. Susan Davis (SUNY Buffalo) will coordinate the group which will also include: Jean Callaghan (Wheaton College), Kat McGrath (University of British Columbia), and Teresa Malinowski (Cal State Fullerton).

### 5.0 EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

B. MacLennan distributed a preliminary report of the summary evaluation results from the 10th Annual Conference at Duke. A total of 308 evaluations were returned. The overall conference rating was 4.1. The committee submitted a proposed policy for distribution of evaluation results for the Board to consider. The Board tabled discussion on the issue until the next day to give members time to review the proposal.

The Board agreed that the EAC is responsible for writing up a summary article of conference evaluation results for the Newsletter.

### 6.0. 1997 SITE SELECTION

As reported at the May 1995 Board meeting, there were a limited number of viable sites in the Great Lakes Region for the 1997 conference. The Site Selection Committee recommended that a site visit be made only to the University of Michigan.

#### 6.1 J. Callaghan reported on the site visit to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor that was made in early October. Also visiting the site were: B. Geer-Butler (Trinity), Sue Zuriff (University of Minnesota) and J. Wilhelme (University of Michigan) who acted as host. NASIG members Thomas Champagne and Leighann Ayers from the University of Michigan met with the site visit group as well. The site visit team felt that the University of Michigan would work very well as a conference site. They noted that the conference service office was very good, and that there were suitable numbers of members on-site and in the vicinity to assist with conference planning. J. Callaghan recommended that the Board approve the University of Michigan as the site of the 1997 conference. The Board accepted this recommendation.
ACTION: Approved the University of Michigan as the 1997 conference site
DATE: Conference to be held May 29-June 1, 1997

The Board thanked the 1997 Site Selection Committee for its work: Bill Sozansky (Univ. of Minnesota-Duluth), chair; Rita Echt (Michigan State), Alice Gormley (Marquette), Wil Harri (Moorhead State), Kathi Jakubowski (Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Dorothy Kanter (Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison), Pam Mills (Univ. of Minnesota), Kathy Schmidt (Univ. of Wisconsin-LaCrosse), Jo Ann Toussaint (Univ. of St. Thomas), and Sue Zuriff (Univ. of Minnesota).

6.2 The Board then discussed possible sites for the 1998 conference. A number of sites were mentioned, and various Board members and K. Cargille volunteered to obtain preliminary screening information from these sites. Sites and contacts are as follows: Boston area (Wellesley)-J. Callaghan; Nashville (Vanderbilt)-O. Ivins, Montreal (McGill)-E. Cook, Princeton-J. Tagler, Austin (St. Edward's University)-O. Ivins, and Southern California (University of California-San Diego)-K. Cargille.

ACTION: Contact sites for preliminary information
DATE: Reports at January 1996 Board meeting

7.0 PUBLICIST

J. Tagler reported that neither he nor C. Hepfer could locate the draft report from several years ago. He asked the Board what role they would like to see for a publicist. Some ideas for publicity beyond NASIG were press releases of election results, Student Grant winners, and the Horizon Award winner. The Board also wondered if Regional Councils and Membership could work on publicity. J. Tagler asked the Board to think about the idea of a publicist and where this activity best belongs for discussion at the January Board meeting.

ACTION: Discussion of publicist role
DATE: January 1996 meeting

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 21, 1995 The meeting reconvened at 8:15 a.m. Guests from the PPC and CPC were in attendance, and introductions were made.

8.0 AWARDS GRANTS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Since the Board approved establishing the Horizon Award as a permanent NASIG award, the Board was concerned about adding an additional committee to the bureaucracy. The Board suggested that all the awards be combined into one committee structure, and J. Gammon asked B. Geer-Butler to develop a proposal for the Board to consider. B. Geer-Butler distributed a proposal to establish a new committee to handle all the NASIG grants and awards: Conference Student Grants, Horizon Award and the annual service awards. The proposal suggested that the new committee have two co-chairs and 8-12 members (10-14 total membership), and one member would be designated to handle the annual service awards. The Board approved the formation of this new committee.

DECISION: Approve new committee for 1996/97.
ACTION: B. Geer-Butler will incorporate new committee into appointment cycle. She will consult with current Student Grant and Horizon committees on appointments.

9.0 DUKE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the ten recommendations offered by the Duke Conference Planning Committee. The Board accepted two recommendations: 1) to specify first class mailing for the conference brochure, and 2) to stop automatically sending conference brochures to the Society for Scholarly Publishing. The Board noted that some of the issues in the report had been previously discussed by the Board and revisited them. Input from Board members with prior CPC experience was solicited. After discussion, the Board agreed to let those earlier decisions stand. These include not establishing a paid NASIG administrator position, not offering a differential registration rate for non-members, continuing the half-price registration policy for CPC members, continuing to offer upgraded room/hotel accommodations for speakers, and displaying Proceedings order brochures rather than having publications available for purchase at the conference.

The Board then discussed the remaining new concerns. Based on input from the current CPC co-chairs and the Treasurer, the 1996 conference registration forms will again be sent first to the Treasurer to handle the financial transaction, then sent to the conference registrar for registration purposes. In response to the recommendation to accept credit card payments, the Board had previously investigated this idea and learned that the associated fees would require a higher registration fee, which cannot be passed only to those who use a credit card. F. Wilkinson will find out if the University of New Mexico can accept credit cards. (She later learned that it would be too problematic for UNM to accept credit card payments.) CPC and PPC will work together to develop a procedure.
for handling the speaker audiovisual needs. The AV issue has been one of the most difficult areas to coordinate smoothly and a new procedure is tried each year. F. Wilkinson noted that the University of New Mexico has a travel agent whose services can be promoted to make conference travel arrangements. CPC will also investigate UNM's policies and procedures for recycling cans and bottles and the disposition of leftover food. If feasible, NASIG would like to donate leftovers to an appropriate organization. The Board thanked the Duke CPC for their thoughtful and detailed report and repeated their appreciation for the committee's work in producing the Duke Conference.

ACTION: O. Ivins will draft the Board's response to the Duke Conference Planning Committee about all of their recommendations.
DATE: By the end of 1995

ACTION: S. Davis will update CPC manual with the agreed upon changes
DATE: By January 1996 Board meeting

10.0 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

10.1 F. Wilkinson reported that contracts had been signed and deposits made with Anderson Valley Winery, Rio Grande Zoological Park, and the Maxwell Anthropological Museum. These will be the sites for our evening meals and events. Thursday night will be a Mexican buffet and hoop dancers at Maxwell, Friday will be tethered balloon rides and reception at the winery, and Saturday there will be a band and reception at the zoo.

10.2 CPC has planned all breaks at the Student Union. Badges will serve as meal tickets for breakfasts and lunches. F. Wilkinson alerted the Board that not all dorms have elevators.

10.3 T-shirts will again be a souvenir this year. The design will include a petroglyph. Water bottles will be included in the registration packets. It will be important for conference goers to drink plenty of fluids to counteract the effects of the high altitude and arid climate.

10.4 F. Wilkinson noted that the committee itself has undergone some changes since it was formed, but that all responsibilities are covered. Michael Brown will serve as vice-chair. J. Griffith distributed information about AV/Media services and contact persons at UNM and other local vendors. She also has arranged for NASIG attendees to have access to e-mail and the Internet on campus.

10.5 F. Wilkinson distributed a draft conference budget. She noted that 1996 housing costs have not been finalized, but are expected to increase by 7% over the 1995 figures she used in the budget. The committee has anticipated these increased in the budget projections. However, PPC does not have final speaker costs at this point, but is expecting to work within their assigned budget of $25,000. Based on these preliminary figures, the Board tentatively approved registration fees as follows: $300 for a single and $275 for a double. Rates for day registrants and non-residential/commuters will be approved as soon as updated budget figures are received from CPC.

ACTION: F. Wilkinson will update the budget figures and send to J. Callaghan.
DATE: ASAP

ACTION: Final Board approval of conference fees
DATE: Upon receipt of budget from J. Callaghan

10.6 CPC co-chairs, F. Wilkinson and J. Griffith, and PPC co-chairs, K. Cargille and C. Reinke, reported that they had met prior to their point in the agenda to discuss coordination and communication procedures for the conference. They worked out procedures for dealing with speaker registration packets to make this process as smooth as possible. Based on feedback from the evaluations, PPC was asked to provide speaker e-mail addresses in the program information. All the co-chairs reported that it was very useful to meet face to face to work out common issues and concerns.

11.0 1996 PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

11.1 K. Cargille and C. Reinke distributed a draft of the conference schedule for the Board to review. The Board did not suggest any changes to the schedule.

11.2 K. Cargille requested feedback on the proposed preconferences. The Board approved the preconference on EDI and Related Standards and suggested that ECC develop one of their program proposals into a preconference because these have been very successful in the past. K. Cargille will contact M. Rioux regarding an ECC preconference. The two preconferences will be held simultaneously on Thursday morning, June 20. The Board also suggested that the preconference fee include the extra night's stay. After further discussion the Board approved a $50 preconference registration fee which
would include Wed. night housing, Wed. dinner, and breakfast and lunch on Thursday for ease in registering and to reduce confusion.

DECISION: Preconference fee to include housing and meals
DATE: Effective with 1996 conference

11.3 K. Cargille distributed a tentative list of speakers for the plenary and concurrent sessions and asked for additional suggestions from the Board. The Board suggested that the copyright issue is still of interest and that PPC might want to include a session on it. The Board also thought it acceptable to list Paul Ginsparg as a tentative speaker on the program, since he will not know until after the program is printed if he will be able to speak. The Plenary sub-committee will take the suggestions under advisement as they work to finalize the program.

11.4 C. Reinke distributed a slate of 20 workshops for comment. The workshop sub-committee is still trying to fill in all the workshop leader slots. She noted that the sub-committee would like the workshops to be more like real workshops with more audience interaction and participation. Evaluations have commented that some workshops have become mini-plenaries. C. Reinke requested comments or ideas from the Board be sent to her as quickly as possible.

12. CANADIAN ISSUES

K. McGrath reminded the Board that mailings to Canada may be subject to customs review if the item is considered a package, such as the Membership Directory. The review is done on a random basis, and there is no way for NASIG to avoid or bypass this possibility.

K. McGrath also noted that it was not necessary to list a Canadian dollar equivalent on the registration form, since most Canadians are accustomed to making the conversion from US dollars.

LUNCH BREAK AND TOUR OF THE UNM CAMPUS

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 ARCHIVES

J. Tagler reported that he had heard from E. Rast that work is progressing smoothly in anticipation of transferring the archives to T. Mullins by the end of the year. D. Tonkery noted that acid free folders had been purchased.

13.2 BYLAWS

J. Tagler reported that the Bylaws Committee had received three proposals for amending the bylaws. Board feedback was requested by the proposer of two amendments and the committee asked the Board to comment on the third proposal. The first was to extend the time period for notifying the membership of election results, which has been difficult to meet due to the timing of the election with the Newsletter production. The Board was reluctant to endorse this proposal, preferring instead to investigate ways to meet the deadline imposed by the bylaws. It was suggested that the membership be notified via NASIG-L and by separate mailing for those not on the listserv.

ACTION: S. Davis will ask Database & Directory Committee if mailing labels can be produced for those members not on NASIG-L
DATE: Report by January 1996 meeting

The second proposal was to increase the number of Member-at-Large seats on the Executive Board. The Board had previously discussed this issue in Nov. 1993 and reaffirmed its lack of support for this idea, believing it would be difficult to function as smoothly as a larger group and noting how unwieldy large group meetings can be. The number of people attending Board meetings has increased since, in addition to the Newsletter Editor, the chairs of CPC and PPC are now invited. This increase has made scheduling more difficult and adds to the cost for meetings. The current Board was concerned about scheduling problems and higher costs for meetings if there were additional Board seats. The Board has been trying to streamline and consolidate committee liaison reporting relationships to make the current Board configuration work as effectively as possible. The Board expressed its appreciation for the concern of the member who made these proposals and hopes that he will understand the Board's position.

The third proposal would explicitly identify the Past-President as an officer and acknowledge the important role this office plays in the organization. The Board endorsed this proposal.

ACTION: J. Tagler will communicate the Board's deliberations to the Bylaws Committee so they may begin to prepare a ballot.
13.3 CONTINUING EDUCATION

O. Ivins distributed a report of 1996 continuing education program proposals from the co-chairs: M. Crump and M. Geller. The Board reviewed each of the proposals.

DECISION: The Board approved:
* the budget for four regional programs for 1996,
* the development and printing of a Serials Librarianship brochure.
* web-version only Human Resources Directory
* a mentor program for the conference

13.4 DATABASE & DIRECTORY

S. Davis reported that the committee had mailed the membership renewals in early October. This year the renewal was mailed separately from the Newsletter. D&D and ECC have completed the process of purging non-renewals from NASIG-L. S. Davis requested on behalf of T. Baker that requests for mailing labels should be made at least two weeks in advance and indicate what group or purpose requires the labels.

13.5 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

13.5.1 B. MacLennan reported she had notified M. Geller that the agreement with UNC for enhanced NASIGNET services had been signed. She also noted that the ECC listserv is housed at the University of Vermont and needs to move by the end of 1995. The Board gave ECC support for taking whatever steps are necessary for its transition to UNC. (NOTE: As these minutes were going to press it was learned that the University decided to renew its BITNET membership precluding the need to move the ECC list immediately. The move to UNC can take place when it is most convenient.)

13.5.2 B. MacLennan distributed a plan to restructure the NASIG gopher.

ACTION: The Board approved restructuring the gopher at ECC's convenience.

ACTION: B. Geer-Butler will revise the committee volunteer form for the gopher and the Newsletter.

13.5.3 B. MacLennan distributed a report from Steve Oberg on the NASIG-L purge process. In the past the purge has taken place around August, but was delayed this year. The Board wondered if there were a more appropriate time for the purge to take place. The Board felt that ECC and D&D should coordinate their work on this project to perform the purge whenever it is convenient after the renewal period is over.

13.5.4 B. MacLennan reported that the supply of the NASIGNET and Beyond manual is exhausted. The Board agreed that this edition should not be reprinted. The Board will consider publication of a revised edition should ECC wish to pursue the project. Meanwhile, the manual is available on the NASIG gopher.

13.6 HORIZON AWARD

J. Callaghan reported that announcements of the award have been posted to various listservs and will appear in the December Newsletter. The Board asked the Task Force to send publicity to Mexico with the hope of recruiting qualified applicants. The Board would approve a second Horizon Award for a qualified Mexican applicant if the Task Force so recommends.

13.7 NEWSLETTER

M. Horn reported that Newsletter mailing labels are being produced by the Newsletter printer from data sent by D&D. She noted that an extra 20 copies of each issue are produced and sent to the Regional Councils & Membership contact person (J. Johnson — Univ. of Nebraska) for new members.

M. Horn has been investigating the purchase of a new desktop publishing package, a recommendation that was inherited from the previous editor-in-chief. Since the publication of the Newsletter is not centralized, she does not recommend that NASIG purchase a desktop package. The Board accepted her recommendation.

M. Horn has been working with the Proceedings Editors to supply Newsletter reporters' notes from the conference in case they were needed for the Proceedings when no paper was supplied.

M. Horn plans to publish the NASIG Strategic Plan (see 4.2) for mailing with v.10, no.5 of the Newsletter.

13.8 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

O. Ivins distributed the committee's timeline for the nominations and elections process. The Board suggested specifying a time for notification of those nominees who were not selected for the final ballot. O. Ivins clarified for the Board that the committee fully considers all those who agree to submit credentials.
13.9 PROCEEDINGS

13.9.1 B. Geer-Butler distributed an annual report from the outgoing Proceedings Editors who strongly recommend that workshop recorders be identified earlier in the process. There has always been difficulty coordinating actual registration in a particular workshop with the need to send instructions in advance for the preparation of the reports. It was noted that the proposed Human Resources Directory could be useful in the future for identifying potential workshop recorders. The Board agreed that the Proceedings Editors could post a message on NASIG-L to solicit volunteers to serve as recorders.

ACTION: B. Geer-Butler will ask the 1996 Proceedings Editors to appoint workshop recorders earlier than in the past and assign them to particular workshops.

13.9.2 B. Geer-Butler has been working on improving the copyright form and instructions for speakers. She has been in touch with Kathy Rutz at Haworth, who supported the changes. B. Geer-Butler will send the final revision to Bill Cohen at Haworth to make sure there are no problems at Haworth's end. B. Geer-Butler will ask the new editors to send the letter and copyright forms to speakers earlier and inform speakers that all sessions will be taped.

ACTION: Comments on copyright form
DATE: To B. Geer-Butler by November 3, 1995

13.9.3 B. Geer-Butler distributed a copy of the advertisement for new Proceedings Editors. Closing date for applications is December 8. Finalists will be interviewed at ALA midwinter or via telephone interview. Serving on the search committee are: B. Geer-Butler (Trinity), J. Gammon (Univ. of Akron), M. Sheble (Univ. of Detroit) and B. Holley (Univ. of Alabama).

ACTION: Appoint new editors
DATE: ASAP after interviews in late January 1996

13.10 REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP

K. McGrath distributed a report from the committee requesting action on several items. The Board reviewed the proposed text for the revised membership brochure and suggested some changes.

DECISION: Board approved revised text and printing of 2,000 NASIG brochures
DATE: printing in early 1996

14. OTHER

14.1 DRAFT POLICY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF EVALUATION DATA

The Board reviewed a draft prepared by the Evaluation and Assessment Committee of a policy to revise the Nov. 1992 policy for distributing conference evaluation information. The committee expressed concerns that information is shared with the appropriate parties and that strict confidentiality is maintained. The Board reviewed the draft and suggested some changes. The Board approved the following distribution:

FULL REPORT: all data collected, cross tabulations and written comments.

Initial distribution: current Executive Board members, retired Past-President, archives and to past year Executive Board members.
Distribution from the Archives (past years): Others as approved by the current President.

SITE REPORT: all data excluding speakers ratings and comments on speakers and/or program offerings.

Initial distribution: current Conference Planning Committee Chair, past Conference Planning Chair, Task Force updating the Conference Planning Manual

Distribution from the Archives (past years): Others as approved by the current President

SPEAKER REPORT: ratings and comments for each speaker and summary/general ratings and comments on each plenary, concurrent or workshop session.

Initial distribution: past Program Planning Chair for redistribution to speakers or workshop leaders upon request

Distribution from the Archives (past years): current Program Planning Committee Chair and others as approved by the current President

*NOTE: “Current” is defined as those in office when the report is generated (late summer/early fall), “past” is defined as those in office at the time of the conference.

Preconference and continuing education evaluation reports would follow the same distribution pattern.

All reports would be marked as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Everyone who receives a report will be expected to sign a transmittal letter agreeing to maintain the confidentiality of the report. The EAC will be responsible for drafting the transmittal letter.

ACTION: Board asked for suggestions on report format to be discussed on the Board listserv

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Jan. 18, 2 p.m.-6 p.m., and Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon, in San Antonio in conjunction with the ALA Midwinter meeting. D. Tonkery will make arrangements for the meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The 1995 Conference held at Duke University was another financial success and ended with a positive cash position of $24,510.95. The NASIG Board and Conference Planning Committee must continue to work together to insure that the income trend continues, as our annual revenue from membership fees no longer covers our operating cost. Each year the Conference is a planned source of additional income, and the Board, through the Treasurer, has the fiduciary responsibility to insure that we maximize our income potential. The financial success of each conference in critical to our long-term survival as an organization, and successful results are the responsibility of the many people that work on the conference. Careful forecasting, cost control, and proper monitoring are all essential to a financial success.

Meeting Highlights

There were 579 attendees registered, which includes the free and reduced-fee attendees. The numbers include:

- 428 Women
- 151 Men
- 441 Members
- 155 First-Timers
- Pre-conference attendees: 150

Brief financial summary:

- Income
  - Conference - Souvenirs 4,391.00
  - Conference - Tours 185.00
  - Conference Registration 167,003.04
- Total Income 171,579.04
- Expenses/Total 147,068.09
- Total Income/Expense 24,510.95
NASIG's greatest resources are the talents, energies and the sharing natures of its membership.

In order that all members (and others in the profession) might be able to draw upon these resources more fully, the Continuing Education Committee has been commissioned to explore the possibility of the publication of a

** ** NASIG Human Resources Directory ** **

that would detail these attributes via "profile" pages for certain members.

Which members?

Well, that is primarily up to you !!!

A working group within the Continuing Education Committee will review qualifications of any and all members who wish to be considered for inclusion in the first edition. Simply fill out and mail off the "Human Resources Profile" found at the end of this issue of the Newsletter. A copy of the "Human Resources Profile" is also accessible through the NASIG gopher.

Be sure to mail your profile to the appropriate Committee member (as indicated on the profile sheet) based on the first letter of your surname. The deadline for profile submission is:

March 15, 1996

You should also feel free to recommend fellow NASIGer's for inclusion in the Directory, sending your recommendation to the appropriate Committee member (see alphabetical division by surname at the end of the Profile form). The deadline for recommendations of other NASIGer's is March 1, 1996.

So, please tell us about yourselves so we can make your expertise known to others.

As the final step in the transition of NASIGNET from the American Mathematical Society to the School of Information and Library Science (SILS), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, members of the Electronic Communications Committee have moved all of our list operations from their old addresses to new ones. The new node address for all lists and for the list processor is now: @NASIG.ILS.UNC.EDU and should be used for all NASIG and list processor messages. At the end of this Newsletter is a list of all NASIG lists with their old address, memberships, and new addresses. Please note that some of these lists are currently inactive and some lists, in true serials fashion, have undergone name changes. If you have any questions or problems concerning this final phase of the transition, please contact Steve Oberg, NASIG Listowner (so67@midway.uchicago.edu) or Betty Landesman, NASIG Secondary Listowner (betty@gwis.circ.gwu.edu). For more information about using these lists, please refer to the "Welcome to NASIGNET" message available on the NASIG gopher (nasig.ils.unc.edu, port 6050) and periodically distributed on NASIG-L.

With the transition of the lists from AMS to UNC, the Electronic Access Task Force has completed its assignment. It has been my privilege to work with this incredibly knowledgeable, dedicated and responsive group. I would like to publicly acknowledge the following people:

Task Force members:
- Ann Ercelawn, Past NASIG Listowner and ECC member
- Birdie MacLennan, ECC and Task Force Board Liaison
- Steve Oberg, ECC Co-Chair
- Maggie Rioux, ECC Co-Chair

School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:
- Barbara Moran, Dean
- Jerry Saye, Associate Dean
- Scott Barker, Director of Computer Services

NASIG Executive Board:
- Julie Gammon, President and Hand-holder
- October Ivins, Past President and Diplomatic Courier
The Electronic Communications Committee has covered a great deal of ground in the period since the annual conference in June 1995. What follows are some of the major highlights from a very busy and productive seven months. Many thanks go to all of the committee's members for their contributions: Christine Christiansen, Donnice Cochenour, Kate Herzog, Betty Landesman, Wendy Moore, Rick Ralston, and Michael Randall. And a special thank you to our very supportive and hard working Board Liaison, Birdie MacLennan.

1. Gopher restructuring.

Maggie Rioux and Donnice Cochenour completed a project to restructure the NASIG gopher, following up on the discussions/recommendations of the committee at the annual conference on this topic. The result is a better organized and logical arrangement. One of the differences between the old and the new is terminology: for example, late breaking announcements and news is now in a directory labelled "README: Time Sensitive Information and Announcements." "NASIG Organization Information" now directs the user to information on committees, their charges, etc.

2. Committee List Update/Archives

The annual job of updating committee lists and taking care of archive decisions for the past years' committees, was completed at the end of July. This work was a cooperative effort of Betty Landesman, Mike Randall, Donnice Cochenour, and Steve Oberg. Betty took care of collating information from past years' committee chairs regarding disposition of archives and forwarded them to me. Each committee that requested an active list was set up with a subscribers file, an alias (or x-ref) file for variant e-mail addresses, and a new information file. Kevin Curnow, systems liaison at AMS, took care of committee list archives that needed purging and assigned new archive passwords for each list. Individual letters were e-mailed to each committee chair (or co-chair) explaining how to use the particular list and providing password information for accessing the list's archives. A final part of this project was to update entries for committee members' entries in the NASIG-L subscribers file to indicate committee affiliation.

3. Purge of NASIG-L

The purpose of this project was to purge non-renewed members from the NASIG-L subscribers file. Volunteers who helped out on this project included Wendy Moore, Christine Christiansen, Mike Randall, and Betty Landesman. Working from a list of non-renewed members provided by Theresa Baker (chair of the Database & Directory Committee), each person edited his or her part of the NASIG-L subscribers file to remove non-renewed members, and then the subscribers file was put back together and sent to AMS. The second half of the project involved comparing each entry on the subscriber file to the current entry in the membership database, so as to report any anomalies in e-mail addresses between the two files to Theresa Baker. Questionable entries were referred for a decision to Theresa. A total of 76 entries were deleted. A new step was added to the project this year, which involves sending notification to each person who was deleted from NASIG-L. Mike Randall took on the task of creating a form letter and sending it to these persons. This year we decided to forego the final step of requesting a new gopher port from AMS as well as a new password for the NASIG-L archives in view of the imminent move of NASIGNET to a new host site at the University of North Carolina.

4. Development of ECC Proposal for annual conference

Under Maggie Rioux's leadership, ECC members discussed and shaped ideas for a proposal for an educational program on the World Wide Web which was submitted to the Program Planning Committee for next year's annual conference. All ECCers joined in and provided good points for discussion. One of the starting points for discussion was provided by Donnice Cochenour, who volunteered at the conference at Duke to pull together information from our preconference program evaluations and summarize it for the committee. A consensus was reached on the need for hands-on programs, as well as for a variety of offerings targeted to specific knowledge levels. The committee agreed to submit proposals for three sessions, which were accepted by the Program Planning Committee: one hands-on workshop for beginning level web authors, a second hands-on workshop for intermediate level web authors, and a concurrent program session dealing with issues in web publishing. ECC members have volunteered and been assigned to each of these three offerings as either presenters or assistants.

5. Move of NASIGNET to New Host Site

The last three months have mostly been occupied with this endeavor. Maggie Rioux and Steve Oberg worked closely with Marilyn Geller and other members of the Task Force on Electronic Access to identify and resolve issues for transition of both the NASIG gopher and lists to our new
host site at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The gopher was successfully transferred to UNC in October. Transfer of the various NASIG lists to UNC is currently in progress and should be complete by the end of January, 1996. A notice of these changes (particularly relating to the move of the gopher) was sent via email to NASIG-L and in a separate flier to all NASIG members. An article entitled "A New Home for NASignet" was also included in the December 1995 issue of the NASIG Newsletter. As soon as the lists are installed at UNC, members will be alerted to this second major phase of the move by means of an announcement on NASIG-L and an article in the February issue of the Newsletter entitled "NASIGNET Transition Now Complete." The next major phase of changes being planned by the ECC is development of World Wide Web services in early Spring of '96, to be followed by further enhancements as time and resources allow (both for the ECC and for our new hosts at UNC). Further information about these changes will be provided by postings to NASIG-L, articles in future issues of the Newsletter, and notices in the NASIG gopher.

The Program Planning Committee organizes and develops the full program for each Annual Conference, including the plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and workshops that make the NASIG Annual Conference so stimulating and rewarding for attendees. Currently, two co-chairs head two subcommittees, one to plan plenary and concurrent sessions, and the other to plan workshops. The 1996 Planning Committee is composed of:

Plenary/Concurrent Sessions:
Karen Cargille, Co-chair 1995/96
1994/96, University of California, San Diego
Pamela Simpson Elsherbini
1994/96, Pennsylvania State University
Cindy Hepfer
1995/96, SUNY Buffalo
Sue Malawski
1995/96, California State University, Fullerton
John Harrison
1995/96, Northern Arizona University

Workshops:
Christa Reinke, Co-chair 1995/96
1994/96, University of Houston
Ann Ercelawn
1995/96, Vanderbilt University
Lisa Macklin
1994/96, Georgia Institute of Technology
Bob Persing
1995/96, University of Pennsylvania
Pat Wallace
1994/95, University of Colorado, Boulder
Bobbie Carlson, Board Liaison
Medical University of South Carolina

The two committees jointly develop the program schedule, review proposals, and decide upon speakers. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of topic and its relevance to NASIG members and to the overall theme of the upcoming conference. Much development work is done on proposals received, grouping proposals for workshops and concurrent sessions. The committees look at the overall program and assess how closely presentations will match the theme for the year. New workshops may be developed by the committee to fill gaps and cover topics that have not been proposed. Committee members may recruit presenters to cover topics needed. They then formally invite speakers to participate in the next conference and make arrangements for their accommodations, room and audio visual requirements, all in coordination with the Conference Planning Committee.

The Workshop Committee focuses on practical topics while drawing together a well-balanced slate of high-quality workshops. Some factors in the balance are broad geographical representation by speakers and constituency in the serials information industry (e.g. vendors, publishers, librarians).

The Program Planning Committee has benefitted by a marked degree of continuity over the years, and by mandated continuity in recent years. As the committee evolved and more members became involved in planning programs, the separation of responsibilities became more defined.

The programs for the first five NASIG conferences were planned by Mary Beth Clack and Leigh Chatterton, with
The NASIG President invites members to remain on the committee or to take co-chair positions. Co-chairs are generally selected from members who have been on the committee for some years. All applications from volunteers to serve on the committee are considered. From the pool of volunteers, the President invites new members to join the committee.

Work on the PPC holds many challenges, for the committee as a whole, and for the individuals involved. One constant challenge is finding speakers who will address the conference theme. While there may be plenty of proposals to review, the challenge is to focus all the ideas into a program that addresses the issues of the theme, while at the same time achieving many sorts of balances in the program. Because the two subcommittees of the PPC work very independently, there is a challenge in keeping communications close and constant, and activities coordinated. One of the most difficult jobs the committee performs is deciding which proposals will not be used and communicating any rejections to the proposers. As the quality and the number of proposals increase every year, it appears this task will continue to be a challenging one.

The NASIG Board votes on each aspect of the program as the committee develops it. It can be a significant challenge for the committee to accept and effect the suggestions and ideas proposed by the Board, for both the format of the conference and for individual sessions. One Board wanted more workshops on the program, so more workshops had to be developed by the PPC members. Plenary speakers often do not have the same stake in NASIG that workshop presenters have. The PPC asks them to present on a summer weekend and without an honorarium – really doing NASIG a favor. The committee is challenged to keep that in mind and to provide commensurate attention to these honored guests at our conferences.

This year's committee sees its greatest challenge in checking references of potential presenters who have submitted proposals to the committee. They want to ensure that each speaker has good presentations skills and is well-organized. Part of the challenge has been in finding someone to serve as a reference for each presenter, someone who has heard previous presentations. At the same time, the committee is concerned that it remain open to new speakers who will bring new perspectives but may not have a lot of prior experience.

Members serve on the committee for several years, both to provide continuity to the planning and to make best use of the planning skills that are developed during several conferences. Former committee members keep themselves ever available to current members as a resource for planning and development. A manual is in development, currently being worked on by Bobbie.

assistance from John Riddick and Tina Feick. Mary Beth was NASIG Vice President for NASIG 5: this began a "tradition" that the NASIG VP chair the Program Planning Committee. With NASIG 6 the PPC expanded to three members, chaired by VP Ann Okerson, who planned the plenary sessions. The other two members were October Ivins and Cindy Hepfer. To promote mentoring and educational outreach, it was decided that more people should be involved in the work of the PPC.

NASIG's joint program with the SSP for NASIG 7 was again chaired by Ann, this time as NASIG President, with a greatly expanded committee. Plenary sessions were planned by Ann, workshops by Teresa Malinowski and Ann Weller, concurrent sessions by Mary Beth, October, Cindy and Patricia Scarry.

Tradition became policy with the NASIG 8 PPC co-chaired by VP Cindy Hepfer, responsible for plenary and concurrent sessions along with subcommittee members Ann, Danny Jones and Jim Mouw. October co-chaired and was responsible for the workshops, with members Julia Gammon, Bobbie Carlson, Michele Crump and Bea McKay. NASIG 9 VP October co-chaired as head of the plenary/concurrent subcommittee, which consisted of Alex Bloss, Bobbie, and Karen Darling. Julia chaired the workshop subcommittee, working with Michele, Carol Magenau, Rosanna O'Neil, and Roberta Winjum.

For NASIG 10, VP Julia was liaison to the PPC but did not co-chair the committee. The NASIG Board decided the VP had to have more free time to assist the President and learn the ropes. Bobbie chaired the plenary/concurrent subcommittee working with Alex, Karen Cargille, Mary McLaren, Pamela Simpson-Elsherbini and Patricia Wallace. Michele chaired the workshop subcommittee, heading a group that included Lisa Macklin, Christa Reinke, and Kathy Meneelley. To plan the program for 1996, Bobbie is serving as Board Liaison instead of VP Beverley Geer-Butler, since Beverley has no prior PPC experience, and both subcommittees are enjoying continuity and coaching from Cindy.
Most past and current PPC members agree that a successful program at the Annual Conference is the most important reward they can anticipate. Hearing positive feedback about the workshops during the conference is as rewarding to planners as the delayed gratification of satisfaction expressed on evaluation forms. Along with the fulfillment of a good job well done, participants in the PPC often say that it is also a great way to meet people in NASIG, even if only virtually. The PPC has enjoyed considerable closeness among committee members, and a warm sense of comraderie. For some, part of the reward has been the realization that all involved are very committed to the success of the program, to NASIG, and to maintaining the exceedingly high standards set by previous PPCs.

The busiest season for the Program Planning Committee is from August to December of the year prior to a conference. The deadline for the submissions of proposals for workshops, plenary and concurrent sessions is mid-August. From August to December, proposals are read and evaluated, and a draft program is developed. This draft is presented to the NASIG Board at the mid-October Board meeting. Contacts are established with potential presenters, and participation and topics are confirmed. Speaker topics and details are verified for publication in the conference brochure.

Another period of concentrated planning activity is between March and June, prior to the annual conference. Members of the PPC serve as liaisons between speakers and the Conference Planning Committee to ensure that room requirements and AV requests are clear and that the speakers know how many attendees to expect. The committee collects outlines from presenters and works with each to develop content and scope of their topics and presentations. Letters are sent to each presenter, confirming dates, times, topics. A whole "packet" for presenters is mailed in February, reminding them of the conditions of their agreement with NASIG. NASIG expects a written paper for inclusion in the Proceedings from each plenary and concurrent session presenter. Throughout the process, committee members remain available to presenters to answer any questions they have. Final arrangements are made with speakers, and their requirements are coordinated with the Conference Planning Committee. The PPC must be alert to the possibility of last minute cancellations by speakers, or changes in travel plans.

During the conference, the committee's main responsibility is to make sure that the speakers have everything they need for their presentations. PPC members act as hosts to presenters who are not NASIG members, providing escort service, introductions, guided tours of rooms, assistance at the speakers' meeting, and general liaison with NASIG. Most committee members are working on next year's program as the program they have just planned is being presented. They observe during each conference, noting what works, and what doesn't, to help in planning the next program.

After the conference is over, PPC members follow-up with thank you letters to presenters, and offer results of evaluations and comments concerning their presentations.

NASIG members need to know how valuable their feedback is in shaping the next year's program. The written evaluation form provides direction, but informal feedback at the conference is also VERY helpful. Constructive negative feedback is also very helpful, though responses on evaluations can be contradictory. Committee members sift and weigh differing opinions in shaping their response to the evaluations. Also appreciated are suggestions on potential future topics and speakers.

The PPC works closely with the Conference Planning Committee to coordinate brochure text, handouts, room and AV arrangements. After the conference, presenters' papers must be submitted to the editors for the Proceedings. PPC members are often called upon to help in the solicitation of the final version of presentations for publication. The liaison role continues.

A current PPC member writes: "I really recommend the PPC to anyone who would like to become more involved in NASIG. Through this committee I have gotten to know a lot of NASIG members in a short time. It's also very satisfying work, since the conference is one of NASIG's central goals and one's accomplishments are very visible." New PPC members should be prepared for a lot of e-mail messages. Certain e-mail addresses, those of fellow committee members especially, will be imprinted on one's brain. It helps to be decisive and opinionated about what you want to have happen. It is a big time commitment over the course of the year, communicating with speakers, doing mailings, reminders, coordination, writing and editing for the newsletter and conference program.

Program planning is a huge amount of work. It takes a lot of personal time, spent in phone calling and pursuing presenters and topics, making and adjusting compositions.
and schedules. And it is a very creative process, especially the shaping and focusing of all the ideas that come in for a program. The committee starts with nothing but an idea, the theme. This gets bounced around, interpreted, elaborated upon. Presenters are considered, references are solicited, and exploration is made to see who knows what about the topic.

It is recommended that a potential committee member be a high-energy person, one who has a pretty broad background in serials, and who can also cover certain specific subject areas, such as aspects of cataloging or acquisitions. One must be proactive, prepared to go out and solicit speakers and to develop ideas for workshops, concurrent, and plenary sessions. As many NASIG members are, PPC members must be future-oriented, with a vision of what the information industry may be like, and how to shape it. A high degree of diplomacy is required, to deal with personalities among presenters and the Conference Planning Committee, the Electronics Communications Committee, the Education Committee, and the NASIG Board.

And we quote: "It's a lot of fun and not as much work as it might seem."

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Congratulations and best wishes to all!

JULIA BLIXRUD became Director of Training and Education for the CAPCON Library Network in September 1995. She was previously Program Officer at the Council on Library Resources. Julia writes, "This is a new position and I have responsibility for the organization and administration of our extensive training and activities, with plans to develop new initiatives. CAPCON currently conducts or sponsors more than 150 training sessions, workshops, meetings, conferences, and other educational activities each year in the Washington, D.C. area. Earlier this year, the CAPCON Board of Trustees endorsed plans to expand the content, audience, and geographic scope of our training and education activities. We have a brand new training center with a computer-training room and a large conference room, and I also have responsibility for managing that facility. The job's been quite a change from my previous position as Program Officer for the Council on Library Resources, but I got my start in library networking and I'm delighted to be back in it." CAPCON is a non-profit library services organization. Founded in 1974, it has over 180 member libraries and provides services to more than 600 libraries and other organizations in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. CAPCON is a regional OCLC-affiliate network and an Internet service provider and also has cooperative purchasing, contract cataloging, and retrospective conversion services. Julia's new addresses:

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BOBBIE CARLSON has taken a change of direction, reflected in her new title as Consumer Health Information Education Coordinator at Medical University of South Carolina. She was previously head, Serials Management there. Bobbie says that the health care environment is very dynamic these days, and the MUSC Library environment reflects that. Of her new job: "I'm working on various library and campus initiatives in consumer health information, patient education, and community-based health care, to help integrate library programs within the developing managed care environment. Exploring electronic resources, like e-journals, remains part of my role, but I'm primarily involved in making tracks in new territory that will expand our programs by anticipating the needs of our growing user-base. The strength of our library's technology and leadership is taking our programs and me to new places, to new partners, and to new users. My work within the serials industry has prepared me well for the adventures ahead. I expect to transform my serials experience and to use some creative energy to drive some change in different directions." Most of Bobbie's addresses remain the same, though her new phone number is (803) 792-2380.

PRIMA CASETTA became Head of Serials in the Library at the Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities, where she was previously Serials Cataloger. She is now responsible for both the acquisitions and cataloging of serials. Prima writes, "I took over this position just before the library migrated to INNOPAC, and was immediately plunged into data migration specifications, testing, and devising and implementing new procedures. This new position is very hectic after the relative calm of being Serials Cataloger here!" Prima's addresses remain the same, while her telephone extension has been changed to X4001.

TINA FEICKS' new title is Sales Manager for North America, Blackwell's Periodicals Division (Oxford, England). Previously Senior Serials Specialist at Blackwell's, Tina's new title reflects the additional responsibilities she has taken on, with all Blackwell's Periodicals sales representatives for North America reporting to her. This change was effective July 1994. While her e-mail address remains the same, Tina reports changes to the addresses listed in the NASIG 1995 Directory:

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TIMOTHY HAGAN is now Serials Cataloger at the Chicago Historical Society, where he was previously a cataloger on the U.S. newspaper cataloging project. His job change, effective May 1995, has meant that he now spends time each day on the reference desk at the Society. Tim's addresses:

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ADAM MARSNIK was a Library Assistant III at the State Legislative Reference Library in St. Paul, Minnesota. Having graduated from Library School in August 1994, Adam accepted his first professional position as Technical Services Supervisor at the James J. Hill Reference Library in October 1994. As Head of Technical Services, Adam is the primary cataloger, and shares time on the reference desk with other staff. Adam notes that doing reference work makes him a better cataloger, and being a cataloger makes him a better reference librarian. The J.J. Hill Reference Library is a privately-funded business reference library open to the public. Adam's new addresses will include e-mail in the new future:

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ANN OKERSON is now Associate University Librarian for Collection Development and Management at Yale
University. Ann was previously Director of the Office of Scientific and Academic Publishing at the Association of Research Libraries. Ann writes of her new job: "One of my biggest challenges in the new position is directly serials-related. Like most libraries, the Yale Library seeks to make available to the widest possible campus audience a number of electronic indexing/abstracting services and full text files. The licenses for these fall within my area of responsibility. So far, it has been difficult to sign off on licenses which all too frequently contain such language as 'Users shall not reproduce information from this database by any means mechanical or electronic.' These kinds of limitations, accompanied by sizable prices, lead us to be particularly careful in what we will and will not sign. Making reasonable deals for our users, choosing the most useful electronic format and deployment for a given e-serial, and determining what we can afford to pay are currently high priority issues for us. Such 'new' topics combined with fantastic traditional collections and excellent colleagues make the position immensely absorbing and a lot of fun." Ann's new addresses:

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KURT PAULUS has a new title at the Institute of Physics Publishing. He was previously Publishing Director, and is now Operations Director. Kurt puts it thus: "Titles do change from time to time, but more important are changes in responsibility. Beginning January 1, 1996, I am relinquishing responsibility for our sales and customer services departments, and retaining that for production of books and journals, both conventional and electronic. New responsibilities I am taking on are for book and reference work publishing and for human resources development throughout the company." Kurt adds that all his addresses remain the same.

MAGGIE RIoux's new title is Information Systems Librarian at MBL/WHOI Library at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, effective April 1995. She was Acquisitions Librarian there, and her new title reflects the new duties and responsibilities Maggie has accepted. While Maggie still does acquisitions work, and still has responsibility for managing subscriptions, she has also taken on the challenge of managing the conversion of the acquisitions system. MBL/WHOI has been part of an automation consortium using DRA. By January 1996 they will have withdrawn from the consortium and will be bringing up the wholly integrated Endeavor system using the new Voyager software. Having overseen the conversion and extraction of data from the consortium database, Maggie will now train staff and become system administrator for the new system. Maggie's addresses remain the same.

MICHAEL SOMERS is now Deputy Technical Services Librarian at Louisiana State University. He was formerly Assistant Department Head, Acquisitions/Serials Services at LSU. The change is primarily due to a major reorganization of technical services. Acquisitions/Serials Services and Cataloging were merged into a single Technical Services, reducing the number of functional units from seven to three. The three teams are: acquisitions, database maintenance, and original cataloging. LSU is streamlining all procedures, reducing the number of unique local practices, and using some outsourcing resources. Michael acknowledges that his duties have multiplied. He now supervises 34 staff, both paraprofessionals and librarians. He says of his colleagues: "We are busy setting goals, training, and learning our new responsibilities." Michael's e-mail and phone addresses remain the same.

NORMAN VOGT was Head of the Serials Department at Northern Illinois University. He is now Head of the Acquisitions Department there. Norman writes: "Following the recommendations of a special study task force which suggested the merging of similar functions in the NIU Libraries, the former Acquisitions and Serials Departments were merged as of July 1, 1995. Participating in the organizational and spatial reconfiguration of the two former departments was exciting and, of course, challenging. This is my 35th year at NIU where I have seen mountains of change and somehow survived it all. My address and phone numbers remain the same." E-mail: nvogt@niu.edu.
In August 1995 SUSAN ZAPPEN became Head of Technical Services at Skidmore College's Lucy Scribner Library. She left the position of Acquisitions and Serials Librarian at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Skidmore College has a new library which opened in mid-August, with 50% more useable space than the old one. In consideration of both current and future electronic needs, there are over 400 data outlets so every carrel and almost every study table is able to support a networked computer.

Susan writes that the library was designed to be a beacon of learning in more ways than one. Located in the center of campus, the library lights brighten up the night sky for everyone no matter where they are on campus. Beautiful and luxurious are the adjectives heard most from visitors to the library. The best compliment came from the father of a student who told Susan that every time he calls his daughter, her roommate tells him that she is at the library. After seeing the new library, he believes her!

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IN MEMORIAM

LEIGH CHATTERTON

The serials community is saddened by the death of another of our number. Leigh Chatterton died on Tuesday, December 18, after a long and gallant struggle against cancer. Leigh had worked at NELINET since 1988 and was instrumental in giving many librarians their initial instruction in OCLC services. She was active in NASIG (see the PPC Profile in this issue) and a true professional. A funeral mass was held Friday, December 22. The family welcomes donations in her name to the American Cancer Society.
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11th Annual Conference
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The NASIG Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring a Conference Mentoring Program to help make new conference attendees feel more at ease, highlight membership benefits, and help create new networking opportunities. The program will match experienced NASIG conference attendees with new NASIG Conference attendees. For effective development, the 1996 program will be limited to the first 25 mentors and the first 25 mentees completing application forms. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis, with a

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I would like to be: ___ a Mentor ___ a Mentee

I have been a NASIG member since: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________________________________

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Please check the appropriate areas to assist us in matching individual by their areas of interest:

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Date: __/__/__

1. Name: ____________________________________________

2. Position: __________________________________________

3. Affiliation: _________________________________________

4. Address: ___________________________________________

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5. Phone: W: (____) - _______ H: (____) - _______ Fax: (____) - _______

6. E-mail Address: ______________________________________

7. NASIG continuous member since ______

8. Specific NASIG Annual Conferences attended (please check):


9. Post-secondary Education (Institution(s) and Degree(s):

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10. Please describe (in 200 WORDS OR LESS) your areas of professional expertise concerning which you are willing to be listed as a "resource".

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11. Please cite UP TO 5 of your Professional Presentations (Sponsor/Brief Title/Date).

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12. Please cite UP TO 5 of your Professional Publications (full citation, please!!).

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13. Please list UP TO FIVE GROUPS of KEYWORDS COMMON to those areas for which you would like to be considered as a "resource" for indexing within the NASIG Human Resources Directory. Examples might be:

- BOUNDING
- AUTOMATED RECEIPT
- PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

14. References (Name/Affiliation/Phone) regarding the above areas:

- Area
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15. Please describe yourself regarding the following...

a) I'm "free" to be considered as a speaker in the above areas (besides negotiated travel and related expenses).

   _ yes  _ no (If "no", please answer 15(b) below)

b) I require an honorarium of $___ (besides negotiated travel and related expenses).

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   _ phone  _ e-mail
   _ other, please describe:

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