And the Winner Is......

As we are all being inundated by information from the United States Presidential candidates in the various state primaries, it seems only fitting to bring up the topic of elections -- as they relate to NASIG. Someone once told me that the most important committee in any organization is the nominations committee. If the committee does a good job in selecting candidates the organization will succeed; if not, the organization will be in trouble. An organization is only as strong as its leadership; so the responsibility for the future of any organization rests heavily on the nominations committee.

If all goes as planned and printing deadlines are met, you should be reading the NASIG election results in this issue of the Newsletter. NASIG is fortunate to have so many well-qualified individuals who are willing to be considered and to commit to running for various offices in our all volunteer organization. To all of you who agreed to be considered for nomination and who ran for office, I say “thank you.”

NASIG’s Nominations and Elections Committee, ably chaired this year by Steve Murden, and assisted by his fellow committee members, Emerita Cuesta, Barbara Hall, Marcella Lesher, Michael Somers, Marjorie Wilhite and Sue Williams, has a difficult job. To select those individuals to put on the ballot for leadership positions in the organization is a difficult task, especially when they have so many well qualified, involved, and enthusiastic NASIG members from which to choose.

One of the yardsticks the Nominations and Elections Committee uses to select candidates is the candidate’s previous involvement in the organization’s activities. Involvement shows a commitment to NASIG and assumes that this individual will continue to give to the organization. If you want to run for office in NASIG, my suggestion is to get active in one of the many volunteer roles we have. You don’t have to wait to be asked, just jump in when the opportunities are mentioned in the Newsletter and on NASIG-L. Don’t be discouraged if you do not get appointed to a committee right away, I did not get appointed to a NASIG committee when I first volunteered -- or the second time either!
One concern frequently expressed by the Nominations and Elections Committee and the NASIG Executive Board is the lack of representation on the ballot of ALL of our constituencies—publishers, vendors and librarians. Diversity on the ballot is important to the organization's well being, yet it is not always possible based on the involvement criteria NASIG has established for candidate selection. I think we do want and need committed people to run NASIG: involvement is one measure of that.

So, to all the vendors, publishers, binders, system vendors, educators, bibliographic utilities representatives, and other serialists (as well as librarians) out there who are listening -- there are short term and long term activities within NASIG that can be compatible with your work and travel schedules. We would like to see more of you involved. If organized activities are not your thing, but you see a need or have an idea that you want to implement, suggest it.

Don’t wait. Give me a call....

*(Ed. note: All went better than expected and the Newsletter was ahead of schedule, so there are no election results yet!)*

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**NASIG 11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**CONFERENCE PLANNING REPORT**

Frances C. Wilkinson and Michael Alan Brown

The Conference Planning Committee (Rebs Bauerschmidt, Michael Brown, Marilyn Fletcher, Joan Griffith, Ruth Haest, Linda Lewis, Anne McKee, Anne Schultz, and Fran Wilkinson) and Program Planning Committee send you greetings from the Land of Enchantment! By now all of you should have received your conference brochure and many of you have already registered for what promises to be an informative and exciting conference. The theme of this Eleventh Annual NASIG Conference is "Pioneering New Serials Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials." Conference dates are June 20-23, 1996.

In the February NASIG Newsletter, we gave you information regarding the University of New Mexico campus, transportation, accommodations, special events, tours, and other local arrangements details. In this edition of the Newsletter, we are proud to bring you the conference schedule and abstracts of the Preconferences, Plenary and Concurrent Sessions, and the Workshops. But first, a few reminders. Registration is open to NASIG members only until April 1, 1996, and then it is open to non-members as well. The registration deadline is May 20, 1996. Conference registration fees are $300.00 for single accommodations, $275.00 for double accommodations, and $225.00 for commuters. Preconferences, tours, and accompanying guests are extra. See the NASIG Registration Form for complete details. The NASIG Registrar is Ruth Haest. She can be reached at the UNM General Library, Acquisitions Dept., Albuquerque, NM 87131-1466 / Phone: 505-277-7218 / Fax: 505-277-4446 / Internet: nasig@unm.edu. When planning what to bring with you to the beautiful New Mexico desert besides casual clothes, comfortable shoes, and the usual toiletries and supplies, don't forget sun glasses, sun block, skin lotion, lip balm, perhaps a sun hat or visor, maybe an umbrella, and your camera!

If you have Web access, you may wish to visit our UNM/NASIG home page at:

http://www.unm.edu/~nasig.

It's still under construction, but it already has a wealth of information for you to view on UNM, Albuquerque, and New Mexico in general. If you have any questions regarding the conference, members of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) will be pleased to respond to them; contact us via e-mail at: nasig@unm.edu, or call Fran Wilkinson, CPC Co-Chair, (505) 277-7219, or Michael Brown, CPC Vice-Chair, (505) 277-8899.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic conference this year. See you in a couple of months. Adios!
NASIG 11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1996):

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
June 20, 1996 - June 23, 1996

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1996

7:45am-8:15am Registration for Preconferences Only (Student Residence Center Commons)
8:30am-6:00pm Full conference Registration & day registration (Student Residence Center Commons)
8:30am-1:00pm Preconferences (Box lunch provided)
1. EDI and Related Standards
2. Risktaking for Library Pioneers
2:00pm-3:30pm Committee Meetings
2:00pm-4:30pm Library Tours
2:00pm-5:00pm Welcome Reception (UNM SUB Main Ballroom)
3:45pm-4:45pm First Timers' Reception (UNM SUB North Ballroom)
4:45pm-5:45pm Speakers' Meeting
6:00pm-7:00pm OPENING SESSION
Land of Enchantment Slide Show
Marilyn P. Fletcher, UNM Library
General Greetings
Julia Gammon, NASIG President
Architecture of UNM
Jan Dodson Bamhart, UNM Library
7:15pm-12:00am Maxwell Museum Dinner
(Beer & Wine Only)
Maxwell Museum of Anthropology. University of New Mexico -- Buffet Dinner Under Tents, American Indian Hoop Dancers, Self-Guided Museum Tours

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1996

6:30am-8:15am Breakfast (La Posada Dining Hall)
8:00am-9:00am Day registration (SUB Main Ballroom)
8:30am-8:45am Opening Remarks and Announcements
Fran Wilkinson and Joan Griffith, Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs
Karen Cargille and Christa Reinke, Program Planning Committee Co-Chairs
8:45am-9:45am Plenary session I: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials
"Reinventing Journals: Reinventing Knowledge"
John H. Lienhard, Professor of Mechanical Engineering & History, University of Houston
9:45am-10:30am Break (SUB Main Ballroom)
10:30am-12:00n Workshops Set I
12:00n-1:30pm Lunch (La Posada Dining Hall)
1:45pm-3:15pm Concurrent Sessions: An Array of Choices
1. Electronic Serials Cataloging
2. Order Out of Chaos
3. The Electronic Physics Literature
4. Issues in Electronic Licensing
5. The CIC Electronic Journals Collection Project
6. The Great Debate Over Copyright in the Electronic Environment
3:15pm-4:00pm Break (SUB Main Ballroom)
4:00pm-5:30pm Workshops Set I Repeated
6:00pm-6:30pm Buses Depart for Anderson Valley Vineyards (Assemble in La Posada Parking Lot)
6:30pm-10:00pm Reception at Anderson Valley Vineyards (Wine Cash Bar Only)
4920 Rio Grande Blvd. NW -- Hors d'oeuvres Buffet Under Tents, Tethered Hot Air Balloons, Classical Guitarist
9:00pm Buses Begin Returning to Campus (Assemble in Anderson Valley Parking Lot)
10:00pm-12:00m Late Night Social -- TBA
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1996

6:00am-7:30am Fun Run/Walk/Roller Blade
(Assemble Outside SRC Commons)

6:30am-8:15am Breakfast (La Posada Dining Hall)

8:00am-9:00am Day registration (SUB Main Ballroom)

8:30am-8:45am Announcements
Fran Wilkinson and Joan Griffith, Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs
Introduction of Conference Planning Committee Chairs for 1997

8:45am-10:15am Plenary session II: Publishing in the Cyber Age
"The Role of the Paper-based Journal in an Era of Electronic Information"
John Cox, Chairman, Carfax Publishing Company

"From Publishing Continuum to Interactive Exchange: The Evolution of the Scholarly Communication Process"
Richard T. Kaser, Executive Director, NFAIS

10:15am-10:45am Break (SUB Main Ballroom)

10:45am-12:15pm Workshops Set II

12:15pm-1:45pm Lunch (La Posada Dining Hall)

2:00pm-3:30pm Workshops Set II Repeated

3:30pm-4:00pm Break (SUB Main Ballroom)

3:45pm-5:15pm NASIG Networking Nodes/Interest Groups

6:00pm-6:30pm Buses depart for Rio Grande Zoological Park (Assemble in La Posada Parking Lot)

6:30pm-9:30pm Rio Grande Zoological Park Dinner (Full Cash Bar)
903 Tenth Street SW – Buffet Dinner Outside Under Tents, Self-Guided Zoo Tours, Band for Dancing

1:00pm-2:00pm User Group Meetings

2:00pm Sunday Tours (Assemble in La Posada Parking Lot)
Variable ending times -- Please see brochure for details

8:00pm Buses Begin Returning to Campus
(Assemble at Zoo Main Entrance)

9:00pm-12:00am Late Night Social -- TBA

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1996

7:00am-8:30am Breakfast (La Posada Dining Hall)

8:00am-9:00am Day Registration (SUB Main Ballroom)

8:30am-9:15am Business Meeting/Awards Ceremony

9:15am-11:45am Plenary Session III: Pioneering New Serials Frontiers,
9:15am-10:30am Part 1
"How to Fast-Forward Serials to the Inevitable and the Optimal for Scholars & Scientists"
Stevan Hamad, Professor, University of Southampton

"First Steps Towards Electronic Research Communication"
Paul Ginsparg, Physics Research Staff, Los Alamos National Laboratory

10:30am-11:00am Break (SUB Main Ballroom)

11:00am-11:45am Part 2
"The Serials Revolution: A Call for Vision, Innovation and Tradition"
James Neal, Sheridan Director, Milton S. Eisenhower Library, Johns Hopkins University

11:45am-12:00m Conference Closing: Beverly Geer-Butler, NASIG Vice-President/President-Elect

12:00n-12:30pm Box Lunches (La Posada Dining Hall)

1:00pm Check out

1:00pm-2:00pm User Group Meetings

2:00pm Sunday Tours (Assemble in La Posada Parking Lot)
Variable ending times -- Please see brochure for details
Preconference 1: EDI & Related Standards: A Primer & Update from the Frontier
Conveners: Amira Aaron, Academic Automation Specialist, Readmore, Inc. and Joyce G. McDonough, Director, Technical Support & Acquisitions, Columbia University Libraries

What is EDI? Why isn't it Z39.50? What standards are used? Are there any standards for EDI? Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is one of the hottest topics and most important technological issues for the serials business today. Speakers will cover the use of EDI in the serials business, the work of SISAC and ICEDIS, basic and advanced definitions, transport and translation options for EDI data in the serials community, as well as related standards such as the SICI. They will also cover the realities and benefits of EDI for various segments of the industry, what has been implemented, and what is yet to be done. Attendees should leave with an understanding of what EDI is, how it works, how it is implemented, and the potential benefits for a particular organization. Speakers are knowledgeable representatives of the various communities using EDI and will attempt to provide information to those who are neophytes while at the same time offering advice and guidance to those already familiar and/or working with EDI.

"EDI Overview"
Tina Feick, Sales Manager for North America, Periodicals Division, B.H. Blackwell

Tina Feick will present a comprehensive overview and introduction to the topic of EDI in the serials business today, including a thorough discussion of requirements, definitions, transaction sets, standards, communication and translation options, and the work of the SISAC and ICEDIS committees in EDI X12 development and implementation.

"EDI & the Library"
James Huesmann, Head, Technical & Automated Services, Linda Hall Library

The staff at Linda Hall Library has evaluated and incorporated EDI as a function of the installation of a new Horizon system. James Huesmann will discuss when they use EDI, what they'd like to use, and what they're doing about it among the library, the system vendor, and the materials vendors.

"EDI & the Publisher"
Stephen Dane, General Manager, Kluwer Academic Publishers

This presentation will cover the issues, benefits and challenges involved in the implementation of appropriate EDI transaction sets and related standards from the point of view of the scholarly publisher.

"EDI & the Serials Vendor"
Sandra Hurd, Director of Automation, EBSCO Subscription Services

In an era when all parties strive to work more effectively, taking advantage of savings made possible by technology is imperative. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is one such technology available today. Sandra Hurd will address benefits and applications for subscription agents in their business relationships between libraries and publishers.

"EDI & Related Standards"
Ted Koppel, Information Systems Manager, The UnCover Company

This presentation will focus on the importance of the Serial Item and Contribution Identifier (SICI), its implementation and use in various types of serials transactions, and its relation to the SISAC Bar Code Symbol. Recent revision efforts will be discussed as well.

"EDI & the Integrated Library System"
Sandra Weaver Westall, Vice-President, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

The library today relies heavily on the EDI capabilities of its ILS system. Sandra Westall will cover the implications, options and realities of EDI development and implementation for the ILS vendor.
Preconference 2: Risk-Taking for Library Pioneers

Johann van Reenen, Director, Centennial Science & Engineering Library, University of New Mexico

This workshop will explore our attitudes toward taking risks, what holds us back, what are the benefits, and why risk-taking is imperative, both individually and in work groups, if we are to flourish. These issues are especially important at a time when our libraries and our profession will be weakened if we merely continue the status quo. Participants will take part in risk-taking exercises and discussions in a confidential environment. At the end of the session, they will develop a Risk Action Plan, having a greater understanding of their potential for productive risk-taking and the benefits of risk-taking to themselves and their workplaces.

NASIG 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1996):
PROGRAM ABSTRACTS

PLENARY SESSIONS
Pioneering New Serials Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials

PLENARY I

From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials
Friday, June 21, 1996
8:45am-9:45am
Convener: Julia Gammon, University of Akron

Reinventing Journals: Reinventing Knowledge / John H. Lienhard, M.D. Anderson Professor of Mechanical Engineering and History, University of Houston

The invention of the alphabet just before 1000 BC created enormous change for the human race. The Gutenberg revolution meant far more than just increased availability of books. Now, as we ask about the future of the serial literature, we face far more than mere questions about information storage. The very meanings of words like "library" and "university" are about to undergo mutations too radical to conceive, much less predict.

PLENARY II

Publishing in the Cyber Age
Saturday, June 22, 1996
8:45am-10:15am
Convener: Susan Davis, SUNY, Buffalo

The Role of the Paper-based Journal in an Era of Electronic Information / John Cox, Chairman, Carfax Publishing Company

This presentation is a review of the changes in publishing methods that electronic publishing and distribution will involve. This session will be a publisher's view of the changes in publishing methodology that will be needed to exploit the potential that on-line and other electronic technologies offer. There will be a discussion on the role of the paper-based journal in an era of electronic information, and the ambivalence of scholars and of learned societies toward electronic information. Additionally, this session will include comments on universities as partners of publishers in delivering published material to customers on the Internet: by hosting servers, by providing access to bandwidth, and by adding value through participation in the publishing process.

From Publishing Continuum to Interactive Exchange: the Evolution of the Scholarly Communication Process / Richard T. Kaser, Executive Director, National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services

Primary and secondary publishers have traditionally defined their role within the scientific communication process in terms of a model in which information flows in a neat, linear way from author/inventor to primary publisher to secondary publisher and back to authors and inventors who need the information to further their own research. This "production orientation" model is closely tied to print technology, even though some of its forms are now electronic. Currently, electronic alternatives are stretching that linear model, if not defying classification altogether. NFAIS is studying how the use of information services has changed since the earlier models were created. This session will offer the observations and thoughts of secondary publishers and information providers on trends, focusing on threats as well as opportunities for scholarly communication.
Pioneering New Serials Frontiers
Sunday, June 23, 1996
Convener: Beverley Geer-Butler, Trinity University

Part 1: How to Fast-Forward Serials to the Inevitable and the Optimal for Scholars and Scientists / Stevan Hamad, Professor, University of Southampton, UK

Scholars and scientists write papers to reach the eyes and minds of their fellow specialists. In the paper medium, publication imposes two major disadvantages: the cost and the slow, inefficient dissemination of the work. Electronic serial publication eliminates both of these hurdles. The author can archive the preprint on the Net, and later replace it with the final published version after refereeing, revision, and acceptance.

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED:
First Steps Towards Electronic Research Communication / Paul Ginsparg, Physics Research Staff, Los Alamos National Laboratory

This presentation describes a set of automated archives for electronic communication of research information that have been operational in many fields of physics, and some related and unrelated disciplines beginning in 1991. These archives now serve over 30,000 users worldwide from over 70 countries, and process more than 50,000 electronic transactions per day. The speaker will discuss lessons learned about how we fund journal publishing, how we will manage the electronic medium, archival integrity, indexing, cross-compatibility, and how peer review will be organized. Finally, there will be a discussion on some of the major improvements, enhancements in functionality and other expansions projected over the next few years for the existing archives.


This capstone presentation will project a new vision for scholarly communication through serials, outline a strategy for innovative development, and point to important traditional features and capabilities that must be incorporated through the transformation from print to electronic media. The perspectives of author, editor, publisher, distributor, librarian, and reader will be integrated, and a call for new economic models and collaborative frameworks for knowledge-creation and distribution will be outlined.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
An Array Of Choices
(NASIG Conference participants will be able to attend only one session.)

1. Electronic Serials Cataloging: Now That We're Here, What Do We Do?
Convener: Jean Callaghan, Wheaton College
Steven Shadle, Serials Cataloger, University of Washington Libraries
Bill Anderson, CONSER Specialist, Library of Congress
Leslie O'Brien, Head of Technical Services, Virginia Tech
Thomas Champagne, Serial Electronic Resources Librarian, University of Michigan

Many aspects of electronic serials cataloging have not yet developed standard practices, or are still in transition. This panel discussion will explore these areas, first by presenting current CONSER policy and then by discussing specific examples contributed by the panelists. Local cataloging policy is often based on local system implementation, so cataloging examples will be provided both from OCLC and from three local systems (NOTIS, III/Willow, and VTLS).

2. Order Out of Chaos: Collection Development and Management of Internet Resources
Convener: Birdie MacLennan, University of Vermont
I. Hunting and Gathering in Cyberspace: Finding and Selecting Web Resources for the Library's Virtual Collection
Margaret A. Rioux, Information Systems Librarian, MBL/WHOI Library

II. Keeping the Jell-O Nailed to the Wall: Maintaining and Managing the Virtual Collection
Betty Landesman, Systems Planning Coordinator, George Washington University

As World Wide Web home pages spring up faster than mushrooms after a rain, libraries are beginning...
to evaluate these and other Internet tools as information resources which should be made available to patrons and staff. But how do you select and collect virtual resources? Are the traditional collection development principles we learned in library school still valid? Do we need new ones? How do you maintain a collection of resources that you cannot touch and that may change content daily or move to another location? If the information provider discontinues the project, or we "cancel" the title, do we still "have" anything in the collection? This session, presented by members of NASIG's Electronic Communications Committee will explore these vital issues, as well as other issues which help make the development and management of an Internet-based collection a challenging new frontier for serialists.

3. The Electronic Physics Literature at the Forefront of Change
Convener: John Tagler, Elsevier

I. The Electronic Journal Program of the Institute of Physics
Alan Singleton, Journals Director, Institute of Physics Publishing

In October 1994, the Institute of Physics Publishing launched the first full text online physics journal, available via List Server, Gopher and World Wide Web. In 1995 the Institute made a further technological stride by making all its research letters available, in advance of publication, in full text HTML including display mathematics and figures, as well as in Acrobat PDF. Starting with January 1996, all Institute journals were made available online as part of a major electronic journals program. This session will explain how the electronic journals strategy and approach was developed: from the underlying motivation and its relationship to access and pricing policies, to the current status of the program and possible future directions.

II. Digital Archiving in the Physics Literature
Robert A. Kelly, Director, Journal Information Services, American Physical Society

The American Physical Society (APS) is seeking ways to exploit developing technologies to enhance the delivery and archiving of physics papers. The Society is participating in three delivery and archiving experiments. Physical Review Online Archive (PROLA) with Los Alamos National Lab, TORPEDO with the Navy Research Lab, and the Digital Library Initiative with the University of Illinois are three possible, and not mutually exclusive, views of future APS digital archive activities. These and other APS experiments will be presented in this session.

4. Issues in Electronic Licensing
Convener: Dan Tonkery, Readmore Academic Services, Inc.

I. Navigating the Electronic River: Electronic Product Licensing and Contracts
Nancy L. Buchanan, Coordinator of Electronic Resources, University of Houston Libraries

Electronic products are now a staple of libraries. CD-ROMs, online services, Internet databases, diskette products, and other electronic resources provide library users with vital information in new and useful formats, but they can pose problems for the library staff attempting to navigate the confusing, deep, and quickly-changing waters of electronic product licensing. The purpose of this presentation is to provide a practical overview of the licensing process for electronic products, focusing on the information library staff need to know in order to deal with vendors and contracts accurately and effectively.

II. Site Licenses and Academic Research
Rene Olivieri, Blackwell Publishers

Over the past decade librarians have been variously outraged and resigned to budget cuts and spiraling prices, leading to the decimation of their holdings. A wholesale move to a pay-per-view pricing system or to online access over the Internet presents technical and administrative difficulties with which libraries are ill-equipped to deal at present. In short, the situation appears unstable and unsatisfactory; yet it survives in the absence of something better, such as a win-win scenario in which publishers, librarians, and researchers could all benefit.

5. The CIC Electronic Journals Collection Project
Convener: Eleanor Cook, Appalachian State University

Bonnie MacEwan, Collection Development Coordinator, Penn State University Libraries
Mira Geffner, Project Manager, CIC Electronic Journals Collection, CICNet, Inc.

The Committee on Inter-institutional Cooperation (CIC) is an academic consortium of thirteen large research institutions in the Midwest with its own
regional network, CICNet. The CIC libraries and CICNet are building a managed electronic journal collection out of the content and collection experience of the CICNet E-Serials Archive -- a collection of over 800 freely-distributed serials. The presentation will focus on the specific problems encountered in creating the managed collection: locating all the issues of each title, cataloging the collection, providing access, and managing the collection as a long-term cooperative resource for all of the CIC libraries, and making it accessible to the scholarly research community at large.

6. The Great Debate over Copyright in the Electronic Environment
Convener: October Ivins, Doctoral Student, University of Texas, Austin

I. Electronic Publishing is Not Print Publishing: How Publishers and Librarians Assess the Differences
Carol A. Risher, Vice President for Copyright and New Technology, Association of American Publishers

This session will focus on new electronic publishing models and demonstrate how they differ from print models. The speaker will then explore Copyright Protection for electronic publishing and how the library and fair use exemptions should be applied. As publishing changes, the impact of the law also changes. To try to fit old concepts on new models creates tensions and conflicts. Perhaps when people realize that the information model is different, they will also understand the need for different patterns and practices of behavior.

II. What Libraries and Educational Institutions Seek in the Electronic Environment
Laura N. Gasaway, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, Law Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Libraries and educational institutions strongly believe that the continuance and expansion of fair use is critical in the digital environment. Libraries bridge the gap between the information haves and have-nots. Only if copyrighted works continue to be subject to fair use can copyright law satisfy the Constitutional mandate to "promote the progress of science and the useful arts."

Convener: Kat McGrath, University of British Columbia

I. Digital Library Partnerships: The Issues and Challenges
Jacqueline H. Trolley, Manager, Corporate Communications, Institute for Scientific Information

II. A Medical University Library's Partnership to Provide Electronic Access to Life-Science Serials -- Philosophy and Issues
Paula M. Lynch, Collection Management Librarian, Thomas Jefferson University, Scott Memorial Library

III. The Mann Library/USDA Partnership -- A Library/Public Agency Collaboration: The Goals and Challenges of Implementing a New Service
William J. Kara, Acquisitions Librarian, Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University

A global overview will establish a perspective for this session on digital libraries and partnerships. The focus will then center on a corporate research and development initiative and a library/public agency collaboration. In both cases the scope and background of the projects will be outlined and such issues as implementation and ongoing support will be discussed.

The Institute for Scientific Information and Thomas Jefferson University will concentrate on ISI's Electronic Library Project which has been designed to test and validate electronic access to the bibliographic data and images of a large corpus of scholarly journal literature.

The Cornell Mann Library/USDA collaboration, which makes available via the Internet nearly 300 USDA electronic publications, will discuss the goals and challenges of implementing this new service.
Twenty workshops will be offered as described below, in two sets. NASIG Conference participants will be able to attend two different workshops from each set, for a total of four workshops.

**SET I**

Friday, June 21, 1996
10:30am-12:00n  
Repeated Same Day 4:00pm-5:30pm


Information from government sources is being added to the Internet at an ever-increasing rate. This workshop will show how catalogers at Penn State are working with AACR2, OCLC's Internet Cataloging Project, and the creators of the Penn State Libraries' World Wide Web Home Page to include both Internet sites and electronic publications in the library's online catalog.

Presenters will illustrate how they used cataloging records to show relationships between Internet resources and the printed holdings that they supplement, update, or replace in the library's traditional collections.

Intermediate Audience

2. Untangle the Web -- Introduction to Browsers and HTML / Donnice Cochenour, Serials Librarian, Colorado State University

Come untangle the Web: explore the intricacies of Internet browser software and peek behind the scenes at HTML, the markup language which defines the "pages" retrieved from Web servers. Learn how to customize a browser (control display features such as fonts, styles, colors), create bookmarks for your favorite Internet sites, and create a simple "page" using HTML. This hands-on workshop, led by a member of the Electronic Communications Committee, is intended for the novice with little or no experience using Internet browser software. Attendance will be limited -- only two participants per computer.

Beginner Audience

3. Serials Management in Special Libraries: Present and Future Relationships Between Librarians and Vendors / Georgia Briscoe, Associate Director & Head of Technical Services, University of Colorado Law Library; Anne McKee, Territory Sales Manager, West Coast, The Faxon Company; and Paul Wakeford, Coordinator, Resources Management, University of California, San Francisco

Certain technical services and acquisitions issues are unique to the management of serials in law and medical libraries. The issues to be discussed are practical, day-to-day ones reflecting the nature and organization of law and medical libraries and their relationship with vendors: financial administration, use habits and patterns, publisher discounts, document delivery, timeliness, customer service, and electronic publishing.

Specialized Audience

4. How to Build and Use a Customized Serials Information Database on Your Personal Computer / Rick Ralston, Head of Technical Services, Indiana University School of Medicine, Ruth Lilly Medical Library

This presentation, an update to Ralston’s 1995 workshop, will illustrate the utility of combining local serials collection data and interlibrary loan statistics in a PC database. The database to be demonstrated contains bibliographic information, subject headings, price, use, and interlibrary lending data for titles owned by the library. The purpose of collecting this data is to pinpoint how much each title is being used and who is using it in order to tailor the collection more precisely to the needs of the library's users.

General Audience

In a variety of work environments today, serials librarians are being asked to take on responsibilities outside their primary areas of expertise. As a result, they are discovering that skills in handling serials make a solid foundation upon which to deliver many other library services. In addition, outside the traditional library environment, many of these same skills can be applied to professional activities. This workshop will explore the skills a good serials librarian has and the kinds of work outside the traditional library serials realm that will benefit from the application of these skills.

General Audience

6. Claiming on the Net / Tim McAdam, Acquisitions Librarian, University of California, Irvine, and Tina Feick, Sales Manager for North America, Periodicals Division, B.H. Blackwell

Electronic claiming of serials via the Internet is currently an option for libraries. This workshop will address the advantages of claiming serials via the Internet and the cooperation that occurred between B.H. Blackwell, Innovative Interfaces, Inc., and the University of California at Irvine to beta-test and implement electronic claiming of serials. The workshop will also address anticipated enhancements to electronic claiming and communication between publishers, vendors and libraries.

Intermediate Audience

7. Format Integration and Serials Cataloging / Crystal Graham, Serials Librarian, University of California, San Diego

This workshop provides an overview of format integration and its impact on serials cataloging. Examples of coding non-print serials and serials with accompanying materials will be presented. Discussion will include a checklist of issues for local system implementation of format integration.

Specialized Audience


Reliable customer feedback data is vital to all service organizations, including libraries and subscription vendors. Quality should be defined by the customer, not by the service organization's specifications. This workshop will provide an overview of various methods for capturing useful service quality information.

Intermediate Audience

9. The SISAC Barcode and the Periodicals Analysis Database / Nancy Deyoe, Principal Cataloger, Wichita State University Libraries, and Kathy Payne, Head of Reference, Weber State University Library

In-house production of SISAC barcodes facilitates check-in of journal issues and provides an easy method for continuously collecting journal use data. The Periodicals Analysis Database (PAD) was developed to archive use data and provide other collection management information. The workshop will demonstrate the production of SISAC barcodes. Use and collection management features of the PAD will be explained. The requirements and costs for operating and maintaining the barcodes and the database will be discussed.

Specialized Audience

10. Improving In-House Communication About Serials / Sherry Palmiter, Head, Serials Acquisitions Unit, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland at College Park, and Jeanne Baker, Head, Serials Cataloging Unit, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland at College Park

The libraries of the University of Maryland at College Park are seeking to transform their operations by applying the management technique of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). To this end, a cross-divisional team of four Technical Services Division departments was created to address these problems. The Serials Communications Team looked at the forms of communication currently in place. Utilizing a questionnaire and the libraries'
e-mail reflector, the team gathered input from all interested staff. This workshop will discuss the team’s work, its recommendations, the implementation of those recommendations which began in January 1996, and the subsequent results.

Intermediate Audience

SET II

Saturday, June 22, 1996
10:45am-12:15pm
Repeated Same Day 2:00pm-3:30pm

11. The Culture of Cataloging / Debbie Kalvee, Head, Bibliographic Access Management, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska

Technological developments are reinventing bibliographic access, yet there is a reluctance to fully exploit the technology and to change cataloging practices to benefit patrons, catalogers and the entire profession. Regardless of how much tinkering we do with streamlining processes, little will change until the cataloging culture changes. This workshop presents a case study of one library’s attempt to transform that culture.

General Audience

12. Web Worlds and Hyperspace: Exploring More Advanced Topics in Web Authoring / Steve Oberg, Head, Bibliographic Control, University of Chicago

For those of you who are eager to expand your knowledge of the World Wide Web to become better Web authors, this workshop offers an opportunity to learn about more advanced aspects of Web authoring in a hands-on environment. Steve Oberg, a member of the NASIG Electronic Communications Committee, will explore such topics as the use of external media (e.g. graphic images or video), web page design (including the use of color backgrounds), less commonly known HTML tags, HTML editors and converters, and an introduction to CGI (Common Gateway Interface) scripts. Attendance will be limited -- only two participants per computer.

Intermediate Audience


GILS will provide a core locator for governmental information. It envisions one-stop, online access, but many details remain to be worked out. Will paper copies of government-produced journals still be available? How does one subscribe to the journal if it’s only in electronic format -- or do you need to subscribe? How dependent on the individual agencies will GILS be? The workshop will include a brief overview of the development of GILS, addressing these and other questions, and a demonstration of the present GILS configuration.

General Audience

14. Using Focus Groups to Match User Expectations with Library Constraints / Sheryl Williams, Head, Serials Department, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Focus groups provide a forum for in-depth, directed discussion of perceptions, beliefs, and attitudes. McGoogan Library of Medicine held a series of focus group meetings with users of the existing journal collection to determine their needs and to assist library decision-making. This workshop will explain the mechanics of obtaining customer feedback through selection of participants, identification of their concerns, analysis of results, and the role of the professional facilitator.

General Audience

15. Educating/Retraining Serialists for Change / Barbara Hall, Head, Acquisitions, University of Southern California

This workshop will discuss how to develop training programs which target improving computer and Internet skills. Topics include developing effective skills training and instructional methods, identification of problems to be solved, motivation of staff, and setting objectives.

General Audience

Pioneering document delivery in the last years of the 20th century means public and private suppliers must take advantage of technology to satisfy patron and client requests for information and documents. Workshop presenters will demonstrate and explain how their respective systems (IntelliDoc and SAILOR) advance libraries into the next century.

Specialized Audience

17. Virtual Trailblazing: Incorporating Electronic Journals into an Academic Library / Lorraine Perrotta, Serials Librarian, The University of Southern California; and Karen Howell, Head, Networked Information Development, The University of Southern California, Center for Scholarly Technology; and Rayette Wilder, Project Librarian, The University of Southern California, Center for Scholarly Technology

This workshop will describe the conception, implementation and integration of the Electronic Journal Pilot Project into the workflow at The University of Southern California. Discussion will include how the project was initiated by the Center for Scholarly Technology at USC as a local database providing subject access to a managed collection of electronic publications, and how the pilot project was later expanded and integrated into the library’s workflow.

General Audience

18. Technical Services within a Team-based Information Services Environment / Jos Anemaet Catalog Librarian, Kerr Library, Oregon State University, and Janet Lee-Smelitzer, Catalog Librarian, Kerr Library, Oregon State University

Oregon State University’s Computing Services, Telecommunications, Communication Media Center, and Libraries recently merged into one unit called Information Services. This new unit is implementing a team-based structure. We will share our experiences integrating four units with great differences in attitudes towards services and organizational culture. Insights will be offered in Technical Services.

General Audience

19. Seven Myths about the ISSN / Regina Reynolds, Head, National Serials Data Program, Library of Congress

Understanding how ISSNs are issued and interpreting bibliographic records containing ISSNs, are critical to the success of many serial projects, such as "hooks to holdings." This workshop will reveal mysteries of the ISSN universe by examining such myths as "one ISSN identifies a serial's content regardless of physical format," "the ISSN entitles publishers to lower postal rates," or "each serial record contains a unique ISSN." Examples of projects which used the ISSN will illustrate potential pitfalls and how to avoid them. Bring your general ISSN questions.

General Audience

20. Serials Exchanges: Streamlining and Elimination / Carol Pitts Diedrichs, Head, Acquisition Department, The Ohio State University Libraries, and Trisha L. Davis, Head, Continuation Acquisition Division, The Ohio State University Libraries

This workshop reviews the decision-making process, project design, and results of a project to review systematically each exchange agreement with the goal of eliminating exchanges through cancellation or conversion to regular subscription status. Areas covered include: negotiation process with collection development staff and on-campus publishers and suppliers of journals, funding implications, information gathering concerning availability for purchase and prices, and barriers to completion.

General Audience
NASIG 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1996):

NETWORKING NODES AND USERS GROUPS
Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary

The following topics have been submitted for this year's NASIG NETWORKING NODES to be held Saturday afternoon, June 22. Additional topics may be submitted as space allows. Please contact the NASIG Secretary if you are interested in leading discussion at a NODE.

EDIFACT IMPLEMENTATION
Jane Maddox and Friedemann Weigel

CONTRACTING FOR SERIALS SERVICES
Roberta Winjum and Debbie Sibley

GETTING PUBLISHED
Cindy Hepfer

HOLDINGS INTEGRATION--MERGING THE NISO HOLDINGS STANDARDS
Marjorie Bloss, Helen Gbala, and Suzanne Thomas

PARAPROFESSIONAL CONCERNS: CHANGE, COMMUNICATION, ROLE IN SERIALS MANAGEMENT
Kathy Sweet

SERIAL VENDOR TRANSFERS: EVALUATION, CONSIDERATIONS AND WARNINGS
Amey Park

SERIALS CATALOGING
Margaret Mering and Steve Oberg

UNION LISTING
Cathy Kellum and Marjorie Mann

To date the following USERS GROUPS have requested time after the conference on Sunday, June 23 for discussion. There is still plenty of time for other groups to request a room. Please contact the NASIG Secretary by April 5 to request a room for a users group discussion.

Ameritech Library Services/NOTIS Users Group
Helen Gbala, Ameritech Library Services

CARL Users Group
Joyce Tenney, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

ENDEAVOR Voyager Users Group
Maggie Rioux, Wood Hole Oceanographic Institute

PALS Users Group
Roger Presley, Georgia State University

NASIG 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1996):

PROCEEDINGS

EDITORS

The NASIG Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Christiansen and Cecilia Leathem, both of the University of Miami, as editors of the 1996 NASIG Proceedings. They follow in the footsteps of Mary Ann Sheble (University of Detroit) and Beth Holley (University of Alabama) who so ably produced the 1994 Proceedings and the soon-to-be-published 1995 Proceedings.

In the next few months, Christine and Cecilia, will be working with the 11th NASIG Conference speakers and presenters and arranging for workshop recorders. They have hit the floor running and you will be hearing from them soon.

Please join the NASIG Board in welcoming Christine and Cecilia and in thanking Mary Ann and Beth for a job very well done.

The NASIG Board thanks all those who applied for this important position and appreciates the spirit of volunteerism that exemplifies the NASIG membership and makes it a strong and effective organization.
INDEXER WANTED

If you are a NASIG member who wants to become more involved in the organization and you are detail oriented, here is an opportunity to consider. NASIG is seeking an indexer for the 1996 Conference Proceedings.

The indexer compiles a dictionary style index using a procedural document that includes definitions, instructions and Haworth's requirements. Indexing takes 2-3 weeks and will occur sometime during the period December 1996-February 1997. The completed index is created using word processing software and is submitted to Haworth electronically.

Applicants must have access to a word processing package, be well organized and able to devote a concentrated effort during the period mentioned. Previous experience helpful but not necessary.

The indexer will work under the general direction of the Proceedings Editors. To volunteer, submit a letter outlining your qualifications to:

Cecilia Leathem, Head Serials Cataloging Unit
Otto G. Richter Library
University of Miami
1300 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables, FL 33124

If you have questions send an e-mail message to: cleathem@umiami.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15, 1996.
MINUTES OF THE NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary

Date & Time: January 18, 1996, 2:55 p.m.-6:15 p.m.; January 19, 8:10 a.m.-11:50 a.m.
Place: San Antonio, TX

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 attending January 19:

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


1. MINUTES

The minutes of October 20-21, 1995 were approved at the meeting, but revised in February, when it was realized that some sections did not reflect the complete discussion at the meeting. Section 9.0-Duke Conference Planning Committee Final Report was amended and an additional subsection was added to 10.0-University of New Mexico Conference Planning Committee as 10.7. Revised minutes will be sent to all Board members and appear on the NASIG gopher as part of the Newsletter v.11, no.1. A correction alert will appear in v.11, no.2 of the Newsletter (Ed. note: See p. 22.).

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

2.1 S. Davis reported that all program proposers had been notified of the status of their proposals.

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

* APPROVED moving quickly to transfer NASIGNET from the American Mathematical Society to the University of North Carolina. AMS was officially notified of our intent to move on November 6, 1995.

* APPROVED updating various NASIG-L list names to reflect correct or current name or application because the names had changed since the inception of NASIG-L.

* RESPONDED to an inquiry from the editor of the Serials Librarian to assist one of their authors with an article on how serialists use electronic resources and lists. M. Geller will be the official NASIG contact person, and E. Cook also volunteered to serve in an informal capacity.

* REVIEWED and APPROVED the transmittal letter for confidentiality of conference evaluation data.

* CONFIRMED the NASIG gopher as the authoritative list of committee names.

* APPROVED dedication of the Proceedings from the 10th Annual Conference to Fritz Schwartz.

* APPROVED dedication of the Proceedings from the 11th Annual Conference to Leigh Chatterton.

2.3 S. Davis reported that Garry Wolfe was the new liaison from the Special Libraries Association.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

3.1 D. Tonkery distributed a final financial report for the 1995 Duke Conference. There was a surplus of $24,510.95. Final paid registration was 579. D. Tonkery has discussed registration procedures and the Treasurer's role with the UNM CPC.

3.2 D. Tonkery reported that the current cash balance is $126,432.40. To date, 757 members
have renewed for 1996, and there are 798 total members.

3.3 The Board clarified that it had officially approved the 1996 budget at the October 1995 meeting since no other changes had been made.

3.4 D. Tonkery requested approval for moving about $25,000-$30,000 from the NASIG Savings account into the investment account because of the favorable market.

DECISION: The Board approved this transfer of funds.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Archives

J. Tagler reported that two shipments of NASIG materials, including all bank statements, vouchers and canceled checks, were sent to the new archivist. J. Tagler noted that the transfer of the remaining material to the new Archivist will take place shortly after ALA Midwinter. Board members should send all materials for the Archives to Teresa Mullins. The Board asked for a copy of the inventory of materials.

ACTION: J. Tagler will obtain a copy of the inventory and distribute to the Board.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Elaine Rast for serving as NASIG's first Archivist and organizing the files.

4.2 Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee has one proposal for a bylaws change to ballot. The Board approved the ballot and the proposed timetable, in which ballots are to be mailed in February and returned and counted in April. In response to a question from the committee, the Board agreed that the membership will be notified of the vote results with the same procedures used by Nominations & Elections. The results will appear on NASIG-L and be sent by mail to those members who are not subscribed to NASIG-L (as described in the Oct. 1995 minutes, Section 13.8).

4.3 Continuing Education

O. Ivins distributed a report from M. Crump, co-chair of CE, describing the committee's recent activities.

The CE committee sponsored or co-sponsored three programs:

1) "The Library/Vendor/Publishing Partnership" was held September 29, 1995 as a preconference to the Pennsylvania Library Association Conference in Pittsburgh. D. Novack coordinated this program.

2) "EDI and the Serials Business Cycle" was held November 8, 1995 in Wellesley, MA and co-sponsored with the ACRL New England Chapter's Serials Interest Group and SISAC. M. Geller represented NASIG in the program planning.

3) "Roll, Rope, and Brand Em! Using Series Authority Records" was held November 10 in Dallas as part of the AMIGOS Fall Conference and co-sponsored with AMIGOS. N. Chaffin coordinated NASIG's involvement.

4.3.1 A number of other activities are or will be underway soon:

* a Spring 1996 program with the ACRL New England Chapter's Serials Interest Group.

* a Human Resources Directory on the future NASIG Web page.

* a Mentoring Program, which will begin with the 1996 conference. A call for mentors and mentees will appear in the February issue of the Newsletter. For the first year, participation will be limited to 25. They hope to expand the program in future years.

* a working group has begun discussion on a serials brochure. The group will identify the audience NASIG wants to reach and develop a draft for the committee to review by the 1996 conference.

* a working group is developing a "back to basics" half day preconference program proposal for the 1997 conference with the hope that it can serve as a model for a "Back to Basics" road show.

4.3.2 O. Ivins noted that the committee has begun to develop an unofficial manual of procedures and documentation for developing a CE program. They are also discussing coordination efforts with Regional Councils & Membership and will be pursuing investigation of continuing education credits with various agencies.
4.4 Database & Directory

S. Davis reported that final renewal notices will be mailed by T. Baker in the next few weeks. The committee has things well in hand for the production of the 1996 Membership Directory. T. Baker will advise S. Davis if there are any changes from the schedule which was used last year. T. Baker will need to know if there are any revisions to the introductory text so a committee member can coordinate the changes.

4.5 Electronic Communications

4.5.1 B. MacLennan reported that NASIGNET has been completely removed from the e-math machine at the American Mathematical Society. The gopher was moved in early November, and the NASIG lists are expected to be up the week of January 22, 1996. ECC asked the Board’s advice about how long to maintain the cross-reference message at AMS. The Board suggested maintaining the message through June 30. The committee will see if that date is workable for AMS.

4.5.2 B. MacLennan identified the next series of projects that ECC will be working on: moderated NASIG-L, World Wide Web page, membership directory on the Web, and their upcoming programs at the 1996 conference. The Board recommended that the co-chairs of the committee, S. Oberg and M. Rioux, identify potential moderators for NASIG-L. Messages which are not appropriate for the scope and purpose of NASIG-L could be sent to the Board liaison for advice. There are also a number of issues to resolve for the World Wide Web page, with public versus private levels of access being a large concern.

4.5.3 The Board agreed that the Electronic Access Task Force had successfully completed its charge and could be dismissed. The Board expressed its enthusiastic gratitude for the successful transition of NASIG’s electronic services to a new home and congratulated the group on its excellent work. Members of the task force were: M. Geller (Readmore), chair; Ann Ercelawn (Vanderbilt); S. Oberg (University of Chicago); M. Rioux (Woods Hole/MBL); and B. MacLennan (University of Vermont), Board liaison.

4.6 Horizon Award

J. Callaghan reported that the committee had received seven completed applications to date, but several more are expected by the deadline of January 16. The Board asked the committee to consider adjusting their timetable in the future to coincide with that of the Conference Student Grant Committee. The committee is also working to identify a qualified Mexican librarian to be considered for an additional award.

4.7 Evaluation & Assessment

All Board members signed the previously agreed upon confidentiality statements, and B. MacLennan distributed program evaluation information packets as well as the revised confidentiality policy statement which the Board had discussed prior to the meeting. The Board was asked to review the final draft of the policy for approval at Friday’s session.

4.8 Newsletter

M. Horn reported that the NASIG Strategic Plan did accompany the December issue of the Newsletter. Mailing labels will be run for those who receive the electronic version, so they can be mailed a copy of the plan. The February issue mailing labels for those who have not renewed will say "LAST ISSUE" and there will be a blurb in the issue for people to contact T. Baker about renewing. S. Savage is settled into his new job in Michigan and has fully resumed his duties as Production Editor. M. Horn noted that the committee profiles feature will return to the Newsletter.

4.9 Proceedings

4.9.1 B. Geer-Butler has confirmed that all the information for the dedication to Fritz Schwartz has been received by Haworth. Expected publication date for the Proceedings is February 1996.

4.9.2 She asked the Board for advice about making use of indexing software to ease the burden on the indexer. M. Horn related her experience using such software and did not see a benefit to NASIG for this purchase. She advised NASIG to maintain current procedures. The Board concurred that NASIG would not support the cost of purchasing indexing software;
however, each indexer may use whatever method works best for them.

B. Geer-Butler received a message from a NASIG member volunteering to serve as indexer for the 1996 Proceedings. B. Geer-Butler will be posting an advertisement for an indexer on NASIG-L and in the April Newsletter. She will let the volunteer know that they need to formally apply when the position has been posted.

4.9.3 There were five applications received in response to the advertisement for new Proceedings editors. The search committee recommended that Christine Christiansen and Cecilia Leathem (both from the University of Miami) be appointed as editors for 1996.

ACTION: The Board approved the appointment of Christine Christiansen and Cecilia Leathem as Proceedings editors for 1996.

The search committee also recommended that future searches require team applications only because the workload is so intense, and that all team applicants be required to submit resumes and writing samples. The Board approved this recommendation.

The Board thanked the search committee for the successful completion of the search: J. Gammon (University of Akron), B. Geer-Butler (Trinity), B. Holley (University of Alabama) and M.A. Sheble (University of Detroit).

4.10 Regional Councils & Membership

K. McGrath distributed a progress report for the committee. RCM has sent a letter to all non-member conference attendees from Duke inviting them to join NASIG. They have also begun discussions with the CE co-chairs to see how the two committees can work together. J. Tenney is working on updating the list of state and provincial representatives, and sending them letters outlining the duties and responsibilities of their positions.

The Board reviewed and approved the revised list of committees and other text for the membership brochure. The Board also suggested that the brochure be dated as is the standard policy for NASIG documents.

ACTION: New membership brochures to be printed

DATE: By 1996 Conference

4.11 NASIG Conference Student Grant

E. Cook reported that there have been 27 requests for applications and seven completed applications to date. The deadline for applications is February 15. The committee will post a reminder on various listservs on January 22. M. Devlin (Blackwell's Periodicals) resigned from the committee. C. Stamison (Blackwell's Periodicals) was appointed to complete her term. The committee expects the travel guidelines for the Conference Student Grant winners from K. Kirkland sometime in February.

4.12 Nominations & Elections (closed session)

O. Ivins submitted the slate of candidates from Nominations & Elections. The Board approved the slate. The committee will notify all those who were nominated but did not make the ballot as soon as possible.

The Board expressed concerns about the lack of diversity in the composition of the Board and discussed various strategies to encourage and strengthen candidacies from other constituencies.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

D. Tonkery inquired about the Board's wishes for renewing the membership in American Friends of the ISSN (AMIS). The Board authorized a membership contribution of $250.

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 6:15 p.m.

January 19, 1996

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 a.m. Guests from the PPC and CPC were present for this portion of the meeting.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN

J. Gammon reminded the Board that work needs to begin on implementing the Strategic Plan. Board liaisons should be contacting their committees to start implementation plans in their areas of responsibility.

B. Geer-Butler suggested that several of the actions identified by J. Gammon could be accomplished as part of the committee appointment process, such as identifying people with artistic/marketing talents. She will start compiling a list of people who volunteer for committees but are unable to be appointed. The
Board deferred acting on the recommendation to develop a job placement service until the Web page is in place. Some Board members remembered a previous experience with job ads and the Newsletter, which did not work out due to the short timeframe for applications.

7.0. NASIG CALENDAR

ACTION: Calendar revisions should be sent to O. Ivins.

DATE: On an ongoing basis

8. CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

F. Wilkinson reported that the brochures had been printed and would be mailed in early February. She passed out a few samples for the Board to examine. She also distributed a final draft budget. Sales tax has been figured into the costs when required.

The CPC will reconfirm all the arrangements with the University in April and find out if NASIG needs to pay a deposit. There will be an alcohol-free option for late night socials. F. Wilkinson warned the Board that on-campus parking will be the biggest problem because there are very few spaces. Otherwise the CPC has things well in hand.

9. PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

9.1 K. Cargille and C. Reinke distributed the final conference program, schedule, and the slate of workshops.

9.2 K. Cargille distributed a sample letter to speakers and asked for the Board's advice on revising it. Several suggestions were made, including: add a paragraph about handouts, update the travel agent section, include a statement that NASIG will be taping the sessions as backup to written papers, and to send them biographical information we currently have for them to correct and update.

9.3 Some Board members expressed a desire from many conference attendees to obtain handouts from other workshops and concurrent sessions. It was suggested that a packet of handouts be made available for sale, priced for cost recovery. The Board discussed various methods of selling the handout packets, and agreed that we would try the following for this year. CPC will collect masters of all the handouts. Interested parties will be able to order handout packets (and prepay) at the conference. O. Ivins suggested that the Continuing Education Committee could handle photocopying and distribution. She will check with CE about distribution channels for the handouts. Other details will be worked out by CE and CPC.

ACTION: O. Ivins will follow up with CE to coordinate sale and distribution of handout packets

DATE: April 1

9.4 Both PPC co-chairs reported that it was very helpful for them to attend the Fall Board meeting. The Board agreed to continue this practice.

10. TASK FORCE REPORTS

10.1 1997 Site Selection

J. Callaghan reported that she had sent some materials to the three University of Michigan staff who will likely be leading the 1997 CPC. The Board felt that three co-chairs would be too cumbersome to be effective and suggested that the CPC use co-chairs and a vice-chair approach. J. Gammon agreed to discuss committee leadership roles with them and let the Board know who will serve as chair/co-chair/vice-chair. J. Gammon will invite them to attend the June 1996 Board meeting. Conference dates are May 29-June 1, 1997.

10.2 1998 Sites

Princeton: J. Tagler contacted them and reported that they have no dates available earlier than June 10 or 15. He is expecting them to send him additional information. (Subsequent to this meeting, Princeton was eliminated as a possible site because specific dates are unavailable, and they are unable to accommodate large outside groups.) Wellesley: J. Callaghan reported that they still do not have a suitable auditorium to meet our needs. They will not be considered further. McGill: E. Cook reported that she had spoken with Lynne Murphy who works at the McGill library. Based on her conversation, it appears that McGill is a real possibility. E. Cook is expecting a completed preliminary site selection checklist from the McGill conference staff. There were no reports from St. Edward's (Austin, TX), Vanderbilt, Dalhousie or University of California at San Diego.

ACTION: Preliminary reports from the above sites

DATE: February 15

Board Minutes
10.3 Program Planning Manual

B. Carlson expects to have a version ready for review by April 15. They have identified the following reviewers: K. Cargille, B. Carlson, M. Crump, S. Davis, J. Gammon, C. Hepfer, O. Ivins and C. Reinke. Their goal is to have a final working copy ready to distribute to the 1997 PPC in May.

ACTION: Final working copy of PPC Manual
DATE: May 1996

10.4 Conference Planning Manual

S. Davis reported that several members of the review board will meet during the ALA conference to review proposed changes.

11. POLICY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE, PRECONFERENCE & CONTINUING EDUCATION EVALUATION REPORTS

The Board approved the policy with minor corrections and directed that it be sent along with the transmittal letter to all those who will receive evaluation reports.

12. PUBLICIST

J. Tagler distributed a report which he and C. Hepfer prepared. They felt that the publicity function be housed within an existing committee and recommended Regional Councils and Membership for that role. The Board concurred. It was suggested that the Board develop a checklist of things to publicize, where and to whom. J. Tagler agreed to initiate action on the checklist over the Board list. B. Geer-Butler will consider the need for publicity experience/interest when making committee appointments.

ACTION: B. Geer-Butler will incorporate publicity needs into the committee appointment process in April.

13. DUKE REPORT RESPONSE

O. Ivins has not yet completed the Board response, but expects to have a draft ready by the end of January.

14. NEW BUSINESS

SISAC invited NASIG to join with them in developing some type of ongoing memorial to Fritz Schwartz. The Board expressed a number of concerns about making an ongoing commitment, particularly if it were to involve conference programming. Some Board members were more comfortable with the idea of a one time event or contribution. After further discussion, the Board agreed to identify a few NASIG members who could represent us in talks with SISAC. C. Hepfer, M. Saxe, and S. Gurshman were suggested. J. Tagler will serve as Board liaison. J. Gammon will communicate the Board's thoughts on the matter to SISAC.

ACTION: J. Gammon will contact T. Feick from SISAC and report on the Board's discussion

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 19, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the University of New Mexico just prior to the conference. NASIG will pay the cost of the extra night's stay.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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The Board reviewed the thorough report of the Duke CPC and considered all fourteen of its specific recommendations. The Board noted that some problems are "site specific" and agreed to address the concerns raised from a broad perspective. Five of these were accepted: 1) To recognize and plan accordingly for the conference beginning shifting to Wednesday night; 2) To specify first class mail for the conference brochure; 3) To investigate the value of having an official travel agent; 4) To stop mailing brochures to members of the Society for Scholarly Publishing, and 5) To incorporate recycling and food disposal policies into site selection and conference planning activities.

Five of the remaining nine recommendations caused the Board to reconsider prior decisions and policies. After careful consideration, the Board reaffirmed these policies: 1) We will not hire an administrative assistant at this time (Nov. 1994 Board meeting); 2) We will not add the cost of a NASIG membership to the registration fee for non-members; 3) The policy of maintaining parity among NASIG volunteers was reaffirmed. As previously established, CPC members are allowed to register for the conference at half price (Nov. 1993 Board meeting); 4) We will not pursue allowing credit card payments (Feb. 1995 Board meeting); 5) Non-member plenary and concurrent speakers will continue to be offered hotel rooms.

The Board decided that three other recommendations related to decisions which could vary from conference to conference and could be made by that year’s Conference Planning Committee in collaboration with affected groups or individuals. These included: 1) How speaker arrangements, especially determining audiovisual needs, are divided between the CPC and the Program Planning Committee; 2) Whether conference registration fees are mailed to the Treasurer or to the CPC Registrar; and 3) Whether to have copies of the proceedings available for purchase instead of having order brochures from Haworth.

One recommendation was declined: although Officers and Board members are encouraged to work through the Board Liaison rather than contacting committee members directly, we noted that exceptions will occur and declined to prohibit the practice. It is still expected that the liaison will be informed when these exceptions occur.

The Board thanked the CPC for their thoughtful and detailed report and repeated their appreciation for the committee’s work in producing the very successful Duke conference.

In light of the issues raised in the Duke CPC Final Report, the Board and the CPC Co-chairs discussed several site specific issues. 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. F. Wilkinson will find out if the University of New Mexico can accept credit card payments. (She later learned that it would be too problematic for UNM to accept credit card payments.) 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.

Those of us who knew Leigh Chatterton from the early years of NASIG were very saddened to hear of her passing. John Riddick, NASIG’s co-founder and first President, introduced me to Leigh and asked us to undertake the program planning for the first conference at Bryn Mawr. We served as Proceedings editors and established the first contacts with Haworth Press that year. Little did we realize at the time that NASIG would occupy such a prominent place in our professional lives over the next few years as we continued to play a role in developing NASIG’s conference programs.

It was a pleasure to work with Leigh. She took our work seriously but also had a quiet sense of humor that would appear at unexpected and appropriate times. With Leigh there was never a question about whether we would meet our program and editorial deadlines, even with the inevitable last-minute changes and challenges. We shared a sense of
dedication but also gratitude for the support we received from various NASIG members who were always available to assist us. We had many opportunities to acknowledge that spirit of volunteerism that has sustained NASIG since its inception. These gestures were important to Leigh, and I remember we spent part of every summer writing to the presenters and members who worked so hard to make each conference a valuable experience.

NASIG will be dedicating its eleventh conference Proceedings to Leigh. This is a most fitting way to acknowledge Leigh's contributions to NASIG's formative years and her deep commitment to the profession.

NASIG ELECTRONIC ACCESS TASK FORCE
DISBANDED
NASIGNET TRANSITION COMPLETED
Birdie MacLennan, Board Liaison to the Electronic Access Task Force

In the fall and winter of 1995-1996, all of NASIG's electronic communications services (collectively known as NASIGNET) were moved from systems and services supported by the American Mathematical Society to systems and services supported by the School of Information and Library Science (SILS), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In January 1996, the final phase of the NASIGNET move was completed, as was the mission of the five member NASIG Electronic Task Force, who were instrumental in facilitating the move. As the Task Force was officially discharged upon the completion of the NASIGNET move, I wanted to take a few moments to extend kudos and big thanks to task force members:

Marilyn Geller, Chair
Ann Ercelawn, Past NASIG listowner and ECC member
Steve Oberg and Maggie Rioux, Current ECC co-chairs

The NASIG Electronic Task Force worked long and diligent hours from its inception in the spring of 1995, to its natural and logical conclusion in January 1996. There were many ups and downs in the eight-month process, and more than a few moments of stress in wondering how it would all turn out. Each task force member played an active and vital role in seeing the process through from start to finish.

For any who may have missed previous news and announcements about the NASIGNET move, here is a brief summary and recap of articles that appeared previously in the Dec. 1995 and Feb. 1996 issues of the Newsletter.

The NASIGNET move took place in two phases with all NASIG gopher services transferred in late October 1995. This was a timely and fortuitous move since NASIG's Executive Board had recently approved the Electronic Communications Committee plan to restructure the gopher. Thus, when the gopher was in the process of being transferred to the new site, it was reorganized (according to the recently approved plan) into a new, more clearly-designed and more "user-friendly" group of menus. Since the gopher was moved in October, new issues of the NASIG Newsletter, as well as the 1995 NASIG Conference Proceedings have been added. NASIG members can check out the "new and improved" gopher and the sources offered through it at:

  gopher://nasig.ils.unc.edu:6050

In January 1996, the transition to UNC was completed as all 20 (or so) of the NASIGNET discussion list forums were moved from 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.

Any senders of messages to the old e-math addresses will receive a pointer to the new UNC address (at least, for a few more months); however mail will not be forwarded to UNC, and eventually the pointers from the old e-math address will disappear. Thus, it is important to note and remember the new UNC addresses.

With the completion of the move, the Electronic Access Task Force fades off into the sunset -- with our thanks and appreciation after a job well done -- and turns development and administration of NASIGNET over to the Electronic Communications Committee, which has many new projects and activities (including a NASIGWeb) planned at the UNC/SILS host site. Watch NASIG-L and the NASIG Newsletter for additional information for things to come.

Birdie herself was heavily involved in pulling off this fantastic electronic miracle at warp speed. The entire NASIG Executive Board and I would like to extend our heartiest thank you! to Birdie for all her work . . . Julie Gammon
Two mistakes appeared in the article profiling the Program Planning Committee in the February issue of the NASIG Newsletter. Please excuse these errors. The corrected information is:

Sue Malawski works with John Wiley, not at Cal State Fullerton.

Pat Wallace's term on the committee is 1994/96, not 1994/95.