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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Steve Oberg, NASIG President

### STEPS FORWARD

Snow. Ice. High winds. More snow. Freezing rain. Sub-zero temperatures. These Antarctic-like weather conditions have been part of daily life for many of us in the Midwest and elsewhere throughout the U.S. and Canada during the first days of 1999. Recently the Chicago area received approximately 21 inches of snowfall, narrowly missing the record for amount of snow to fall in a 24 hour period, set back in the late '70s. Back then, as a kid, I thought blizzards were wonderful because they often meant going days without school. My perspective has since changed. Now, snow is cause for massive headaches for commuters, like me. (Those of you in warmer climates can simply sit back and smirk, and remember to count your blessings!)

In spite of these travails, life goes on. In particular, the work of NASIG continues, thanks to the dedication of so many of you. My column in the September 1998 *Newsletter* introduced the concept of NASIG flavors, highlighting three of them: volunteerism, mentoring, and outreach. That list of attributes could go on and on, but I want to focus here on NASIG's strong track record of making positive changes to improve its services. For illustration, let me tell you about two recent initiatives where progress has been made: acceptance of credit card payments and raising our visibility in Mexico through continuing education efforts.

### *Credit Card Transactions*

A question frequently asked around annual conference registration time is, "Why doesn't NASIG allow us to pay registration costs by credit card?" Credit card transactions are the norm for just about any payment these days, and those who wish to attend our conferences expect to use credit cards to pay for registration expenses, too. For the

user, a credit card transaction is usually much more convenient than other forms of payment such as check or money order. This is especially the case for people who come to the annual conference from other countries. Furthermore, many institutions and businesses provide employees with a credit card which allows the employee to charge a transaction directly to the employer, avoiding out-of-pocket expense.

NASIG has not accepted credit card payments in the past for several reasons, the primary one being cost. Businesses and organizations pay significant revenue to credit card companies for the privilege of accepting credit card transactions, most of it in the form of transaction fees. They also pay for equipment such as card swipe machines, telecommunication charges, etc. In other words, convenience for the user comes at a price to the organization. In the past, this direct cost has been deemed prohibitive. For us, there is also the issue of how these transactions will be handled, including the prospect of adding an additional layer of complexity to payment processes. Since we do not have a central office, how would we transmit these transactions to the credit card company? Also, would an organization that has no central office and no paid staff be considered legitimate enough to qualify for this capability?

Due to the efforts of Gerry Williams, NASIG Treasurer, in consultation with the Finance Committee, just about all of these outstanding concerns have been addressed. At the Fall Board meeting, Gerry presented a scenario (vendor, costs, equipment, etc.) for accepting credit card payments. This was discussed at some length. At that time, the Board approved going forward with an application to a vendor for provision of credit card transactions, with an official decision on acceptance of credit card payments to be made pending the outcome of our application. I am very pleased to tell you that our application was accepted. Satisfied that our costs would be manageable, the Board recently approved the acceptance of credit card transactions, specifically VISA and MasterCard (American Express was excluded due to its higher fee structure). This type of payment will be an option for the first time ever for registration for this year's conference at Carnegie Mellon. While some practical details remain to be worked out, this change will certainly result in greater flexibility and convenience for registrants. We are also looking at other ways in which credit card payments would be useful for you, e.g. payment of membership dues, purchase of souvenirs, etc.

#### *Mexico Connection*

The Membership portion of the *NASIG 2000 Strategic Plan*\* specifically calls for attracting more participation

in NASIG by our Mexican colleagues. In the past, we have invited Mexican associates to speak at the annual conference. Margarita Almada de Asencia, Director, Centro de Informacion Cientifica y Humanistica, Mexico City, spoke at the San Antonio conference in 1991. Adolfo Rodriguez, Director General, UNAM, gave a presentation at last year's Boulder conference. In February 1997, Beverley Geer, then NASIG's President, represented the organization as a speaker at the 5th Cycle of Conferences on Academic and Research Journals in Mexico City. However the number of Mexican members in NASIG remains low.

Members of the Continuing Education Committee in particular have been working on ways to increase our presence in Mexico. We've come to term this the "Mexico Connection." By our support of continuing education opportunities for our neighbors to the south, we hope to spread the word about how NASIG membership can benefit serialists in Mexico and thus achieve broader representation in this area. Priscilla Shontz (Texas A&M, Driscoll Children's Hospital), a CEC member, has volunteered to help make the "Mexico Connection" a reality. With the blessing of Judy Irvin and Marty Gordon, this year's CEC co-chairs, she has pursued this goal quite enthusiastically. After canvassing a range of potential venues, Priscilla facilitated the insertion of a NASIG-sponsored program into the IX Foro Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas (IX Transborder Library Forum). This conference will be held March 4-6, 1999 in Mexicali, Baja California. (For more information, see the conference web site at: <http://www.mx1.cetys.mx/foro/>). Maggie Rioux and I were invited to represent NASIG at this event and to give a joint presentation on intellectual access issues for digital collections. We are both looking forward to spreading the gospel according to NASIG during our visit with Mexican friends, and hope thereby to attract new members to NASIG. My thanks to Priscilla and the CEC for actively pursuing this goal and helping us achieve greater visibility in Mexico.

#### *Conclusion*

Obviously, there are many, many other areas where NASIG volunteers are working on improving the way we do things and the services we provide. One of the more visible and welcome improvements is in the look and feel of the print and online versions of the *NASIG Newsletter*, thanks to Steve Savage and cohorts on the *Newsletter* Editorial Board. (Look for more on that topic in a future issue.) In December, I outlined improvements under way in NASIGNET services; you should start to see and hear more about these changes at the time you receive this *Newsletter* issue. The newly appointed Publications Committee, chaired by Julie Gammon, has begun to dig

into its charge, while other committees continue to work hard at their assigned tasks. I also recommend that you take a look at what awaits you at the upcoming conference at Carnegie Mellon as detailed elsewhere in this issue. I know that Denise Novak and her Conference Planning Committee members, as well as the Program Planning Committee folks (led by Jos Anemaet, Connie Foster, and Anne McKee) are working overtime to provide a refreshing, exciting conference event in June. Note that now is the most critical time of year for the Nominations & Elections Committee (chaired by Bob Persing), which is entrusted with one of the most

important tasks of any group: formulating the slate of candidates for this year's elections. I strongly urge you to give serious consideration to the slate of candidates they will present and to vote for those you think would best serve NASIG's interests as a whole.

To all committee members and other NASIG volunteers at this mid-point in the NASIG year, my sincere thanks for your extensive efforts to move NASIG forward. Keep up the good work! And pray for a thaw for those of us who live in the frozen north. :-)

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[\\*http://nasig.ils.unc.edu/public/membership2000.html](http://nasig.ils.unc.edu/public/membership2000.html)

## MINUTES OF THE NASIG BOARD MEETING

Meg Mering, NASIG Secretary

Dates: November 13-14, 1998; Time: 8:30-5:00 daily; Place: Pittsburgh, PA

### Attending:

Steve Oberg, President	Eleanor Cook
Dan Tonkery, Vice President/President Elect	Carol Pitts Diedrichs
Susan Davis, Past President	Ann Ercelawn
Meg Mering, Secretary	Jim Mouw
Gerry Williams, Treasurer	Maggie Rioux
	Fran Wilkinson

### Guests:

Steve Savage, *Newsletter* Editor  
Denise Novak, 1999 Conference Planning Committee, Chair  
Jos Anemaet, Connie Foster, Anne McKee, Program Planning Committee, Co-Chairs  
Susan Tate, Carnegie Mellon University, Office of Special Events

### 1.0 Welcome and Approval of Minutes from Boulder Meeting

S. Oberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Class of 1987 Room in the University Center. He informed the Board that Virginia Keister, Cindy Hepfer's mother, had recently passed away.

**ACTION:** The Board approved making a donation to the Parkinson Disease Foundation in memory of Virginia Keister.

The minutes from the June 17, 1998 meeting were approved pending corrections. The corrections to the minutes will be reflected in the Web version of the minutes.

### 2.0 Secretary's Report

2.1 M. Mering distributed revised Board rosters reflecting changes for C. Diedrichs and F. Wilkinson.

2.2 M. Mering compiled the following Board decisions since the June meeting for inclusion in the minutes:

- a. Authorized registering an Internet domain name for NASIG.
- b. Agreed to contribute \$2,000 towards the train-the-trainer component of the CONSER Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program.
- c. Decided to make the Executive Board Working Calendar available to the general membership on NASIGWeb.

- d. Approved the Marcia Tuttle International Grant. The grant will provide funding for a NASIG member working in serials to foster international communication and education, through overseas activities.
- e. Agreed to provide some financial support for a meeting at the ALA MidWinter Conference of the ad hoc group revising and expanding the Program Planning Committee Manual.
- f. Authorized the formation of an Electronic Communications Committee RFP (Request for Proposals) Task Force. The Task Force has been asked to develop a detailed RFP process for hosting NASIGNET services, and also to identify potential Internet Service Providers to whom the RFP could be sent. The Task Force is co-chaired by Stephanie Schmitt and Donnice Cochenour.
- g. Approved the formation of the Publications Committee.
- h. Decided Program Planning Committee members are free to suggest ideas and solicit speakers for workshops, plenaries, and concurrents. However, they may not be presenters of sessions. Also asked that this policy be reflected in the Program Planning Committee Manual.

2.3 M. Mering reported that sixty program proposals had been forwarded to the Program Planning Committee for the 1999 conference.

The Board discussed improvements to the call for papers proposal process to alleviate possible confusion or misunderstandings about what PPC expects from a proposal. J. Mouw suggested that some sample proposals be posted to NASIGWeb.

In the past, the secretary sent out the call to NASIG-L, and the Publicist sent the call to all other lists.

**ACTION:** For the sake of efficiency, the Secretary will handle all publicity related to the call for papers in the future.

2.4 D. Tonkery will be making room arrangements for the January 28-29, 1999 Board Meeting at ALA's MidWinter meeting in Philadelphia.

### 3.0 Treasurer's Report

3.1 G. Williams stated that the University of Colorado conference is showing a surplus. A few late expenses may yet be incurred. However, these would be minor and the conference will still show a surplus.

3.2 G. Williams reviewed the balance sheet as of 10/28/98 with total assets of \$169,697.47, and 1998 expenditures of \$39,973.21. Williams noted that the organization had to dip into the surplus to meet expenses. While the budget for the past few years has exceeded anticipated income because of the substantial surplus, the Board needs to continue to monitor spending to ensure that one year's operating expense is maintained as a surplus as per the *Strategic Plan*.

3.3 The proposed budget for 1999 is essentially the same amount as for 1998. The budget for 1999 is \$103,815.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the 1999 operating budget pending any changes resulting from committee reports later in the meeting.

3.4 As of November 9, 493 members had renewed their memberships for 1999. 43 new member have joined the organization. G. Williams noted that the Canadian dollar has decreased in value and recommended that the Board consider adjusting the Canadian dues rate. The Board went on to discuss our current overall dues structure in more detail.

**ACTION:** The Board will consider issues surrounding the current dues structure.

**DATE:** June 1999 Board meeting.

3.5 The Finance Committee has been considering the possibility of NASIG applying to accept credit cards, particularly having in mind offering payment of conference registrations by credit card as an option for future conferences. Credit card transactions could also potentially be utilized for payment of membership dues and conference souvenirs. Paying by credit card would be easier for non-U.S. members. Due to higher transaction fees for acceptance of American Express, NASIG would only apply for Visa and Mastercard transaction capabilities. To apply for authorization to utilize credit card transactions requires a one time \$125 application fee. If NASIG's application is accepted, NASIG would be charged fees for each transaction, and would need to either purchase or lease the necessary equipment to transmit credit card transactions. G. Williams presented cost estimates for either option. Issues yet to be resolved include the amount of the Treasurer's time needed to process transactions, and how to cover the fees for those paying by credit card.

**ACTION:** G. Williams will file an application form for authorization to use credit cards ASAP. The Board will make a decision on the purchase/lease of equipment once the application has been accepted.

G. Williams continued by describing difficulties inherent to accepting certain other forms of payment such as purchase orders.

ACTION: Purchase orders will no longer be accepted in lieu of payment for conference registrations.

#### 4.0 Committee Reports

##### 4.1 Archives

Marilyn Fletcher, the new Archivist, has received all materials from the previous Archivist. M. Fletcher has taken an inventory of the materials and will prepare a list of missing material for the Board to review at its January 1999 meeting.

Susan Davis pointed out that NASIG needs to address the issue of electronic archives and asked the Board for advice on how to proceed. The Electronic Communications Committee and the *Newsletter* Editorial Board are also interested in this issue.

ACTION: S. Oberg will appoint an ad hoc task force to define the issues surround electronic archiving and to develop a plan for electronic archiving. The task force will be chaired by M. Fletcher. Members of the task force will include representation from the Electronic Communications Committee, the *Newsletter*, and a member-at-large.

DATE: Report due at the June 1999 Board meeting.

##### 4.2 Awards & Recognition

The Awards & Recognition Committee is enjoying a busier than usual fall. The Committee has divided itself into three sub-committees. Each subcommittee is reviewing the language of one of NASIG's awards to enhance clarity and minimize confusion. Review of the announcements will be completed in time for the Nov. 1 *Newsletter* deadline. The announcements will be posted to discussion lists the week of November 16. The A&R budget for 1999 was submitted with a slight increase requested for the two award cycles for the new Marcia Tuttle International Grant. The Tuttle grant was advertised for the first time this fall. No applications had been received as of October 26. The Committee may have to look for ways to better promote the award. A busy February and March is anticipated as the Committee sifts through the many applications expected to be received for the Student Grant, Fritz Schwartz Scholarship, and Horizon Awards.

ACTION: The Board reviewed and accepted a biographical description written about Fritz Schwartz for the

Fritz Schwartz Scholarship award. A sentence about F. Schwartz's interest in training and mentoring new people will be added to future announcements of the award. Winners of the award will be given copies of the biographical description and a tribute about Schwartz published in SISAC News.

ACTION: The Board voted to grant 10 student grants, 1 Fritz Schwartz Scholarship, and 3 Horizon Awards in 1999.

ACTION: Maintain descriptions of and application forms for the awards throughout the year on NASIGWeb. The descriptions should include application deadlines.

##### 4.3 Bylaws.

The Bylaws Committee has continued to work on committee documentation. The Committee has not received any requests for bylaw changes.

##### 4.4 Continuing Education

Priscilla Shontz, a member of the Committee, has arranged for S. Oberg and M. Rioux to speak at the Transborder Library Forum (Foro Transfonterizo), to be held March 4-6, 1999 in Mexicali, Baja California (Mexico).

A very successful continuing education workshop on serial holdings was held in Atlanta, Georgia. The workshop was presented by Frieda Rosenberg and Mary Ann Van Cura. SOLINET shared the surplus generated by this session with NASIG.

##### 4.5 Database & Directory

Renewals are due on November 15. A second notice for renewals will be sent out soon after the 15th.

##### 4.6 Electronic Communications

Lists for the Publications Committee and the not yet appointed task force on Guidelines for NASIG-L have been set up. The committee discussion lists were updated. The list archives and NASIG-L were purged as appropriate.

Margi Mann and Rob Waltner were appointed as the new assistant listowners.

Yvonne Zhang is now responsible for the NASIGWeb Job Listings service.

Stephanie Schmitt, NASIG Webspinner, worked with *Newsletter* Editor S. Savage to establish new procedures for communication between ECC and the *Newsletter* Electronic Production Editor. The September *Newsletter* was mounted on the Web and indexed. Beth Jane Toren, ECC liaison to the *Newsletter* Editorial Board, is working with Steve Savage to convert gopher files of old *Newsletters* to HTML coding.

#### 4.6.1 1999 Metadata Pre-Conference

Robb Waltner coordinated ECC planning and submission of a proposal for a 1999 preconference on metadata, which was approved by the Program Planning Committee. Speakers will include Stuart Weibel (OCLC) on the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative and related Web infrastructure on the Web; Jane Greenburg (UNC-Chapel Hill) on information retrieval protocols; Bradley McLean (KnowledgeCite) on XML and DTSS for citation and bibliographic data.

#### 4.6.2 ECC RFP report

The Task Force was asked to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) that would detail NASIG's current and future needs for a new host site. Task Force members were also asked to submit names of potential Internet Service Providers from their geographic region. A total of 14 providers were recommended, with 12 of those contacted for more information. M. Rioux contacted other Board liaisons to request that each Committee chair query their committee members about their future electronic communication needs. A message about the plan to switch Internet host providers was also sent to NASIG-L, requesting input and feedback from the general membership on desirable changes in electronic services NASIG provides.

The RFPs will be due by December 30. Hopefully, the move to a new provider will be in progress by the January Board Meeting. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the current Internet host provider, is supportive of the change, which should help make the transition a smooth one. Once the move is complete, announcements will be made on NASIG-L and other discussion lists.

**ACTION:** At its January 1999 meeting, in light of the move to a new Internet host provider, the Board will take the opportunity to discuss changes to NASIGWeb.

**ACTION:** Once NASIG has a new Internet host provider, the new domain name will be implemented.

## 5.0 Campus Tour

Susan Tate of Carnegie Mellon University's Office of Special Events gave a tour of the campus. The tour included seeing class rooms, auditoriums, and dining facilities which will be used at next summer's conference.

## 6.0 Site Selection for 2000 and beyond

6.1 The conference for 2000 has been set for June 22-25. In early December, F. Wilkinson and D. Tonkery will make a site visit to the University of California, San Diego. They will meet with Karen Cargille and campus conference planners.

**ACTION:** Wilkinson and Tonkery will report on their site visit.

**DATE:** January 1999 Meeting

The conference for 2001 is tentatively scheduled to be held at Trinity University in San Antonio.

6.2 The Board reviewed a proposal for Brigham Young University to host the 2002 NASIG Conference. Unfortunately, because of BYU policies, the Board felt that this site would not be appropriate for the conference, although the Salt Lake City area has a great deal of appeal. F. Wilkinson will contact the proposers with the Board's decision and encourage them to put forward another proposal for a different site in the Salt Lake City area for 2003. The Board would like to avoid having three out of the last four conferences in the west

Other possible sites for 2002 and beyond were discussed.

**ACTION:** F. Wilkinson will continue to pursue sites and dates for conferences in 2001 and beyond.

## 7.0 Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program

On November 11, NASIG sent a contribution of \$2,000 to the Library of Congress to be used toward the train-the-trainer component of the CONSER Serials Cooperative Cataloging Training Program. Jean Hirons will provide NASIG a report on how the money is spent.

Steve Shadle (University of Washington) and Hirons will conduct a pilot training session at Wayne State University in February, 1999.

## 8.0 Proposal for Affiliate Chapters

Julia Gammon has proposed that NASIG have regional and state affiliate chapters. A. Ercelawn will contact J. Gammon for further information and to discuss possible

benefits. Ercelawn will also refer the matter to Regional Councils and Membership Committee. S. Davis suggested the Committee could consider the idea of overseeing the development of a regional networking node structure.

#### 9.0 Proposal for a NASIG photographer

S. Davis proposed that NASIG should have a formal photographer to provide a consistent photographic record of conferences. Every conference could have a photo display. Photographs could be part of the Web site. The Board discussed whether photography was a responsibility of the Archivist. Other issues considered by the Board included: use of a single volunteer or a rotating assignment, and financial support for a camera, film, and development.

**ACTION:** In consultation with M. Fletcher, NASIG Archivist, S. Davis will post a call for a NASIG photographer for the 1999 conference to NASIG-L. A message will also be posted to NASIG-L asking for donations of pictures from earlier conferences. The Board authorized the purchase of a digital camera for use by the NASIG photographer.

#### 10.0 Leadership Development

The Board submitted two proposals on leadership development. The Program Planning Committee has accepted the proposal on scenario planning as a pre-conference. The speakers will be Nancy Rea and Stacey Aldrich, both from the state of Maryland. The pre-conference will be limited to 40 participants.

“LEADING FROM ANY POSITION II: WHOLE SYSTEM CHANGE,” which would be a follow up to last summer’s initial leadership preconference, was not accepted by the program committee for the 1999 conference. The Board discussed having the follow up session or other leadership topics as continuing education programs.

**ACTION:** The Board approved repeating the enneagram session as a continuing education program.

(The Board meeting resumed Saturday morning at 8:30 in CMU library’s lovely Fine and Rare Book Room.)

#### 11.0 Conference Planning Committee

D. Novak, the 1999 Chair of the CPC, reported that much progress has been made with the planning of the conference. Dorm rooms have been reserved for conference attendees. Arrangements have been made for

meals and catered events. The Carnegie Music Hall (off campus) and on campus meeting rooms have been reserved. The Gateway Clipper Majestic has been booked for a dinner/dance. A “Night On Your Own” has been planned for Saturday night. Events being considered for the evening, which will be offered on a cost recovery basis, are a Pirates baseball game, Kennywood Amusement Park, Three Rivers Arts Festival, Civic Opera production, Andy Warhol Museum, and Heinz Regional History Museum. Possible tours for after the conference are to Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater, the Nationality Rooms at the University of Pittsburgh, and some other historical Pittsburgh landmarks. Needless to say, the planning for the late night socials is underway!

**ACTION:** May 21, 1999 will be the deadline for registering for the conference.

#### 12.0 Committee Reports

##### 12.1 Evaluation & Assessment

The Board reviewed the evaluation of the University of Colorado at Boulder conference and discussed the pros and cons of putting together such a lengthy evaluation. The seemingly low return rate was also noted.

**ACTION:** The Board requested E&AC to review the conference evaluation form prior to the 1999 conference.

##### 12.2 Newsletter

S. Savage reported some changes in the composition of the *Newsletter*’s Editorial Board. Charlene Simser is now the Electronic Production Editor. Cecilia Sercan is the new Print Production Editor, with Naomi Kietzke Young becoming the new Profiles Editor. The first profiles column will appear in the February 1999 issue.

Style sheets are being developed for both the print and the online versions of the *Newsletter*, as the basis for possible future use of SGML or XML. Beth Jane Toren is working with S. Savage to convert gopher files of old *Newsletters* to HTML format.

The *Newsletter* survey indicated an interest in a number of new features and continuance of some current features.

**ACTION:** Profiles will be added to the *Newsletter*. Committee rosters will not be added to the *Newsletter* because this information can readily be found on NASIGWeb. Periodically, the *Newsletter* will publish a reminder and the URL for this information on NASIGWeb.

The Board asked for an update on the application for a bulk mailing permit for the *Newsletter*. The permit would be applied for in Maine since the *Newsletter* is mailed from that state.

**ACTION:** The *Newsletter* Editor, Distribution Editor, and the Treasurer will work together to finalize the application for a bulk mailing permit in Maine. The Treasurer will provide information documenting that NASIG is a non-profit organization.

**DATE:** ASAP

### 12.3 Nominations & Elections

Around 50 names were submitted for consideration. Committee members contacted the nominees to see if they would be interested in being considered as a candidate. Candidate profile sheets will be reviewed starting in late November. Before its January 1999 meeting, the Board will approve via e-mail the slate of candidates.

The Board discussed the Committee's question of whether candidates should retain committee assignments if elected. Because of the work involved in serving both on the Board and on a committee, the elected candidate should not be expected to serve on both. The Nominations & Elections Committee is not interested in putting forward this concern as a bylaws change. The Nominations & Elections guidelines will reflect that elected candidates will need to resign from committee appointments if elected to the Board.

### 12.4 *Proceedings*

The *Proceedings* Editors mailed the manuscript of the 1998 *Proceedings* to Haworth Press in September 1998. Expanded *Newsletter* reports were substituted for three papers which were not submitted. The Editors extend thanks to the Program Planning Committee, especially Judy Luther, for helping to obtain late papers. The proofs should be ready for review in December. In January 1999, the *Proceedings* will be converted to HTML and the index for the paper version will be compiled.

Due to a misunderstanding, six of the concurrents at the 1998 conference were not tape recorded. These recordings are useful as backups for the *Proceedings*, so it is important that all concurrents are taped at future conferences. The tapes should be of archival quality and accurately labeled. The CPC and PPC manuals should reflect this decision.

The 1998 *Proceedings* Editors will not be able to edit the *Proceedings* for 1999.

**ACTION:** S. Oberg will appoint a search committee for editors of the 1999 conference *Proceedings*. A. Erceclawn will chair the committee.

**DATE:** As soon as possible.

### 12.5 Publications

J. Gammon is chairing this newly formed committee. An electronic discussion group has been set up for the committee. The committee is working to establish and define its role.

### 12.6 Regional Councils & Membership

35 new member packets have been distributed by Marla Whitney, Joan Griffith, and Lorraine Hirning since September 1998. In October, Anne Frohlich sent packets to 175 non-members who attended the 1998 conference inviting them to become members of NASIG. Linda Smith-Griffin, the Chair, has sent four letters recruiting potential member identified by S. Davis and Mary Glazier from Ebsco. A committee member will be checking SERIALST for potential members, a new recruitment strategy suggested by S. Davis.

RC&M has been actively promoting NASIG in a variety of venues. Linda Smith-Griffin made two presentations to library school classes at Louisiana State University. She also distributed NASIG brochures at the Louisiana NOTIS User Meeting. Board liaison, A. Erceclawn distributed brochures at a workshop sponsored by the Kentucky Library Network. Displays using NASIG banners were mounted at the Mississippi Library Association and Ohio Library Association meetings.

### 13.0 Program Planning Committee

C. Foster, A. McKee, and J. Anemaet, the PPC Co-Chairs, distributed a tentative program for the 1999 Conference. The Board reviewed the document and made a number of suggestions for additional speakers and changes in the focus of some sessions.

This summer, the deadline for proposals was extended from August 1 to August 21. During the three weeks of August, the pool of proposals nearly doubled.

**ACTION:** The deadline for proposals will be extended to August 15 for all future calls.

The Board identified program topics for further discussion at its MidWinter meeting:



1. Regina Reynolds, S. Oberg, and others have suggested having a workshop at a future conference entitled "Harnessing the Power of NASIG". It would be facilitated by officers and Board members, past and present, by developing some questions, anticipated outcomes, and implementation of ideas.

2. Explore alternate options for programming, such as training sessions that are 2-3 hours in length for more in-depth learning situations, similar to pre-conferences but not quite so exhaustive

3. Commercialism in programming

#### 14.0 Updates from Task Forces

##### 14.1 Ad Hoc Program Planning Manual

C. Hepfer and S. Davis have met several times to work on updating the PPC manual. The current version has been shared with the PPC co-chairs, liaison, and the NASIG president. An ad hoc group comprised of J. Luther, S. Gurshman and C. Hepfer will meet during MidWinter to further revise the manual. F. Wilkinson has offered to review the final draft of the manual for stylistic purposes. The manual is expected to be ready for the Program Planning Committee planning the 2000 conference.

##### 14.2 Library School Outreach

S. Oberg reported that he had recently appointed a new Chair, Janice Lange, because K. McGrath was unable to continue in this role. J. Lange will begin working with the task force as soon as possible.

ACTION: Progress report  
DATE: January 1999 meeting

ACTION: Final report  
DATE: June 1999 meeting

##### 14.3 NASIG-L Guidelines

S. Oberg recommended that we postpone appointment of the NASIG-L guidelines task force until some time after ECC has successfully transitioned to a new Internet host

provider.

#### 15.0 Volunteers and Supporting NASIG Services: A Discussion

S. Oberg led a discussion on future directions for NASIG volunteerism. NASIG began as a totally volunteer organization and continues to depend heavily on the volunteer efforts of its membership. In November 1994, the Board investigated ways to alleviate some of its workload, including the costs for paid administrative assistance. As a result of these investigations, several steps were taken. Funds are allocated to the Board, especially the President, to provide administrative support when needed. Printing and distribution of the *Newsletter* and *Membership Directory* have been outsourced. The Board approved financial guidelines to assist the Board and committees in determining appropriate activities to be financially supported.

However, it is often difficult to recruit members for various assignments, such as committee or task force chair. NASIG members do not have as much time to devote to NASIG as in the past, which may deter potential new or qualified candidates for offices. The Board considered the question of how to best manage the work of the organization as well as the ramifications of any changes NASIG might make in the way it conducts business. Volunteer involvement is one of the cornerstones of the organization and needs to be encouraged, but can that effort be used more effectively? Are there more activities or tasks which can be handled outside the volunteer arena.

ACTION: The Board will continue this discussion. Liaisons were requested to discuss this issue with their committees, and to report responses back to the Board.

DATE: January 1999 meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held the afternoon of January 28 and the morning of January 29, 1999 in Philadelphia.

## NASIG TREASURER'S REPORT

Geraldine Williams, NASIG Treasurer

NASIG remains in good financial shape. While staying fiscally conservative, NASIG is able to provide services

to many. In addition to the annual conference, NASIG is sponsoring speakers at meetings around the country.

NASIG also funded \$2,000 for the CONSER training initiative.

### 1998 Boulder Conference Report

The 1998 conference at Boulder was financially very successful.

#### INCOME

Conference - Souvenirs	\$3,999.74
Conference - Tours	5,330.00
Conference Registration:	
Handouts	3,525.00
Preconference Registration	5,775.00
Other	197,967.00
TOTAL Conference Registration	207,267.00
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$216,596.74

#### EXPENSES

Conference - Registration Packet	\$2,308.39
Conference - AV Equipment	5,785.60
Conference - Housing	77,491.00
Conference - Liquor	1,552.45
Conference - Meals	48,607.60
Conference - Office	12,757.00
Conference - Other	991.04
Conference - Postage	1,401.70
Conference - Receptions	1,978.00
Conference - Refund	4,053.50
Conference - Souvenirs	
Backpacks	2,212.50
Other	5,046.26
TOTAL Conference - Souvenirs	7,258.76
Conference - State Fees	275.00
Conference -Entertainment	2,025.00
Conference -Tours	5,080.00
Conference - Brochure:	
Printing	3,164.00
Other	160.00
TOTAL Conference - Brochure	3,324.00
Conference - Building Rent	10,500.00
Conference - Photocopying	5,233.66
Conference - Speakers	6,673.84
Conference - Transportation	2,720.00
Postage	81.99
Preconference	1,678.25
Registration Supplies	234.57
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$202,011.35
 TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	 \$14,585.39

### 1999 NASIG Operating Budget

At the Fall Board meeting, the board approved the budget for 1999 for operating expenses, except the annual conference. A preliminary budget for the 1999 conference at Pittsburgh was also approved.

Administrative (Board)	\$22,000
Bylaws	1,055
Nominations and Elections	1,200
Finance	6,200
<i>Newsletter</i>	14,325
<i>Database &amp; Directory</i>	16,864
Awards & Recognition	13,900
Regional Councils & Membership	2,021
Electronic Communications	6,700
Continuing Education	18,500
Conference Site	1,500
Conference Program Planning	350
Professional Liaisons	100
Conference Planning	500
Conference <i>Proceedings</i>	700
Evaluation & Assessment	400
Archives	600
Publications	400
 TOTAL 1999 NASIG BUDGET	 \$107,315

#### Current Finances

As of December 8, 1998, the current financial figures are:

#### ASSETS

##### CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$18,732.12
Savings	93,179.24

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	111,911.36
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##### INVESTMENTS

Municipal Bond Fund	59,242.46
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TOTAL Investments	59,242.46
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$171,153.82
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### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Bob Persing, Chair, NASIG Nominations & Elections Committee

Pursuant to Article VII, section 2 of the NASIG Bylaws, notice is hereby given of a general election to be held by

mail ballot between February 15th, 1999, and March 15th, 1999, for the following offices:

Vice-President/President Elect  
1999/2000--2000/2001

*Treasurer*  
1999/2000--2000/2001

Member-at-Large  
(3 to be elected)  
1999/2000--2000/2001

All active members on record with the chair of the Database and *Directory* Committee as of January 15th, 1999, shall be eligible to cast one original ballot that they shall receive, solely by:

1. Correctly marking no more than one (1) vote for Vice-President/President Elect, no more than one (1) vote for

Treasurer, and no more than three (3) different votes for Member-at-Large. In each instance, up to an equal number of write-in votes may be substituted.

2. Returning the envelope in the pre-addressed "Official Ballot Envelope" provided, postmarked no later than March 15th, 1999. Results of the election will be published in the June 1999 *Newsletter*, announced at the Business Meeting at the 1999 conference, and published on NASIG-L. Please address any questions regarding the general election to:

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## NASIG 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1999)

### CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Denise Novak, Conference Planning Chair

The theme for NASIG's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is "From Carnegie to Internet2: Forging the Serials Future." The Conference will be held on the Campus of Carnegie Mellon University from June 10 through June 13, 1999. Detailed conference information is included in the conference registration brochure, which is scheduled to be mailed early in February. Registration is open only to NASIG members until April 10, 1999; after that date registration will be open for non-members as well until May 21, 1999.

In addition to the great program brought together by the Program Planning Committee, we have arranged for three evenings of fun, relaxation, great food, and entertainment. Thursday evening there will be a cocktail reception in the Carnegie Music Hall Foyer with music by the Boilermakers Jazz Band. Tours of the Carnegie Museum's Dinosaur Hall, Polar World, and the Hall of the American Indian will be available.

Friday evening, we'll board the Gateway Clipper, "Majestic," for a wonderful dinner dance cruise along the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers. The sunset will be spectacular! You will be able to promenade the upper deck, sit outside and watch the scenery go by, or

dance the night away to a live band. The gift shop on board will be open for your pleasure.

On Saturday night, you'll be on your own. Take in a Pirates' baseball game or ride the JackRabbit at Kennywood Amusement Park, the oldest amusement park west of New York's Coney Island. Perhaps you would prefer to "pub crawl" on Carson Street or visit the "Strip" District.

Conference participants may also want to explore other areas of Pittsburgh, including the National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory, The Andy Warhol Museum, Station Square, or the Pittsburgh Zoo.

Two tours are being offered after the conference closes on Sunday afternoon, June 13, for those folks who wish to extend their visit in the surrounding area. We are offering a tour to Fallingwater, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural wonders, and a tour of Clayton, the home of Henry Clay Frick. Frick, an industrialist, was a contemporary of Andrew Carnegie and a major art collector.

For those of you who would like to explore Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania before arriving, you can view selected World Wide Web sites via the Conference Web page. The page features links to various entertainment and restaurant sites and also contains further information

regarding the Conference, as well as full conference registration information. The Conference Web page can be found at: <http://nasig.ils.unc.edu/> Click on Time-Dated Announcements, then 1999 Annual Conference. If you have any questions, please contact:

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## **ADVANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Jos Anemaet, Connie Foster, Anne McKee, CPC Co-Chairs

The 14th Annual NASIG Conference at Carnegie-Mellon University promises to offer another schedule of difficult choices and challenging topics. As we forge ahead with our future information pathways and reflect on our links to the passing century -- greatly influenced by Andrew Carnegie -- the Program Planning Committee has been hard at work to select Plenaries, Issues Sessions, and Workshops that will offer something for everyone.

### ***PRECONFERENCES*** THURSDAY

#### *1. Metadata*

Stuart Weibel, Senior Research Scientist, OCLC; Jane Greenberg, Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; and Bradley McLean, Information Scientist, KnowledgeCite, Inc.

This past year has witnessed important developments in metadata infrastructure for the Web. Weibel will discuss the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative. Greenberg will look at the current status of metadata and its relation to existing search engines, while McLean will discuss the practical application of metadata as well as its implementation in the KnowledgeCite Library.

#### *2. Scenario Building: Creating Your Library's Future*

Nancy Rea, Staff Development Director, Anne Arundel County Public Library; and Stacy Aldrich, Public Library Consultant, Maryland State Dept. of Education/Division of Library Development & Services

This preconference will introduce you to Scenario

Building, a proactive process for looking at the future. Using exercises and participatory activities, the training will give you a tool to use in your own library situation.

### ***PLENARIES***

1. *Moving the Network Revolution in Knowledge Management beyond Random Acts of Progress*  
(Friday morning)

William H. Graves, Ph.D., President, Collegis Research Institute

The Internet is a revolution in both human communications and resource sharing. However, for today's random acts of progress to evolve into systematic institutional and national progress, leaders will have to focus on technologies and professional methodologies that are scalable, manageable, and affordable. Efforts such as the Internet2 Project have recognized the need for collective investment and action.

2. *Information Ecologies*  
(Saturday morning)

Vicki O'Day, co-author of *Information Ecologies: Using Technology with Heart*, doctoral student in anthropology at University of California-Santa Cruz, and industrial researcher

The information landscape has been transformed by the development of digital library technologies. New technologies inevitably lead to changes in work practices for librarians, clients, and information providers. When technology itself is the primary focus of attention, valuable services may be lost. This talk will describe information ecologies and offer examples of how ecological thinking can make a difference.

3. *Shift Happens*  
(Sunday closing)

Stephen Abram, Senior Director, Product Management, HIS Micromedia

Information professionals have never survived by merely managing the present well. While we ensure that the important parts of the past are preserved, our mandate is to enable future generations. Beyond Internet2, e-journals and virtual reality are the real future -- our post-technology future. Abram will provide a context for moving forward with excitement, vigor, and boldness.

## **ISSUES**

### **FRIDAY**

#### *1. Academic Librarianship and the Redefining Scholarship Project*

Gloriana St. Clair, Ph.D., University Librarian, Carnegie Mellon University; and Rush G. Miller, Ph.D., Director, University Library System, University of Pittsburgh

The purpose of the ACRL Redefining Scholarship Project is to define and describe the kinds of scholarship that librarians do in the context of the taxonomy developed by Rice and elaborated by Boyer in "Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate." The authors, members of the ACRL task force, will discuss the implications of this work.

#### *2. Elements of Style for Next Generation Serials EDI*

Bob Boissy, Manager, Standards & Interface Services, The Faxon Company; Bonnie Postlethwaite, Director, Library Technology Services, Tufts University; Jane Grawemeyer, Academic Product Manager, SIRSI

This session will offer for discussion some rules of thumb for the development of the next generation of serials control interfaces. The focus will be on EDI in acquisitions-related interfaces. Topics include but are not limited to: determining functional and technical specifications, coordinating and communicating with other parties, testing, implementing, and iterative enhancements.

#### *3. PEAK Project*

Linda G. Bills, Tri-College Library Automation Coordinator, Bryn Mawr; John M. Haar, Assistant University Librarian for Collection Development, Vanderbilt; Sharon Cline McKay, Director, Academic Sales, Western Region, The Faxon Company; Maria Bonn, Ph.D., Digital Library Program Development Librarian, University of Michigan

PEAK is an experimental service sponsored by the University of Michigan providing delivery to and pricing research on the 1100+ electronic journals published by Elsevier Science. A panel from the academic and vendor worlds will cover practical and conceptual issues.

#### *4. Unified Search of Locally Mounted and Distributed Web Journals*

Laurie E. Stackpole, Chief Librarian, Naval Research Laboratory; Robert A. Kelly, Director, Journal Information Systems, American Physical Society

The library at the Naval Research Laboratory provides users with Web access of over 250 locally mounted journals through a system called TORPEDO Ultra. The library has devised a mechanism that retains the advantages of a single search interface while passing on enhancements from publisher Web sites. The library is testing an automated method for adding distributed journal access to Ultra via the APS, which is consistent with APS strategy of using its on-line journal collection as an under-lay and over-lay to the deliverables of libraries and others.

#### *5. The Evolution of Distance Learning Environments*

Jean S. Caspers, Distance Education Librarian, Oregon State University; Lawrence C. Ragan, Ph.D., Director, Instructional Design and Development, Pennsylvania State University

Communications technology provides the opportunity to construct learning environments where the learner is separated by space and/or time. This creates new challenges for how instruction is delivered at a distance. How libraries provide distance learners with services and resources will also be addressed. The presentation will be in the context of the new ACRL Guidelines for Distance Learning Library Services.

#### *6. Looking Back*

Donna K. Cohen, Associate Professor and Head of Acquisitions, Rollins College; Karen A. Schmidt, Director of Collections and Assessment, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

This presentation will be a reflective, interesting and enjoyable look back on libraries and librarianship in the twentieth century. Carnegie's donation of both public and college libraries will be discussed by Cohen with a nice tie-in to the role of academic libraries today in the philanthropic process. Schmidt traces the highlights of the people and processes that have shaped serials and acquisitions librarianship in a slide and multi-media presentation.

## **SUNDAY**

#### *1. One Hundred Percent Communication*

Mary Devlin, Principal, Mary Devlin Associates

Effective communication is essential for professional and personal success. Difficulty among colleagues, vendors and customers comes from communication breakdown, including the 93% of communication which is non-verbal!! Transform your interactions with others by

enhancing your skill with verbal and non-verbal communication and rapport. There will be audience participation and interaction.

*2. ...And I'll Have that Order with a License on the Side, Please*

John Blosser, Projects Librarian, Northwestern University; Jan Peterson, VP, Publisher Relations and Content Development, Dawson/Faxon Information Services Group; Eileen Lawrence, Vice-President of Sales, Chadwyck-Healey, Inc.

While many vendors are now including electronic resources as part of their title coverage, an integral part of the electronic resource purchase, the license, is often left to the library staff to resolve. What if the vendor could not only support the ordering process but also the licensing process? A librarian, vendor and publisher will look at the realistic and unrealistic aims of electronic licensing; a discussion with the audience will give valuable feedback that may help shape the licensing process.

*3. Breaking the Database Barrier: Multi-Disciplinary Searching and Access to Full Content on the Web*

Peter Ciuffetti, President, KnowledgeCite, Inc; Corilee Christou, Director, Strategic Relations, Lexis-Nexis

Ciuffetti contends that the next generation of resources will be multi disciplinary, will index heterogeneous sources of content, and will support access to digital and non-digital resources. Ciuffetti reviews the limitations of current approaches to developing digital collections. Christou will focus on how the information industry seeks to normalize unlike data to create large group files for searching with fabrication toolkits. She will address many technical aspects such as keywording, term mapping, and linking tools assigned to standardized datasets.

*4. Developing a Web Collection: Selection and Evaluation*

Rick Lawson, Vice-President and Co-Founder, HealthGate Data Corp; James Testa, Senior Manager, Editorial Development, ISI; Hal Kirkwood, Jr., Assistant Management and Economics Librarian, Purdue University; Angela Hitti, Vice-President, Editorial, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts

The creation of high quality Web-based resources is of primary importance in today's information environment.

This panel brings together members of the library, secondary publishing, and Web aggregator community to discuss what elements each uses in establishing and building a collection of Internet resources for their users.

*5. Reducing Journal Costs through Advertising: Exploring the Possibilities*

Brian Quinn, Social Sciences Librarian, Texas Technical University; Casey Slott, Instructor of Communication, Duquesne University; John Tagler, Director, Corporate Communications, Elsevier Science

With today's spiraling subscription costs of scholarly journals, perhaps it is time to re-examine the use of advertising in these journals. Quinn will explore the feasibility of using mainstream consumer advertising in scholarly journals. Slott will explore the perception of refereed and non-refereed journals and the constraints of advertising. Tagler will discuss the publishers' procedures and role in producing quality journals.

*6. Redefining the Serial: Issues for the New Millennium*

John Cox, Principal, John Cox Associates; Peter B. Boyce, Ph.D., Senior Consultant, American Astronomical Society

As electronic journals continue to evolve, the traditional roles of the journal will change. Cox will speak on how community-based services, directed at scholars who read journals, are being developed and will change the nature of scholarly communication. Boyce believes that the journals will evolve and act as gateways to collections. He will discuss the insights gained at the AAS while publishing advanced-format electronic journals.

**WORKSHOPS**  
**FRIDAY**

*1. Impact of Bundled Databases on Serials Acquisitions in Academic Libraries*

Konny Thompson and Rayette Wilder, Gonzaga University

Thompson and Wilder will report on the results of a survey designed to assess the changes to serial acquisitions in academic libraries created by the licensing of bundled databases. This workshop will be a forum for discussing implications and value of bundled databases.

2. *The Pricing Implications of Site and Consortia Licensing into the Next Millennium*

Simon Inger, CatchWord; Kenneth Metzner, Academic Press; and Barbara Allen, Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)

The presentation will include different tiers and models for pricing consortia licensing.

3. *Managing Multiple Media and Extraordinary Expectations*

Randall Hopkins, EBSCO Information Services; and Carolyn Helmsie, Langley Research Center

Hopkins and Helmsie will share ways to plan strategically for the management of multiple media, take advantage of useful tools, and preserve the accessibility of important non-electronic resources.

4. *Push Technology: Application for Scholarly Communication & Information Management*

Amira Aaron and David Fritsch, FAXON

This workshop will discuss delivering information to users; offering targeted, customized and immediate information to one or many; and present an overview of push (and pull) technology and its potential application in our industry.

5. *Printed Back Volumes and Issues: a Thing of the Past?*

Tracey Clark & Glenn Jaeger, Absolute Backorder Service; Carol MacAdam, JSTOR; additional presenter TBA

A workshop from the perspective of a University librarian, a publisher, and a back-order representative will inform librarians on where the back order industry is and where it's headed.

6. *The Elsevier-WebLUIIS Connection: a Florida Venture and Adventure*

Carol Drum, University of Florida; Michelle Newberry and Elaine Henjum, Florida Center for Automation

Web/LUIIS is a web version of the NOTIS/LUIIS software developed by the Florida Center for Automation (FCLA) to replace the traditional University System OPAC. State University System (SUS) of Florida licenses the full-

image version of Elsevier journals, to be stored and delivered over the Web to FCLA.

7. *AACR2 and You: A Report on the Recommendations to the JSC*

Jean Hiron, CONSER, and Les Hawkins, National Serials Data Program

Hiron and Hawkins will discuss the recommendations on changes to the rules for serials submitted in a report to the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR2. Participants will learn how they can contribute their comments.

8. *Dear Abby/Dear Abbott*

Tina Feick, Blackwell's; Keith Courtney, Taylor and Francis, Ltd.; Karen Cargille, University of California, San Diego; and Michael Markwith, Swets & Zeitlinger

This is a repeat of the very popular Boulder conference question and answer session; questions will be solicited prior to the conference.

9. *Hybrid Methods of Desktop Journal Article Delivery.*

Murray Bradley, Naval Research Laboratory

At NRL, elements of both electronic and manual distribution are used to obtain copies after scientists search the literature in whatever format is available.

10. *Deacidification of Journals: Saving the Past and Present for the Future: [or] You mean Publishers Aren't Using Alkaline Paper?*

Jeanne Drewes, Johns Hopkins University

Drewes will focus on the process of deacidification of paper as a preservation strategy for serial collections, both current titles and retrospective. She will also discuss selecting the best processes and options.

11. *Organizing Internet Resources: Challenges and Solutions*

Claire Dygert and Linda Chase, American University Library

Dygert and Chase will detail the development of an "access catalog" to complement the traditional "holdings catalog" for the many resources on the Web.

## SATURDAY

### 12. *Provocative Public Service Ways that Serials Public-Service Careers and Responsibilities are Developing in the Electronic Era*

Robb M. Waltner, University of Colorado; co-presenter TBA

For those primarily interested in Public Services, this will be a discussion of how careers have evolved to generate ideas for expanding career paths.

### 13. *Toward Better Access to Full-Text Electronic Journal Aggregator Collections*

Yumin Jiang, Cornell University; co-presenter TBA.

Jiang will present a cataloging project started in Fall 1998 to study target, full-text database and library's collection, access options and staffing resources, and design efficient workflow.

### 14. *If It's Legal, It's Probably a Serial*

Janet McKinney, University of Missouri; Georgia Briscoe, University of Colorado Law Library

McKinney and Briscoe will present practical information about legal materials that librarians can implement in their libraries. There will be discussion and/or demonstration of the varying formats in which legal information is published.

### 15. *Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: Collection Management following a Statewide Purchase of Electronic Resources*

Nancy Newsome and Jill Ellern, Western Carolina University

Newsome and Ellern will discuss methods and reasons for creating a periodical-use study database in MS Access. They will discuss how the results are being used to make serials collection development decisions.

### 16. *Supporting E-Journal Integration through Standards: The OCLC Reference Services Experience and Experiences From The Field*

Deb Bendig, OCLC; co-presenter TBA

This workshop will explore the use of standards in

OCLC's FirstSearch and explain how using those standards in online systems supports ongoing integration of electronic serials into OPACs. Attendees are invited to volunteer their experiences with integrating electronic serials into their OPACs.

### 17. *Forging the Future for Archival Concerns and Resource Sharing*

Mary Wilke and Marjorie Bloss, Center for Research Libraries

Wilke and Bloss will discuss how CRL is answering archival concerns we all have, such as how to best utilize shelf space, how to weed, how to keep hard copy of JSTOR items, etc.

### 18. *Convergence of User Needs, Collection Building, and the Electronic Publishing Market Place*

Jie Tian, California State University

Tian will report on user survey, evaluation, and trend of electronic publishing in the context of scholarly communication, user needs, and research. She will include analysis of several electronic products -- Project Muse, Ideal, Lexis/Nexis, Dow Jones, ProQuest Direct, Infotrac, etc.

### 19. *Putting it all Together: the Involvement of Technical Services, Public Services and Systems to Create a Web-Based Resource Collection*

Steve Shadle, University of Washington

This will be an overview of collaborative efforts with implementation of specific services and features. Included will be a discussion of the ability to link across platforms, create permanent, personalized Web-pages, send notification of newly-added resources in area of interest, and develop templates to assist Public Services.

### 20. *From Catalog Card to MARC: USMARC Bibliographic Self Defense*

Jo Calk, Blackwell's Book Services

Calk will present background information on the development of the MARC bibliographic formats from the catalog card, the structure of a MARC format record, and the USMARC application for serials records, emphasizing the logic and structure of the MARC format.



21. *Realistic Licensing or Licensing Realities: Practical Advice on License Agreements*

Jim Mouw, University of Chicago

Mouw will review the 15 principles contained in the document "Principles for licensing electronic resources." Small groups will discuss sections of the agreement and report back to the large group.

22. *Taming the Octopus: Coming to Grips with Electronic Resources*

Nancy Markle Stanley and Angelina F. Holden, Pennsylvania State University

Stanley and Holden present a mechanism to track the license, order, funding, supplier, content, and maintenance data through use of interrelational forms /reports/ hyper-links for the selection, acquisition, review and approval of electronic resources.

## **NETWORKING NODES AND USER GROUP DISCUSSIONS: CALL FOR TOPICS**

Yes, it is time once again to think about the Networking Nodes and User Group discussions that you want to schedule for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual NASIG Conference in Pittsburgh, June 10-13, 1999.

**Nodes:** The Networking Nodes offer opportunities for an informal exchange of ideas, problems, possible solutions, issues, and opinions relating to serials. Nodes will meet on Saturday, June 12 from 3:45-5:15. Last year's topics covered public libraries, serials cataloging, union listing, preservation, getting published, subject indexing and serials literature for reference librarians, and managing electronic journals.

**User Groups:** User Groups will meet on Sunday, June 13 from 12:30-1:30. User Groups meet after the conference's closing session in keeping with NASIG's no conflict, non-commercialism policy. Groups in the past have included Blackwell's Electronic Journal Navigator, DRA, Dynix, Endeavor Voyager, Horizon, and Innovative Interfaces.

Please submit topics, groups, and facilitators by March 1, 1999, for the April *Newsletter*. The list of Nodes and User Groups will also be posted on NASIG-L. Late additions will be posted on NASIG-L and accepted as long as room arrangements can be made; meeting places will be included in the conference packets.

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## **NASIG'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MENTOR PROGRAM**

NASIG's Continuing Education Committee is again sponsoring a Conference Mentoring Program to help make new conference attendees feel more at ease, highlight membership benefits, and create networking opportunities. The program will match experienced NASIG conference attendees with new conference goers. The 1999 program will accept the first 50 applications from both mentors and mentees completing application forms.

Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis, with a **May 1, 1999** deadline.

### *QUALIFICATIONS*

**Mentees** (those being mentored): First-time NASIG Conference attendees planning to attend the 14th Annual NASIG Conference at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Student members, NASIG Student Grant Winners, NASIG Horizon winners and new NASIG members are especially encouraged to apply. NASIG membership and first-time NASIG conference attendance is required.

**Mentors** (those providing mentoring): Sincere interest in helping someone get the most out of the NASIG Conference and general membership. Qualifications include good listening skills, at least one year's experience as a NASIG conference goer, and ability to act as a professional role model. Mentors must be NASIG members for at least one full year prior to the conference. Mentors should be willing to volunteer a few hours of conference time advising and assisting new NASIG members. NASIG Executive Board and NASIG Standing Committee members as well as former Student Grant and Horizon winners are especially encouraged to apply.

Each person in a mentor/mentee pair will receive the name, phone numbers, e-mail and regular street addresses of the other. Matched participants should contact each other before the conference begins and plan to meet a

minimum of two times during the conference. First-time meetings could take place at the First Timers' Reception.

For additional information about the Mentoring Program, please contact the Committee Chair, Alison Roth, at (800)

458-3706 or via e-mail at roth@blackper.com. To apply, please complete the form at the end of this *Newsletter* issue.

## NASIG 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1998) EVALUATION OF THE MENTOR PROGRAM

Alison Roth

At the Boulder Conference, 54 members (27 pairs) participated in the Mentor Program. All participants were asked to evaluate the program. The Continuing Education Committee received 17 responses (31% return) – 11 from mentors, 6 from mentees. Here's how this year's participants responded to the Evaluation questions:

*Where did you hear about the Mentor program?*

the NASIG Newsletter and homepage -- 2  
Conference info -- 4  
student grant recipients (automatically assigned) -- 3  
last year's conference -- 1  
NASIG-L -- 7  
Board meeting -- 3  
other NASIG goers -- 2

Obviously some people heard about the program from more than one place.

*Was the program publicized enough? If not, do you have suggestions for publicizing it better?*

Yes -- 11  
One said it could be more prominent in the Conference brochure  
One said she didn't know

*What was your favorite part of the experience? Here are some of the comments made:*

### **Mentees:**

"meeting a new person -- actually several new persons"

"It felt good to be greeted so warmly by my mentor at the reception and to have her meet me during the conference and check if I was doing alright. My mentor was good -- she made herself available while allowing me to 'stand on my own.' I appreciated the fact that she offered to continue the relationship after the conference."

"Meeting with my new mentor and her NASIG friends during the conference -- people whom I wouldn't have met otherwise. My mentor also explained the difference between the three presentation types at the conference -- plenary, workshop and concurrent."

"getting to know [my mentor] of course!"

"Having someone to connect to right at the welcoming reception -- made me feel right at home!"

"I particularly appreciated that [my mentor] introduced me to so many other conferees."

### **Mentors:**

"It is always a pleasure to introduce someone to the culture of NASIG and to watch the person enjoy the experience."

"I liked the informality of it. I was assigned a mentee sort of last minute, but it worked out really well. I think my mentee and I got along well."

"meeting with and getting to know my mentee."

"exchanging e-mail conversations with my mentee"

"prior to the conference and meeting her at the First Timers' program and through numerous times throughout the conference."

"getting to know a 'stranger' on a different level at a relaxed reception and becoming friends. I also enjoy talking about the early years of NASIG and my mentee was a ready listener."

"meeting a new person and sharing happy positive feelings about a great conference."

*First timers: Was the program of value to you in attending your first NASIG conference?*

All 6 responded positively, ranging from "Absolutely!" to a number of yeses.

One mentee found the large group at the reception overwhelming. This person noted that she has a hard time starting a conversation with a roomful of strangers. She suggested a party game to break the ice.

Another person wondered if the program could be more formal.

All 6 said they would participate again.

*Have you suggestions for improvements of this program?*

“mentors/first timers/grant winners should meet prior to the reception so it would be less confusing for them”

“give mentors tips on what they can do to make the experience more useful”

“a larger space for the reception was needed -- or a holding a separate reception for those participating in the mentor program”

“letters should go out earlier”

“better matching of career plans/ jobs/professional interests would be useful”

*Would you be willing to participate in the program again as a Mentor?*

Everyone said “Yes!”

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## **CALL FOR OFFICIAL NASIG PHOTOGRAPHER**

NASIG seeks a member to serve as its official conference photographer, providing the organization with a photographic record of conference activities (using regular prints and digital photos). Conference attendance is mandatory. NASIG will provide support for a digital

camera, film, processing and other direct photographic expenses.

Position description and requirements:

- ⇒ familiarity/experience with digital photography as well as with manipulation of digital images using standard image editing/enhancement software (e.g. Adobe PhotoShop)
- ⇒ ability to capture individual images, group images, wide-range group images
- ⇒ access to a computer with graphics technology for printing and downloading images
- ⇒ familiarity with standard image formats such as jpeg, tiff, or gif
- ⇒ provide standardized caption names and dates for publication and archiving images
- ⇒ experience organizing photographs for display
- ⇒ willingness to attend a variety of conference activities, such as the late night socials and receptions to obtain candid photos
- ⇒ good mingling skills

Initial appointment will be made for a two-year term. The incumbent works directly with the NASIG Archivist and Executive Board.

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## **ABOUT NASIG MEMBERS**

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### **TITLE CHANGES**

Carol MacAdam

[Note: Please report promotions, awards, new degrees, new positions and other significant professional milestones. You may submit items about yourself or other members to Carol MacAdam (clm@jstor.org). Contributions on behalf of fellow

members will be cleared with the person mentioned in the news item before they are printed. Please include your e-mail address or phone number.]

*Congratulations and best wishes to all!*

*AMY B. BEGG*, Reference Librarian in the American History Branch of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries is now Amy B. DeGroff. All of Amy's addresses remain the same.

*MICHAEL BEIER* started his new job as Library Director at Southern Virginia College at the beginning of September, 1998. He writes: "The move was quite a change from the specialization and pace of the large University library, to the 'chief cook and bottle washer' status of being the director of a small college library, in a town of less than 5,000 people. I love the individual attention we are able to give our patrons in the small college atmosphere, and I appreciate the small town pace of life. However, I have found that the pace within my responsibilities has intensified with the variety of responsibilities that I now share. I am very excited about this career opportunity. I tremendously enjoyed my 8 years at Brigham Young University and would have been very content to continue my work there, but I was intrigued when I heard that Southern Virginia College had opened three years ago, stepping into the educational tradition of the century old school at that location. Southern Virginia College is a small 4-year liberal arts college, and like BYU, it is a private school that is operated in a religious environment, with a strong moral and ethical code of conduct. I am excited to be associated with SVC and hope to grow with the school looking forward to the opportunities of the 21st century." Michael's new addresses are:

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*SALLY GRAUER* is now Sally Moyer. She is still Executive Director of Library Binding Institute and her addresses remain the same.

After 25 years as a medical librarian, *LINDA HULBERT* has made a big career switch to general academic librarianship. She started her new job as Technical and Access Services Librarian at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on November 11, 1998. Her previous position was as Assistant Director of Technical Services at Saint Louis University's Health Sciences Center Library. The change has been challenging. At Saint

Louis Linda as responsible for collection development for the medical library. At Edwardsville she is responsible for all areas of technical services for all types in materials in all disciplines. She says that people at Edwardsville are very supportive and very welcoming. They are quite willing to share information with her, especially in helping to bring her up to speed in general academic practices and in learning to use DRA after years working with III as her automated library system. Linda did not need to move from Saint Louis but instead, enjoys an easy 35 minute commute to Edwardsville, against traffic. A real bonus of the new job is the gorgeous campus of Southern Illinois. It is 2600 acres, much of it open space in woods and lakes, with plenty of walking space and wildlife viewing. Both deer and wolves have been seen. Linda's new addresses are:

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*JOANNE JAHR* has news: "I moved over from Blackwell's to the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region on October 26, 1998. In my position as Network Programs Coordinator I am to work with NN/LM members 'to advance and promote the programs of the National Library of Medicine.' Specifically, I am to coordinate all network and resource sharing activities for health sciences libraries in Region 1 (NY, NJ, PA, & DE) -- especially the document delivery network (e.g., Docline). I am also responsible for the Library Improvement Program and assisting libraries in connecting to the Internet (not all of the health science libraries have access to the W3, and, with Docline and Serhold becoming Web-based by the end of 1999, it's a priority). Other responsibilities include providing support and assistance to grant applicants and being the contact person for the various health sciences consortia in the region. At Blackwell's, where I was a Reference Librarian, I was an 'inside' person; in this new position I have to be very much 'out there.' I find it to be a wonderfully exhilarating challenge." Joanne's new addresses are:

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*MARILYN KERCHER* started her newest job mid-September, 1998. Marilyn recently ended a 2.5-year "leave of absence" from a long career in cataloging. She spent her "leave" time happily as a full time reference librarian in the excellent Magazines and Newspapers Division at Columbus Metropolitan Library (Ohio). Then a former colleague who is now at the Harvard Business School had a principal cataloger's position open and urged her to apply. So she is back in cataloging again, as she says, "...renewed and refreshed. Going from one end of librarianship to the other has been very interesting and something I would recommend if one has the stamina to learn a whole lot in a short period of time. I can honestly say I loved reference and am again enjoying cataloging."

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*SUSAN KIMBALL* has this news: "In April 1998 I took a new job as a Technical Information Specialist working at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) which is a division of the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. I am providing user support for a variety of molecular biology databases and sequence analysis tools. In addition, I coordinate NCBI exhibits at several scientific conferences a year and help produce documentation for our services." Susan was previously Serials and Technical Systems Coordinator at American University in Washington, D.C. Her new addresses are:

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*MARILYN LEWIS* began in her new position as Catalog Librarian at East Carolina University on September 1, 1998. She was previously Director of Library Technical Services at Sul Ross State University. She writes: "It has been quite exciting for me and my family, as the move from West Texas to Eastern North Carolina called for a definite climate adjustment — from dry and windy to humid and hurricanes! There has also been some adjustment in moving from a small town (Alpine has less than 6,000 people!) to a larger city (Greenville has over 55,000). People here at ECU have told me that I'm one of the few people to move here who can say, 'I've moved to a larger city.' My position assignment is cataloging. I've been working on monographs and theses for the past few

months. Starting February 1999 I'll be adding serials cataloging to my repertoire. There are also collection development responsibilities. The Joyner Library has just completed the final phase of a 5-year renovation/expansion. December 1998 had the entire library pitching in together to move collections and departments. It was a good thing that I had resumed my weight training and aerobics—both came in very handy! By coming to a larger library I hope to resume active involvement in NASIG." Marilyn's new addresses are:

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Starting in January, *WENDY MOORE* began her new position as Acquisitions/Serials Librarian at the University of Georgia School of Law Library. She supervises the ordering, receiving, and processing of all serials and all federal, UN, and EU documents. She also serves as a resource person for effective staff use of the automated library system. Wendy was previously Serials Librarian at Furman University. Her new address information is:

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News from *STEPHANIE SCHMITT*: "In October of 1998, I moved from Texas Tech University Libraries, where I was the Information Technology Librarian, to Yale University Library, where I am now the Systems Support Librarian. I am now working in the area of systems closest to my heart: database administration. I work in the Library Systems Office and am responsible for assisting in the management of tape loads and various other projects as assigned. The move from the West Texas plains to the hills of Connecticut was worth the effort." Stephanie's new addresses are:

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From *MARTHA STEVENSON* we hear, "The last half of 1998 ended with me and my family moving to Pennsylvania from North Dakota. I began my new job at Muhlenberg College on August 6, 1998. I am the

Sciences Reference Librarian and the 'caretaker' of the CD-ROMs we have here. My responsibilities include reference work, bibliographic instruction, updating and adding new CD's to our collection. The students and faculty here have been very nice and supportive of me as I learn the ropes. So far things are going well and I am beginning to feel a part of the college and community. My former position was as Reference and Electronic Services at Minot State University. My husband's move to Pennsylvania was delayed until mid-December and to help me through those first few difficult months I bought a dog to keep me company! The change and challenge has been good for me. I am learning many new things here. The main difference between ND and PA and the biggest thing I miss is the snow. We are big snowmobilers. I do enjoy being close to New York City, Philadelphia and other big cities. There is so much to see and do here. Also we are close to family here." Martha's new addresses are:

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From *KAY TEEL* we learn, "I began my new job as Serials Cataloger/Authority Control Librarian at Stanford University Libraries on August 24, 1998. I am happy to be back in the serials world and look forward to attending the NASIG conference in June." Kay was previously Head Cataloger at the Cleveland Museum of Art Library. Her new addresses are:

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From *GLENDATHORNTON* we learn: "I assumed my role as Director of the University Library at Cleveland State University on November 2, 1998. Oddly enough, Ohio is one of the few states that I had never visited, so everything is new and I look forward to exploring this region thoroughly. Having resided primarily in the Southwest, I am still rather surprised to find myself on the North Coast (I never realized that the United States had a North Coast!) -- and, yes, I can actually see Lake Erie from the Library! On a more serious note, I am delighted to be at Cleveland State University. I have outstanding colleagues to work with and there are many challenges for us as we find ways to more fully integrate information technology into the classroom." Prior to her move to Cleveland Glenda was Interim Dean of the Library at the

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*MARLA WHITNEY* has returned to work for a former employer. "After a year and a half as Regional Sales and Service Manager with Faxon, I returned to CARL as the Product Manager for Serials and Acquisitions in October of 1998. My new responsibilities include developing and managing the graphical user interface for the serials and acquisitions portions of the CARL Information Management and Delivery System (IMDS). While at Faxon, I had the opportunity to meet with many different libraries using various automation systems. I believe my experience will enable CARL to create a product that is easy to use and designed for efficient workflow." Marla's new addresses are:

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## **SERIALS-RELATED REPORTS**

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### **LCATS AWARD ANNOUNCED**

*Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services (LCATS)* is pleased to announce the recipient of the 1999 Research Award, Jo Ann Carr. Carr is Director of the Instructional Materials Center, School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her proposal, "Full Text Journal Databases and Frequently Cited Titles: A Content Analysis," has been funded as the 1999 *Library*



*Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services* Research Award.

Carr's study will assess the ability of four full-text journal databases to provide access to core journals as reflected by the Institute of Scientific Information's *Journal Citation Reports*. The four full text databases to be studied are *Academic Search Full Text* from Ebscohost, *Expanded Academic ASAP* from IAC, *Periodical Abstracts Research II Full Text* from ProQuest, and *Wilson Web Full Text*. The coverage of these databases will be compared against the most frequently cited titles as reflected in the 1998/99 edition of *Journal Citation Reports*. This study will build upon previous work by the author in assessing the coverage of core titles in the fields of education and biology. Carr's proposal was the overwhelming choice of the five-member *LCATS* review committee. To quote one of the reviewers, "Every library is struggling with the myriad of full-text databases available. A study, such as this one, that proposes to examine both quality and quantity, will be a significant contribution bringing a measure of scientific analysis to evaluating resources that would be extremely useful."

## **1998-99 WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

Linda Horiuchi

Once again the time has arrived to nominate candidates for the Worst Serials Title Change of the Year awards. The selection and presentation of the awards are sponsored by the Serial Section of ALCTS and will take place during the ALA annual conference in June. The award winners will be noted in a future *ALCTS Newsletter* and also posted to a few online listservs.

Award criteria include: a frivolous title change for no apparent reason and producing no advantage; the unnecessary change of an old, respected title; repeated changes, the latest being no better than any earlier ones; and the "Snake in the Grass" or "Et tu, Brute?" category for library publications. The title change must have occurred since Jan. 1, 1998 to be considered.

Please supply complete citations for the change, including title, number and/or date of the last issue with the old title; title, number and/or date of the first issue with the new title; and the publisher's name and address. Photocopies of relevant pages or cataloging printouts, including

historic title changes for titles that have changed often over time, are useful as verification.

Nominations must be received by **May 15, 1999**. Please send your nominations to:

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Carol MacAdam

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March 4-5, 1999

*8th North Carolina Serials Conference*

"Serialists --- Proving Our Worth"

Chapel Hill, NC

See: <http://www.nccu.edu/slis/home/se99.htm>

March 4-6, 1999

*IX Transborder Library Forum*

*(IX Foro Transfronterizo de Bibliotecas)*

Mexicali, B.C., Mexico

Speakers include Steve Oberg, NASIG President, and Maggie Rioux, NASIG Executive Board member

See: <http://www.mx1.cetys.mx/foro/>

March 8-10, 1999

*Computers in Libraries 1999*

Washington, DC

March 16-19, 1999

*Louisiana Library Association Conference*

Baton Rouge, LA

See: <http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/conference/>

March 25-27, 1999

*Public Library Association*

Spring Symposium

Chicago, IL

See: <http://www.pla.org/symposium/main.html>

March 26-27, 1999  
*Joint meeting AAUProfessors, ACLS, AAUPresses, ARL, CNI*

"New Challenges for Scholarly Communication in the Digital Era: Changing Roles and Expectations in the Academic Community"  
Washington, DC

April 1, 1999  
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April 7-9, 1999  
*Indiana Library Federation Conference*  
Indianapolis, IN  
See: <http://www.a1.com/ilf/ilfconf.html>

April 8-11, 1999  
*Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)*  
9th National Conference  
Detroit, MI  
See: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/preindex.html>

April 15, 1999  
*Registration for NASIG 14th Annual Conference*  
*registration open to non-members*

April 28-30, 1999  
*New Jersey Library Association Conference*  
Long Branch, NJ

May 1, 1999  
*Application deadline:*  
NASIG Mentees/Mentors for 1999 conference  
(see form later in this issue)

May 7, 1999  
*Delaware Library Association Conference*  
Dover, DE

May 13-16, 1999  
*Feather River Institute*  
Feather River, CA

May 14-20, 1999  
*Medical Library Association*  
Annual Meeting  
Chicago, IL  
See: <http://www.mlahq.org/am/am1999/intro.html>

May 21, 1999  
*Registration deadline:*  
NASIG 14th Annual Conference

May 18-20, 1999  
*National Online*  
New York, NY

June 10-13, 1999  
*NASIG 14th Annual Conference*  
"From Carnegie to Internet2"  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Pittsburgh, PA

June 24-July 1, 1999  
*ALA Annual Conference*  
New Orleans, LA  
See: <http://www.ala.org/events/ac99/index.html>

September 30-October 3, 1999  
*Pennsylvania Library Association Conference*  
Pittsburgh, PA

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Type of Employment:  
University Library\_\_\_\_ College Library\_\_\_\_ Community College Library\_\_\_\_  
Medical Library\_\_\_\_ Law Library\_\_\_\_ PublicLibrary\_\_\_\_ Government, National, or State Library\_\_\_\_  
Corporate or Special Library\_\_\_\_ Subscription Vendor or Agency\_\_\_\_ Book Vendor\_\_\_\_  
Publisher\_\_\_\_ Back Issues Dealer\_\_\_\_ Binder\_\_\_\_ Automated Systems Vendor\_\_\_\_  
Library Network, Consortium, or Utility\_\_\_\_ Professional Association\_\_\_\_ Database Producer\_\_\_\_  
Student\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_

If you are appointed to a NASIG committee for a two-year term, will you be able to attend committee meetings held at the annual conferences? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

List prior NASIG activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List your current professional commitments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List special skills (software expertise with wordprocessing, graphics, spreadsheets, survey production, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List committee preference(s) in priority order (maximum of three):  
Awards & Recognition\_\_\_\_ Bylaws\_\_\_\_ Conference Planning\_\_\_\_ Continuing Education\_\_\_\_  
Database & Directory\_\_\_\_ Electronic Communications\_\_\_\_ Evaluation & Assessment\_\_\_\_ Finance\_\_\_\_  
Newsletter\_\_\_\_ Nominations & Elections\_\_\_\_ Program Planning\_\_\_\_ Regional Councils & Membership\_\_\_\_

Explain why you are interested in these choices, and list qualifications or pertinent experience to support your committee preferences: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: Questions about volunteering may be referred to either:  
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Please check the appropriate area to help us match people:

I would like to be: \_\_\_ a Mentor \_\_\_ a Mentee

I am: \_\_\_ NASIG Horizon Winner \_\_\_ Student Grant Winner

I have been a NASIG member at least one year and have attended a NASIG conference:

\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Institution type: \_\_\_ Academic \_\_\_ Public \_\_\_ Special \_\_\_ Other (please specify)

Serials responsibilities/interests include: \_\_\_ Acquisitions \_\_\_ Cataloging  
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