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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dan Tonkery

As I compose my last column as President, I cannot help but wonder what happened to the time. It was only yesterday that we finished our annual meeting in Pittsburgh, and I began my year in office. While much has

transpired during the year and we have a great program planned for our 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at the University of California, San Diego, I still have a hard time believing that it will soon be over.

What made the time fly has been the outstanding contribution and support from the Board that I must say has been great, creative, supportive, and just a joy to work with. Until one is in this position and has to depend on many others, you cannot appreciate how much work and energy it takes to keep the organization moving ahead. Already Connie Foster, your incoming President in June, has completed the committee assignments for next year and is off and running. The theme for the next meeting has been developed and the call is out for next year's meeting at Trinity. The amount of planning that it takes to provide the membership with constantly highly evaluated meetings is the work of many people who are all volunteers. Few organizations survive and operate on what has become a tradition at NASIG, the all-volunteer army of individuals that make this organization great. To every committee member, committee chair, member of a task force, the editors of our publications, I want to say thank you for your contributions this year. The annual meeting, the program, the new look and feel of the Web site, and the new searchable *Directory* all would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteer members.

As I write this column, I am once again in the air flying to another meeting. This time I am off to the annual Medical Library Association meeting. Those of you that know about the biomedical community can understand the importance of serials and other journal literature to this organization. Many of the medical schools and hospitals spend upwards of 90% of the literature budget on serial literature. "Demystifying the Dragon: Strategies for 2000 Plus" is this year's theme and they have a plenary session

that we all would enjoy—"Dragon by the Tail: The Myth and Reality of Electronic Journals."

MLA is an organization that has been dealing with the spiraling costs of journals and has been one of the leaders in seeking alternatives to acquiring medical information. NLM and MLA work closely together to strengthen the flow of scientific and technical information to the end user. Many of the issues that the members of MLA face are identical to our organization. I always enjoy MLA and have done so since 1970. While the meeting is not dedicated to serial issues, MLA is an organization that is closely aligned to the issues that serialist faces each day. Changes in the flow of scientific communication and the

adoption of non-traditional solutions will be coming out of this group.

During the past year I have had the opportunity to visit many different libraries and to talk with the technical services staff and others at these libraries. There are some interesting trends that are developing. Some of these issues impact our members, and I just wanted to raise some of these issues for your consideration.

Frequently I hear that the technical services staff and the personnel handling serials are getting credited with the slowness in getting access to e-journals. Every where I go there is a demand for desk-top delivery of information

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and an unhappiness with how long it takes to get the service activated and available. The faculty and students at many of our institutions are impatient with the e-journal access and don't understand the licensing issues, the fact that most of the e-journals are not free but must be paid for and that many publishers have put restrictions on the access that prevents off-campus usage. We need to educate our users and alert them to the difficulties in obtaining access and avoid the credit for slow response of organizations outside of our area. NASIG must address these issues and help our members find solutions to the difficulties in obtaining access.

Another trend that I am hearing is that in-library usage is down by as much as 30% in many of our institutions. The Web and the widespread access to the Internet is having its impact on library usage; before long more provosts are going to question the need to have a large facility with its high overhead costs. Even though onsite usage may be declining, the volume of users seeking help in accessing this e-journal material is skyrocketing. NASIG members have been instrumental in designing Web sites for easy access to this material; our members have the skill set to make usage easier for the end users. Few organizations have the depth of Web skills to make our own services easier to use, as well as play an important role in the library. Our members are the forward thinking members of the library community and have valuable skills to insure that the library maintains its important position on the academic campus. Our continuing education effort should assist in retraining our members in Web related services and should be used to keep our skills fine tuned.

The last trend that I have seen is more difficult to solve. The new incoming college student does not read and does

not want to use the online catalog with its textual base that many of us have spent a lifetime in creating. The next generation does not want to see long explanations, detailed displays, and complex record formats. How are we going to respond to the next generation that is visual-based and not textual? Can we develop new online catalogs that are simpler to use without the heavy text base? End users are looking for a different type of catalog access. What does this say for descriptive cataloging? Are our rules outdated or should our displays be reinvented?

Change is coming and it will involve our libraries, the publishers, the authors, and the readers. NASIG is an organization that has been involved in making change happen; our members come from all parts of the serials chain. The number of technical Web trained individuals among our members is growing as well as the library systems types. A number of libraries have passed the 3000 e-journal level and are moving fast to incorporate e-books as well. The desktop delivery of information is here to stay, as the users are demanding more and faster service. NASIG is well positioned to keep its members up to date and to offer a wide range of programs and services to the modern day serials professional.

I am delighted that I have been fortunate enough to serve as your President as we entered the next millennium but sad that I will not be here for the next one. One can only imagine what the issues will be in 2100. We have not reached the final frontier, as this is just the beginning of an exciting adventure into the unknown. To Connie Foster, our next President, and to Maggie Rioux, I can only wish that you have as good a team to work with as I have had...and may the force be with you...

## NASIG BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Sharon Cline McKay, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee

The NASIG Nominations & Elections Committee is happy to announce the results of the 2000 election. These individuals will assume office immediately after the adjournment of NASIG's Annual Conference, to be held June 22-25, 2000. The committee would like to extend warm congratulations to the successful candidates and sincere thanks to those candidates not elected. The newly elected candidates are:

*VICE-PRESIDENT/  
PRESIDENT-ELECT:*  
**Margaret (Maggie) Rioux**  
MBL/WHOI

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**Margaret (Meg) Mering**  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

*MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:*

<b>Anne McKee</b> Swets Blackwell	<b>Donnice Cochenour</b> Colorado State University	<b>Christa Easton</b> Stanford University
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They will Join NASIG's other, previously -elected officers on the 2000/2001 Board:

<i>PRESIDENT:</i> <b>Connie Foster</b> Western Kentucky University	<i>PAST PRESIDENT:</i> <b>Dan Tonkery</b> Faxon RoweCom Academic & Biomedical Services
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University of New Mexico

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## 2000 NASIG AWARDS

### AWARD RECIPIENTS

Markel Tumlin and Pat Frade, Co-Chairs, NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee

The NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2000 Horizon Awards, the 2000 Student Grants, and the 2000 Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship. All of the winners will receive a trip to this summer's conference at the University of California at San Diego. The A&R Committee was pleased to receive a large number of outstanding applicants this year and feels strongly that all of the winners are very deserving and talented individuals. We hope that all NASIG members attending this year's conference will take the time to congratulate our winners and give them a warm welcome to the serials profession.

The Horizon Awards are given out each year to promote the serials profession by giving promising new serialists the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the profession by attending their first NASIG conference. This year's Horizon winners are:

*MARIA DAVIDSON-DEPALMA COLLINS*  
Mississippi State University

*WEN-YING LU*  
Michigan State University

These recipients' Horizon essays are included later in this *Newsletter* issue. [Ed. Note: See page 5.]

There were a total of nine Student Grant winners this year. NASIG Student Grants are given out to encourage students who are interested in pursuing some aspect of serials work after graduation. This year's winners come from a wide range of educational institutions. The recipients, listed in alphabetical order, are:

*MARY BAILEY*  
Emporia State University

*CLINTON CHAMBERLAIN*  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*CHRISTINE DI BELLA*  
University of Michigan

*JESSICA GIBSON*  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*TONIA GRAVES*  
Catholic University of America

*MARY IBER*  
University of Iowa

*SANDRA JELAR*  
Kent State University

*DIANE SCHNURRUSCH*  
Catholic University of America

*LINDA SHIPPERT*  
University of Washington

Please join the A&R Committee in making them feel welcome this summer.

Finally, this year's Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship winner is

*JACQUELINE P. SAMPLES*  
University of Iowa

In addition to a trip to this summer's conference, Jacqueline will receive a scholarship for \$2500. Awarded in conjunction with SISAC, the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship is awarded to a student with outstanding serials potential.

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### **MARCIA TUTTLE INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT**

Pat Frade, NASIG A&R Committee Co-Chair

The NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee and NASIG Executive Board are pleased to announce that the winner of the Marcia Tuttle International Grant for 2000 is **Jean Hiron**, CONSER Coordinator, Library of Congress.

The Marcia Tuttle International Grant was established in 1998 to provide funding for a NASIG member working in serials to foster international communication and education through overseas activities such as, but not limited to, research, collaborative projects, job exchanges, and presentation of papers at conferences.

Named in honor of Marcia Tuttle, whose many and varied accomplishments have had a dramatic impact on the serials profession, the grant provides \$1000 to help defray the costs of international travel.

Jean's project is to expand the CONSER program to the international arena. She will be traveling to Great Britain later this summer to extend the work of the Serials Cooperative Training Program, to promote CONSER membership, to support the proposed revisions to AACR2 relating to seriality, and to further cooperative efforts for serials cataloging in general. If Great Britain joins CONSER as a result of Jean's efforts, the serials community will benefit from an enhanced database from which to draw records.

Please join the A&R Committee and the NASIG Executive Board in congratulating Jean and wishing her the best of good fortune on this project.

### **HORIZON AWARD RECIPIENTS' ESSAYS**

As part of the application process for the NASIG Horizon Award, each applicant submits an essay discussing the relevance of the next NASIG conference theme, "Making Waves: News Serials Landscapes in a Sea of Change" to the information community, to serials work, and to the applicant's professional goals.

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### ***MAKING WAVES: NEW SERIALS LANDSCAPES IN A SEA OF CHANGE***

Wen-ying Lu, Michigan State University

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Serials are ever-changing by nature. Every issue of a serial is given a different numerical and/or chronological designation. Changes in title proper, corporate body, frequency, designation, imprint and/or format are fairly common. People dealing with serials on a regular basis are always in for an adventure, for one can be certain that there is always a change in scenery, and only if one is flexible can one enjoy the adventure.

In addition to the "internal" changes in serials, the "external" changes in the information community and the information super highway are greater and faster than ever. For example, libraries are running out of space to shelve their collections, many technical services have gone through downsizing, outsourcing and/or reengineering; the annual increase in funding for the acquisition of serials cannot catch up with the rate of increase in prices that publishers demand; patrons expect faster and more convenient access to full-text journal articles; and aggregator databases have been developed to provide access to journals.

In this sea of change, it is timely and crucial to share ideas about how to make energetic waves for positive change in new serials landscapes. One will benefit from learning not only how to survive in a sea of change but also how to rise above obstacles and chart new directions. How does one decide whether to purchase/retain a serial -- print and/or electronic? Who is responsible for archiving back issues, and in what format? What is involved in subscribing to an electronic journal? How does one come up with the most satisfactory licensing agreement? How can vendors meet libraries' needs? What kind of

continuing education and (re-/cross-) training is necessary, and how can one ensure its successful outcome? What needs to be included in a cataloging record to provide the best and fastest access for patrons? What is the most efficient workflow in serials work? How do serials staff/librarians/vendors work together with public services, information technology, and collection development staff? These are just some of the issues relevant to the information community, and I would certainly like to see them addressed in the conference.

Electronic journals have proliferated rapidly in the last decade. This is one of the greatest challenges to serials work. The recent re-definition of seriality and the current revision of AACR2, ISBD(S) and the ISDS Manual indicate that major changes in serials work can be expected to continue over time. Hence, it is essential for a serials cataloger, while taking local needs and quality control into consideration, to stay attuned to all of the proposed changes and new standards.

As a serials cataloger, I am always looking out for changes. I strive to provide the most current, accurate and complete bibliographic information in a timely manner. However, when under-staffing and rapid changes in the electronic serials world put a strain on serials cataloging, one needs to be flexible, creative, and cooperative in order to complete work in a timely fashion without sacrificing quality. Policies and procedures may have to be revised accordingly in order to provide better and quicker access. As a selector, I am also continually on the lookout for changes in serials prices, availability in various formats, patrons' information needs, shelving arrangement, and preservation possibility. My dual duty as a serials cataloger and selector enables me to experience the interconnectedness of various library units with the information community. In all of these variable interrelations, the contingency of continuous change injects a sense of adventure and exploration that enlivens serials work today. Yet in this sea of change we navigate more effectively with the compass provided by the kinds of professional orientation we gain at conferences. The NASIG conference offers such a compass, as well as the possibility of learning about more subtle and intricate maneuvers in the fine art of navigating today's and tomorrow's serials seascapes.

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*MAKING WAVES: NEW SERIALS LANDSCAPES IN A SEA OF CHANGE*

Maria Collins

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Change has always been a word that characterizes the serials profession. Considering the constant fluctuations in subscription prices, continuous title and frequency changes, and the various mediums used to deliver serial material, this comes as no surprise. However, with the advent of information technology and the evolution of information exchange, serials professionals are having to re-conceptualize what a serial is and how it can transcend previous constraints related to frequency of publication, the physical medium, and ease of access.

New trends are forcing this re-conceptualization to take place. The Internet now provides many electronic journals, often for free, that publish articles as they are submitted instead of a scheduled publication date for a theme issue. Students and professors alike can pull up serial material for research at their desktop at home or work. Online directories and databases can also be accessed away from the walls of the library in order to locate titles and search for specific research topics. No longer is the researcher dependent on print serials or indexes for conducting scholarly activities. Telnet access to online catalogs and licensed databases through dial-up technologies further increases the mobility of the researcher.

Serials professionals have had to adjust to the idea of subscription packages accessible by some type of aggregator whether a consortium, publisher or subscription agent that provides a single interface and search process to simplify access to electronic titles. With ease of access and freedom from a physical medium has come a concern for the intellectual integrity of the information. Licensing, a natural by-product of this concern, has become a necessary evil that serials professionals must understand. Furthermore, serials professionals not only have to conceptualize what these trends are, but they must also analyze how to adjust the workflow of their departments to handle both print and electronic materials. This juncture of the evolving work environment is where serialists find themselves today.

Opportunities abound for professionals and institutions that are able to take the initiative and direct this evolution. Serials departments may find themselves growing in personnel, expanding job duties and creating new relationships with other library and university departments as they re-structure departmental responsibilities. Many subscription agents and publishers are already attempting to manage the acquisition, archiving and access issues surrounding electronic journals. Serials librarians need to become partners in these processes to ensure that they remain a major player in determining how electronic information is shaped as a commodity. All of these increased responsibilities have

provided an opportunity for the re-awakening of the serials professional. No more are serials librarians lost in the depths of technical services concerned only with their Kardexes and bound journals. Serials librarians today

must be innovative managers of information, ready to evolve the changing landscape before us and shape libraries into the gatekeepers of both print and electronic information.

The 1999 Proceedings Editorial Team is pleased to announce the publication of the *Proceedings* of the Fourteenth Annual Conference held June 10-13, 1999 at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA.

***FROM CARNEGIE TO INTERNET2: FORGING THE SERIALS FUTURE***

edited by

P. Michelle Fiander, Joseph C. Harmon and Jonathan David Makepeace

The *Proceedings* are available in hardcover from Haworth Press and are also published as v. 37, nos. 1/2 and 3/4 of *The Serials Librarian*.

NASIG members may access the online version of the *Proceedings* on NASIGWeb by using the member login and password.

## NASIG COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

### ARCHIVES

Marilyn Fletcher, Archivist

During the past year, we continued to file all new materials sent to the NASIG Archives. Some items were discarded, such as all the applications for student assistance to attend NASIG. Only the application and resume of successful applicants were retained. A student assistant here at University of New Mexico General Library has judiciously gone through every file and checked for chronological order of items as well as coordinating disparate folders to their proper locations. She has created a "short list" of missing items, which I will bring to San Diego and have available for committee chairs and NASIG members who might be able to fill in the gaps.

Reference questions from the Archives included:

1. Review of the past three years of the Continuing Education Committee for Priscilla Shontz.
2. 1996-1998 NASIG *Membership Directory* pages showing committee lists for Connie Foster.
3. NASIG evaluations 1994-1998 for Carol Diedrichs for the NASIG Board.
4. Researched the Electronic Archives Task Force for Meg Mering.
5. Researched NASIG Strategic Planning Task Force for NASIG Board.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Pat Frade and Markel Tumlin

Committee Members: Pat Frade (Co-Chair), Markel Tumlin (Co-Chair), Janie Branham, Claire Dygert, Beth Jedlicka, Kay Johnson, Joan Lamborn, Linda Lewis, Coleen Molden, Steve Murden, Nancy Newsome, Reeta Sinha, Michelle Sitko, Virginia Taffurelli, Peter Whiting, Sue Williams, Fran Wilkinson (Board Liaison).

1999/2000 was another busy year for the Awards & Recognition Committee. The usual work of administering the NASIG awards was completed in a timely fashion, and the Committee was further occupied by several other projects. This report will highlight Committee activities that have occurred since our last annual report, dated 4/30/99.

Last year's report recounted the development of the Marsha Tuttle International Award. The first time that the award was available was during the spring/summer 1999 cycle; in fact, the deadline for applicants during that first cycle was the same date as appeared on our last annual report. We received two applicants for the award at that time and were pleased to announce at the Pittsburgh conference that Karen Darling of the University of Oregon was our first Tuttle recipient. Karen used the

\$1000 award to help finance her participation in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' Working Group on ISBD(S) revision. Another Tuttle cycle was completed during the fall, with a deadline at the end of October, but no applications were received during that cycle. The Committee has been concerned about the low number of applicants and is interested in exploring ways to increase the number of applicants. There is currently just one applicant for the cycle ending in April 2000, and the Committee will be discussing Tuttle marketing strategies during its summer meeting.

In the few months following the Committee's annual meeting in June 1999, the Committee focused on completing some projects that had been discussed in Pittsburgh. Revisions were made to the Committee's charge during August 1999 to bring it up-to-date. For example, the charge now mentions the administering of the Tuttle Award. Also, Co-Chair Tumlin acquired photographs of Marsha Tuttle and Fritz Schwartz and had them posted to the Web versions of their respective award announcements. The Co-Chairs also put together a list of all award winners (dating back to the first Student Grant Awards in 1988) and had it posted on the NASIG Web site. In addition, Co-Chair Frade checked these lists against the NASIG *Directory* to see how many former winners are current NASIG members. She discovered that 25 of our 69 Student Grant winners are active members (36%), whereas 10 of 13 Horizon winners are current members (76%).

One failure that the Committee experienced in its immediate post-conference period was its inability to select a liaison to the Electronic Communications Committee. Persistent pleas from the Co-Chairs failed to bring forth a volunteer, and the Co-Chairs also failed in not assigning the responsibility to a Committee member as the Board had suggested. This could have helped at least partially to account for the Committee's inability to have FAQ pages posted in time for the primary award season. During last summer's Pittsburgh meeting, a subcommittee made up of Johnson, Whiting, and Tumlin agreed to write FAQ pages for each of the awards. The FAQ pages were completed, although the target date of completion was pushed back somewhat due to Whiting's job change and move. After the full Awards & Recognition Committee had an opportunity to comment upon the FAQ pages and the NASIG Board approved them, they were forwarded to ECC on 12/7/99. A message was received back from ECC that they had "been sent to various ECC members for markup" and that they expected them to be up the next week. However, the pages were never put up on the NASIG Web site, and as the deadlines for the awards drew closer and passed, the whole point of having them became moot, at least for the

1999/2000 award season. It is hoped that next year's Committee will be able to select an ECC liaison and that the award announcements will be updated with FAQ pages included early in the fall.

Two other subcommittees were also formed at last summer's meeting. One subcommittee, consisting of Branham, Dygert, Tumlin, and Whiting, considered the development of post-conference questionnaires for all awards (much like the questionnaire that the Student Grant winners have been filling out). This subcommittee decided not to require a post-conference questionnaire for the Tuttle winner (who would be filing a report after completing his/her travel) and not to require the Fritz winner to fill out an additional questionnaire (note: the Fritz winner also receives a Student Grant and thus fills out a questionnaire in that capacity). However, the subcommittee did create a post-conference questionnaire to be completed by the Horizon winners. The other subcommittee, made up of Johnson and Taffurelli, developed a reference questionnaire to be filled out by Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship applicant references. This replaces our previous requirement of letters of reference.

The Horizon Award announcement was marketed on time and in a manner consistent with previous years. However, an attempt to increase the number of applicants for the Student Grant Awards and the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship caused the Committee to adopt a more aggressive marketing campaign for those awards. In addition to the usual listserv postings and the paper announcements being mailed to ALA accredited library school program offices, the announcements were also posted directly to all ALA accredited library school program student listservs. Co-Chair Tumlin accomplished this by using the information available on the ALA Web site. This seems to have been successful, especially for the Student Grant Award. Fritz applicants increased by two over last year (seven in 1999/2000 compared to five in 1998/1999), while the number of Student Grant applicants doubled from 17 to 34. Another way that the Committee is seeking to increase future applicants is by adding a line to the rejection letters encouraging applicants to apply again the following year (if they remain eligible); the Committee felt that some might become discouraged after failing to win in their first attempt and wanted to address this concern head on.

At its fall meeting, the NASIG Board decided that it was interested in more aggressively seeking ways to increase NASIG participation by Mexican library school students and asked the Awards & Recognition Committee to have the announcements translated into Spanish. Co-Chair Tumlin solicited the assistance of a colleague (Cecilia Puerto, San Diego State's Latin American Studies

Librarian) for the translation, and Puerto further helped market the award by sending it informally to some librarians that she knew through her border studies connections and also by posting it to some Mexican library listservs. The Board provided the names of three Mexican library schools for announcement distribution, and Tumlin was able to further identify some schools using standard reference tools: paper copies of the translation were sent to them. However, it must be noted that there was some confusion among the A&R Committee as to what constituted an “ALA equivalent” insofar as accreditation of the Mexican programs was concerned. Unfortunately, these efforts resulted in only one unsuccessful Mexican applicant. The Committee will be discussing this issue at the summer meeting and will hopefully come up with some ideas at that time.

The Committee also spent some quality e-mail time this past fall discussing ways to improve the overall conference experience for our award winners. One suggestion that was approved by the Board is to invite all former award winners (who are NASIG members and will be at the conference anyway) to the newcomer reception where they can meet and mingle with the current year’s winners. The past winners will be identified by a designation on their name badges. Other ideas were also discussed, but none has been officially adopted.

The Committee completed the application and selection process on time as in previous years. As happened last year, all applicants were reviewed and ranked by all Committee members. The rankings were then compiled by one of the Committee Co-Chairs. Frade compiled the rankings for the Horizon Award, and she is also once again supervising the review of the Tuttle application(s). Tumlin compiled the rankings for the Student Grant and Fritz Scholarship. The Committee is pleased to list the 2000 award winners for the Horizon Award, the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship, and the Student Grants:

Horizon Winners:

WEN-YING LU, Michigan State University  
MARIA DAVIDSON-DEPALMA COLLINS,  
Mississippi State University

Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship Winner:

JACQUELINE SAMPLES, University of Iowa

Student Grant Winners:

MARY BAILEY, Emporia State University  
CLINTON CHAMBERLAIN, University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill  
CHRISTINE DI BELLA, University of Michigan  
JESSICA GIBSON, University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign

TONIA GRAVES, Catholic University of America  
MARY IBER, University of Iowa  
SANDRA JELAR, Kent State University  
DIANE SCHNURRUSCH, Catholic University of  
America  
LINDA SHIPPERT, University of Washington

As in previous years, all winners will be assigned a mentor (in cooperation with the Mentoring Committee) to enhance their conference experience. Also, essays written by the 2000 Horizon Awardees and selections from the post-conference questionnaires completed by the Horizon and Student Grant Awardees will be published in the *NASIG Newsletter*. [Ed. Note: For Horizon essays, see page 5.]

The work of the Committee could not be accomplished without the support of the Committee online discussion list. The strength of this group is in its members and their willingness to participate in online discussions regarding the fine points of the awards process and their willingness to volunteer. Special thanks go to Committee member Kay Johnson for again volunteering to coordinate all travel arrangements for the 2000 winners.

Here are some of the issues that the Committee will be considering in the coming months and at the 2000 conference meeting:

- How to increase the number of Tuttle applicants.
- The appointment of a Committee member to serve as liaison to the ECC.
- Getting the FAQ pages updated along with the other award announcements and actually posted to the NASIG Web site.
- Proactive methods of reaching out to the Mexican and French Canadian library communities.
- The possibility of surveying former award winners.
- The completion of written Committee procedures.
- Further ways to enhance the conference experience for winners.
- Designing methods to verify the status of the Fritz winner and exploring the possibility of paying out the Fritz in 2 or more installments, depending on the calendar of the scholarship winner’s school.
- Possible changes in application review guidelines (e.g. why are all categories weighed the same?).

The Co-Chairs of the Awards & Recognition Committee are very thankful for the hard work and dedication of Committee members. We would like to extend special thanks to those members cycling off the Committee and extend a warm welcome to the new members who will be joining the Committee in 2000/2001.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Donna Yanney, Chair

Committee Members: Robert Cleary (Web Liaison), Karen Morgenroth, James Stickman, Donna Yanney (Chair), and Don Jaeger (Board Liaison).

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report of the Bylaws Committee for 1999/2000.

There were no proposed bylaws changes this past year.

At the request of the Board, the Committee conducted a dues increase ballot in the fall. In August, 1252 ballots were mailed to the membership. By September 10, James Stickman, the ballot tabulator had received 713 completed ballots. Of these 713 ballots, 637 were marked yes, in favor of a dues increase; 76 were marked no, against a dues increase. As a result NASIG Membership Dues for the following categories were increased to:

United States	US	\$25
Canada	CN	\$35
Mexico	US	\$25
Outside North America	US	\$35

Student member dues remained \$5.

The Committee revised its mailing procedures as a result of its experience with this mailing.

The Committee will meet at the Annual Conference in San Diego on Saturday, June 24 at 11:45 a.m.

Karen Morgenroth and James Stickman rotate off the Committee this year. Donna Yanney has one year left to serve. Robert Cleary will assume the Chair for 2000/2001. I would like to thank Karen and Robert who did an excellent job preparing the dues increase ballots, and Jim for volunteering to tabulate the votes. Thanks too, to Don Jaeger, Board Liaison, for all his enthusiastic participation and invaluable contributions this past year.

## DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Rose Robischon, Chair

Committee members Donnice Cochenour and Carol Gill rotate off the Committee this year. We appreciate Carol's work with loading of the HTML and database files, Donnice's input on the searchable *Directory*, each Committee member's proofreading of the *Directory*, and Maggie Rioux's guidance as Board Liaison. Continuing Committee members are: Mary Ellen Majors, Kevin Randall, Frieda Rosenberg, Rose Robischon (Chair), Elna Saxton, Christopher Thornton, and Kathryn Wesley.

The Committee mounted the searchable *Directory* on the Bee-Net server. Available search strategies are First or Last Name, Library/Firm, State/Province or Country, City, and Serials System. The D&D procedures are in the process of being rewritten to cover the new *Directory* and are being loaded on the Web site for access by all D&D Committee members as they are completed. Mailing labels were prepared for the Continuing Education Committee for members in the Pacific regional council, the Nominations & Elections Committee, and the 1999 Conference Planning Committee. NASIG members have been very good about sending address changes to the Committee. This year's mailings each resulted in approximately 4 pieces of returned mail. We continued to supply Curry Printing with mailing label information in dBase format as an e-mail attachment. An advertisement was placed on NASIG-L for a desktop publisher for the *NASIG Directory*: Kim Maxwell was chosen to be this year's desktop publisher.

Committee expenses to date have been minor since our major expense is printing and mailing the *Membership Directory*. The *Directory* will be published and mailed in June so expenses will not be known until after the printing and mailing. 2000 year-to-date expenses include: \$60.52 for office supplies, \$605.78 for postage, \$208 for windows envelopes, \$502.50 for development of searchable NASIG database, and \$178.85 for travel to meet with the vendor regarding the searchable NASIG database.

The *Directory* information is in the process of being sent to the desktop publisher, Kim Maxwell. Kevin Randall coordinated the 2000 printed *Directory*.

The renewal rate for NASIG members was 72% with the first notice; after the final renewal reminder the renewal rate rose to 85%. A courtesy last-minute e-mail reminder went to all non-renewing members April 3. Of the 213 non-renewing members, 38 were bad e-mail addresses; 16 responded with the decision not to renew; and 27 requested another renewal form. If all 27 renew, our renewal rate will be 87%. As of April 7, membership totaled 1216.

Membership make-up by type of institution is:

	Number	Percent
university library	612	50.32%
college library	84	6.91%
community college library	12	0.99%
medical library	54	4.44%
law library	55	4.52%
public library	38	3.13%
government, national, or state library	45	3.70%

corporate or special library	40	3.29%
subscription vendor or agency	86	7.07%
book vendor	6	0.49%
publisher	55	4.52%
back issues dealer	5	0.41%
binder	5	0.41%
automated systems vendor	9	0.74%
library network, consortium, or utility	13	1.06%
professional association	13	1.06%
database producer	6	0.49%
student	17	1.40%
other	26	2.14%

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Stephanie Schmitt and Robb Waltner, Co-Chairs

Committee members for 1999/2000 include: Stephanie Schmitt (Co-Chair), Robb Waltner (Co-Chair), David M. Bynog, Lisa Finder, Michelle Collins Flinchbaugh, Anne Frohlich, Yumin Jiang, Margi Mann, Jie Tian, Beth Jane Toren, Mitch Turitz, Mary Wilke, Amanda Xu, Yvonne W. Zhang, Maggie Rioux (Board Liaison).

Robb Waltner served as primary listowner for the year and will turn the responsibility over to Margi Mann as primary listowner as Robb will be rotating off the ECC as of June.

Stephanie Schmitt served as webspinner. Beth Toren has agreed to serve as backup webspinner during the past year. Yvonne Zhang was responsible for the maintenance of the NASIGWeb Jobs listing. Beth Jane Toren served as chair of the task force for the NASIGWeb site redesign team.

### *NASIG List Activities*

During the past year, the ECC has managed its list activities using the mailing list software offered by our ISP, Bee Net. The software is called Post.Office. This software has made the management of NASIG's lists very user-friendly. The Post.Office software offers both an e-mail and Web interface for list management activities.

Currently, NASIG has 24 e-mail lists for use by working committees and two for task forces. The list for all NASIG members (NASIG-L) currently has 1299 subscribers.

At the January 2000, Board meeting, the NASIG Board approved a proposal not to permanently archive NASIG

list messages. Instead, committee chairs are asked to keep track of recent messages and provide them to their committee members in case of a problem. The NASIG listowner provides the same service for the NASIG-L list. Important items, which need to become part of the NASIG archives, must be printed out in hard copy and submitted to the NASIG Archivist in order for them to be permanently kept. In case of an emergency, committee messages for the last 6 months are being stored on our ISP's mail server. The NASIG listowner can access these messages and provide them to a committee if some e-mail problem occurs.

The listowner for next year, Margi Mann, has begun training on the Post.Office software and the general duties of listowner. This should allow for a smooth transition after the June 2000 Conference.

### *NASIGWeb Activities*

The continuing cleanup and expansion of the NASIGWeb site following the site move in early 1999 was the primary project for the past year. The decentralization of the NASIGWeb site continued as this enables NASIG committees to work independently within the NASIGWeb site structure. As a complement to the site move, a task force was created to address the organizational and aesthetic reworking of the NASIGWeb site. Beth Toren chaired this task force. Implementation of these changes will be completed in May and June 2000.

Various NASIG Committees expanded their role in the maintenance and development of the NASIGWeb site including the development of online forms, databases, and added content. The ECC participated in these committee-based enhancements as consultants.

The ECC participated in the creation of a new *Membership Directory* database. Stephanie Schmitt served together with members of the Database & Directory Committee (Rose Robischon, Donnice Cochenour, and Carol Gill) to outsource the project. Initial contact with Scott Haslip took place on December 15, 1999. The *Membership Directory* database went public on March 8, 2000.

### *Notable tasks during the 1999/2000 year:*

- Completion of the annual updates to the NASIGWeb site forms and content.
- Assistance to the *Proceedings* Editors in posting the 1998 Thirteenth Annual Conference *Proceedings* online.
- Added NASIGWeb site access statistics: available from <http://www.nasig.org/stats/>.

- NASIG job listings service continued through the work of Yvonne Zhang and Mitch Turitz.
- The Nominations and Elections Committee worked with the ECC to post information about candidates and the ballot process for this year's election. This information was made available on the NASIGWeb site.
- Maggie Rioux converted an updated version of the reimbursement forms for Gerry Williams, NASIG Treasurer. These updated files were made available on the NASIGWeb site from the following URLs:
  - Travel Expense Check Request:  
<http://nasig.org/members/forms/trav.pdf>
  - Non Travel Expense Check Request:  
<http://nasig.org/members/forms/no-trav.pdf>
- New online forms were created for the NASIGWeb site:
  - Nominations and Elections form:  
<http://nasig.org/members/forms/nomform.html>
  - Conference Site Selection:  
<http://nasig.org/public/forms/siteselection.html>
  - Poster Sessions Application Form for NASIG 2000:  
<http://nasig.org/public/timedated/postersessions.html>
  - Updates to the Membership Renewal Form:  
<http://nasig.org/members/forms/renewalform.html>
  - Updates to the New Member Form:  
<http://nasig.org/public/forms/memberapp.html>
- The ECC provided assistance to the Continuing Education Committee projects.
- The ECC developed initial policies for NASIG-owned support software for NASIGWeb site management and development in conjunction with NASIG Executive Board guidelines.

#### *NASIGWeb Task Force*

The task force prepared the "Recommendations of the NASIGWeb Task Force," including proposals for redesigning the menus, graphics, and layout of the NASIG Web site. NASIGWeb Task Force Chair, Beth Toren, presented the proposed redesign to the NASIG Executive Board at their October meeting in San Diego. With the Board's approval, the task force worked with a professional graphic designer to create a new NASIG logo and Web graphics. A test version of the redesigned site is currently published in a development area, and is being reevaluated to meet structural standards for access and security.

#### *NASIG 2000 Conference / Metadata Workshop*

"Using Metadata within the Library—Relevancy and Practical Application." Sponsored by the Electronic Communications Committee Speakers: Yumin Jiang and Margi Mann

#### Abstract:

Librarians have been introduced to the topic of metadata as a leading edge, peer-supported, 'wave of the future' now approach to information control. This workshop will provide a general description about how metadata works and how it benefits description, information control, and searching using engines and aggregators. Examples from CORC and other metadata projects will be included. This workshop is for those with a general level interest in metadata.

### **EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

Diane Grover, Chair

The Evaluation and Assessment Committee is appointed and operates on a calendar year, rather than the fiscal year. A complete report of the Committee's work with the 1999 evaluation cycle is available in the December 1999 issue of the *Newsletter*. This report will update the work of the committee through April 2000.

Members: Jennifer Marill (Chair 1999), Diane Grover (Chair 2000). Terms ending 1999: June Chressanthis, Janice Lindquist, Pat Phillips, Kristine Smets, Joan Stephens, David Winchester. Terms ending 2000 or 2001: Lillian DeBlois, Reba Leiding, Susan Markley, Wendy Stewart, Tim Hagan, Catherine Nelson. Board Liaison: Jim Mouw (1999), Carol Pitts Diedrichs (2000).

Expenditures: July 1999 - April 2000: \$72.89 postage.

In January, outgoing Chair Jennifer Marill prepared and sent supporting documentation to incoming Chair Diane Grover. The incoming Committee members have reviewed the tasks for the months ahead. These tasks include producing the conference evaluation forms, collecting forms at the conference, keying the data, compiling and distributing reports, and preparing final reports in the fall of 2000.

Immediately following the San Diego conference, Committee members will provide brief conference and pre-conference reports to the President and Past-President. During August and September, Committee members will complete data entry from the evaluation

forms. Using SurveyPro software, we will generate and distribute detailed reports to the NASIG Board and specified committee chairs by the fall Board meeting. In December, a summary report will be submitted to the *Newsletter*.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Geraldine Williams

The NASIG Board passed the 2000 operating budget at the Fall Board Meeting. Some committees were requested to lower their budget requests to maintain expenditures at the current level. The total budget for 2000 is \$104,036 compared to \$103,315 for 1999. Due to the tax situation, the budget is run on a calendar year as opposed to a fiscal year.

### 2000 NASIG BUDGET

Administrative	\$18,150
Bylaws	850
Nominations & Elections	1,200
Finance	4,400
Newsletter	14,325
Database & Directory	14,635
Awards & Recognition	13,500
Regional Councils & Membership	3,126
Electronic Communications	9,400
Continuing Education	20,000
Conference Site	1,500
Conference Program Planning	350
Publications	700
Conference Planning	500
Conference Proceedings	700
Evaluation & Assessment	400
Archives	300
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$104,036</b>

### NASIG BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR 1999

Administrative-Board Expenses	\$21,162.66
Awards & Recognition	9,091.49
Archives	156.29
By-Laws	480.71
Continuing Education	13,090.15
Conference Planning	358.40
Conference Site 2000	328.82
Conference Site 2001	199.00
Electronic Communications	6,470.00
Evaluation	109.57
Finance	3,911.40
Nominations & Elections	970.19
Publications Committee	6.03
Database & Directory	13,603.73
Newsletter	10,133.01
Proceedings	197.67
Regional Council & Membership	523.22
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80,792.34</b>

NASIG is still in good financial shape. The assets as of January 26, 2000 are listed below. Currently the assets are a little low due to prepayments to UCSD for next year's annual conference.

## ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$1,392.55
Savings	35,748.80
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$37,141.35
Investments	
Municipal Bond	\$57,196.57
Total Investments	57,196.57
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$94,337.92</b>

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the NASIG Board voted at the Midwinter Board Meeting to approve closing the municipal bond fund and to put half the funds in a long-term CD and half in a mutual fund following the overall trend of the stock market. The Finance Committee is currently working to determine with whom to place the funds and in which funds. The policy passed stated that NASIG would place the funds in low risk, conservative investments.

Based upon a request from the board, the Finance Committee developed a conference refund policy for NASIG. This was included in the April *Newsletter* issue. NASIG members can now know what will and will not be refunded by NASIG for conference cancellations. My thanks go to the current members of the Finance Committee (Sandy Barstow, Marjorie Wilhite, Carol Fricken, Susan O'Leary) for their work on the above investment policy and the conference refund policy.

As of January 26, 2000, 961 memberships have been received for 2000.

## NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Sharon Cline McKay, Chair

The Nominations & Elections Committee for 1999/2000 was comprised of the following members: Sharon Cline McKay (Chair), Barbara Albee, Joe Badics, Buzzy Basch, Mary Greci, Cheryl Riley, Joyce Tenney, Steve Oberg (Board Liaison).

### Electronic Communications

Robb Waltner, Co-Chair of the Electronic Communications Committee, set up a discussion list (NOM-ELECT-L) for us to conduct our business via e-mail, which helped greatly for ease of communication. However, when files were attached, several were too large

to be sent through the discussion list, so they were sent to members' e-mail addresses directly. The Committee began with self-introductions by e-mail shortly after the annual conference. Almost all submissions of nominees were through forms distributed at the conference or the nominations form on the Web site, with a few e-mailed or phoned in to the Committee Chair. Some members had trouble figuring out the password for members-only-access. All candidates' profiles were submitted electronically, saving a great deal of time for re-keying on the part of the committee. The Chair distributed all of the Committee forms and candidates' profiles to Committee members as attachments to e-mail; two people had problems opening the attachments so the Chair sent them by fax. A couple of errors occurred initially on the Web site when the slate was posted, but they were corrected quickly.

*Newsletter Article*

Naomi Young wrote a very good article about the Nominations & Elections Committee, which was published in the December 1999 issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

*Budget*

Expenses were over budget by about 10%, as shown below:

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>
Contracted Services	\$ 50.00	233.97
Office Supplies	200.00	350.00*
Postage	450.00	362.15
Printing	500.00	374.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,320.47</b>

\*For printing envelopes, approximate.

*Nominations and Candidate Selection*

Fifty-five nominations representing 51 individual names were submitted for consideration as candidates. This was narrowed down to 26 who agreed to be considered and who submitted profiles. These were distributed as follows: VP/PE 2; Secretary 3; Member-at-Large 21. Two candidates were slated for each open office. An effort was made to slate candidates representing different parts of the country and different segments of the membership. There was quite a lot of discussion about Member-at-Large candidates but not too much for the VP/PE or Secretary positions. In the end, we simply took the candidates evaluated highest by Committee members, deciding that quality and capabilities were more important than geography and membership segments. Results of the election included four academic members and one vendor,

with three from the west, one from the east and one from the center of the US.

*Balloting*

The ballot was mailed Feb. 25 instead of the 15th as planned, due to delays in getting envelopes printed; however, this was still within the required period as defined by the Bylaws. The deadline for return was March 25. A total of 462 ballots were returned, out of almost 1,000 sent out. Several ballots were returned after the deadline, and others were returned to the Treasurer's return address because they had no postage (however, some ballots were delivered without postage). Ballots were counted by the Chair and re-counted by Joyce Tenney, a member of the Committee, with only a small discrepancy not affecting the outcome. Results were announced on NASIG-L and SERIALST.

*ELECTION RESULTS*

Vice-President/President-Elect

**Maggie Rioux**

Secretary

**Meg Mering**

Members-at-Large

**Donnice Cochenour**

**Anne McKee**

**Christa Easton**

Three write-in candidates were submitted, two of which are not members. The Chair notified all candidates of the results by phone.

*Recognition*

In recognizing that the work of this Committee cannot be done by any one person, I commend and sincerely thank all of the members of the Committee for the generous contributions of their time and expertise, as well as applying their knowledge of candidates and an understanding of the requirements of the positions. I also extend great thanks to Steve Oberg for his support and contributions to the Committee as Liaison to the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair.

**PROCEEDINGS EDITORIAL TEAM**

Michelle Fiander

The Editorial Team for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NASIG Conference *Proceedings, From Carnegie to Internet II: Forging the Serials Future*, consisted of Michelle Fiander, Joe Harmon, and Jonathan Makepeace. Editing the *Proceedings* was an intensive experience with

concentrated activity from May to September—both before and after the conference. Other pockets of activity included a week in late November/early December when we had to check the page proofs from Haworth—to finalize changes and check for mistakes one last time—and in April/May when Jonathan marked up the *Proceedings* for electronic publication. We've learned a lot during the past year, and this report will give you an overview of how we spent our time.

Our editorial duties began in April 1999 with a visit to Haworth Press, whose offices are located in Binghamton, NY and Hazelton, PA. During our visit we toured the production facility and the editorial offices and met with members of the journal editorial unit as well as many other staff. Our meetings with Haworth staff served to introduce us to the publishing process and gave us an idea of the role our work would play in the production line at Haworth. The trip was a terrific introduction to the work ahead and allowed us to put faces to the names of Haworth folks who would be helping us during the editorial process.

After the trip, we began the preliminary administrative work that comprises a significant portion of the *Proceedings* Editors' work. We spent April and May soliciting NASIG members to report on conference sessions; we devised a filing system to keep track of applicants; we edited form letters included in the Editor's Manual; we corresponded with every single person who applied to be a Conference Recorder; we corresponded with the conference Registrar so that we could assign recorders to individual workshop sessions; we corresponded with members of the Conference Planning Committee to obtain addresses and other contact information for the Plenary and Concurrent speakers who also submit papers to be published in the *Proceedings*. We sent speakers and recorders letters outlining the timetable for submitting their reports, a style sheet, and other pertinent information. I offer these details to emphasize that this time-consuming administrative and organizational work is extremely important to the entire process of editing the *Proceedings*, a fact we did not fully appreciate at the beginning of our tenure as Editors.

After the conference there was a lull during which we waited for papers to be submitted to us. We had set a deadline of July 20 for recorders and other authors; Haworth gave us a deadline of early September for a manuscript of the *Proceedings*. We thought 67 weeks would be plenty of time to edit over 30 papers. This assumption proved to be a bit optimistic. Editing takes time for a number of reasons, not the least of which is corresponding with authors and recorders. It's one thing to suggest changes to a paper, it's another to reach the author to approve these changes or discuss alternatives.

For the 2000 *Proceedings*, we are allowing ourselves more time to edit by asking recorders and other authors to submit their papers by July 10. We are also planning to begin reading papers as soon as they arrive rather than waiting until all papers are in—which is what we did last year.

Work on the 1999 *Proceedings* has been a process of trial and error, but overall the result is, I think, a good one. This was our first year as NASIG members, and we found our role as editors gave us quite an introduction to the organization. We found the spirit of volunteerism alive and well in NASIG and are happy to be a part of such an organization. To conclude our report, Joe, Jonathan and I would like to thank a number of these volunteers without whom we could not have edited the *Proceedings*. Thanks to Maggie Horn for indexing the *Proceedings*. Maggie did an excellent job in a very short timeframe, and we appreciate her work. Thanks to Ann Ercelawn, our tireless Board Liaison, who responded to every single question we sent her over the past year—and, believe me, there were many questions! Thanks to all the NASIG members who volunteered their time to record a session. Without you, there would be no *Proceedings*. Thanks to members of the 1999 Conference Planning Committee and the Conference Registrar who were the source of information necessary to our work as editors. To all others who helped us by answering our questions and sending us needed information, thank you! Finally, we'd like to acknowledge the invaluable assistance of Nancy Deisroth of Haworth Press. Nancy is wonderful to work with, and NASIG is fortunate to have her as a point person for its *Proceedings*. Thanks to the NASIG Board for giving us the opportunity to serve as Editors. We have enjoyed it and look forward to editing the 2000 *Proceedings*.

## **PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Susan Davis, Cindy Hepfer, and Mary Page, Co-Chairs

Shortly after the conference at Pittsburgh ended this past June, we began working on the schedule for the 2000 conference at San Diego. One of our first tasks was to review a compilation of comments from attendees about their Pittsburgh experiences. With this valuable feedback from the most recent conference in mind, the Committee began an online dialogue about the schedule for the San Diego meeting. The Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, Karen Cargille, and UCSD's Crystal Graham provided us with information about the site, the available rooms and their sizes, and the distance between locations.

After August 15<sup>th</sup> (the deadline we set in the call for papers), we received seventy proposals from the NASIG Secretary and distributed them to the Committee. Discussion about the program possibilities began in earnest. We spent most of the fall evaluating and selecting

finalists and then subsequently fine-tuning the proposals with presenters.

### *Conference Schedule*

The schedule we developed for NASIG 2000 is built upon the familiar NASIG framework, but it incorporates several innovations that we hope will allow for a more relaxed pace to the conference.

The new schedule:

- has regular breakfast time each day
- has one plenary that is 1.25 hours long, and two that are one hour even
- has a plenary panel on Sunday morning
- allows 1.25 hours for each regular workshop and concurrent session
- provides attendees with the option on Saturday afternoon to select one longer workshop with a break midway or two shorter workshops
- schedules the networking nodes at the end of the day on Friday, retaining a full 1.5 hours for these sessions.
- includes user group meetings at the traditional no-conflict time on Sunday at the end of the conference, ending in time to allow attendees to participate in tour offerings
- builds in a few longer breaks (45 minutes) between sessions to provide more networking opportunities for attendees

Shortening the workshops and concurrent sessions by fifteen minutes allows a more relaxed approach to the entire conference. We believe that this small change will address the frequently heard complaint about the lack of free time during previous conferences. We have retained the full one and a half hours for the networking nodes, because these sessions are a time for attendees to ask each other questions about practices and policies, exchange information and tips, and genuinely participate in a discussion of their choice.

### *Preconferences*

We are offering three preconference programs this year, all of which feature experienced, well-regarded presenters. Two focus on practical skills that participants can use in their daily work, and one is more theoretical in nature.

### *Workshops*

This year's conference attendees will be able to choose among thirty superb workshop programs. Of these, four workshops are designed as in-depth sessions. Attendees

will be able to choose either two traditional-length workshops or one in-depth session on Saturday afternoon. Because of the high caliber of the program content, we expect that some attendees may be disappointed that they will not be able to attend more of the workshop sessions.

### *Plenary Speakers*

We have two high-profile speakers scheduled for Friday and Saturday's plenary sessions. For the third and final plenary, we have assembled an all-star panel that has been asked to share their vision for the future of the serials industry and inspire us to action.

### *Concurrent sessions*

We have scheduled eight outstanding concurrent sessions for the conference. As with the workshops, we expect that many attendees will be disappointed that they will not be able to attend more of these sessions.

### *Poster sessions*

A task force headed by Lisa Macklin oversaw the recruitment and selection of poster sessions. Poster sessions are a new addition to the conference, intended to encourage informal discussion and provide NASIG members with an opportunity to develop presentation skills. If the Poster Sessions are successful, future PPCs will offer these again.

### *PPC Manual*

The Program Planning Committee Manual is nearing completion, and our experiences this year will provide useful information for future PPCs. Veteran PPC Chairs Cindy Hepfer and Susan Davis have kindly agreed to work on the manual during the Summer of 2000.

### *Recommendations*

1. Move the final date for proposals back to August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The Committee got off to a late start this year, and we could have made good use of an extra two weeks for program development and planning.
2. The Board and next year's PPC should evaluate the following aspects of this year's conference and use the experience to inform program development for NASIG 2001:
  - a. The New Schedule: Did it meet with conference attendees' approval? Did it meet our expectations for allowing more free time? Were programs short-changed in any way?
  - b. Workshops: Did the in-depth sessions meet our expectation that they would allow attendees to

investigate a topic more thoroughly? Did participants like this format?

- c. Plenary Panel: Did we like the final plenary session that presented a panel discussion rather than a single speaker?
- d. Poster Sessions: Were the poster sessions well received? Were they well attended? Should we offer these sessions in the future?

The Co-Chairs would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the membership of this year's Program Planning Committee. The high caliber of the program content can be directly attributed to the hard work and creative input of this talented bunch of individuals: Wendy Baia, Christie Degener, Marty Gordon, Sandy Hurd, Judy Luther, Joyce McDonough, Joyce Ogburn, Alison Roth, Allison Sleeman, and Kay Teel. Finally, a special note of thanks goes out to our consultant, Crystal Graham, who provided invaluable insight (as she always does), and to our wonderful Board Liaison, Connie Foster. We are grateful for their guidance and leadership.

## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Julia Gammon, Chair

In its second year of operation, the Publications Committee continued to define its role in the organization and begin new initiatives. Serving as the first chair of the NASIG Publications Committee, I have been fortunate to have the pleasure of working with an excellent committee. The hardworking members of the committee include: John Blosser, Ladd Brown, Jennifer Edwards, Lisa Furubotten (ex-officio), Beverley Geer, Doug LaFrenier, Jeff Steely, Sarah Tusa, Steve Savage (ex-officio), Ann Ercelawn (Board Liaison).

The Committee has accomplished the following during the last year:

- Held first official committee meeting at the Carnegie-Mellon Conference. (Gammon)
- Completed distribution of 1999 NASIG Conference Handout Packet. (Geer and Ladd)
- Recruited volunteers to complete the San Diego conference packet (Geer and Ladd)
- Created procedure for handling the future conference packets and publicized availability of 2000 packet. (Geer and Ladd)
- Completed Y2K budget request. (Gammon)
- Developed draft and finalized format guidelines for *NASIGuides*. (Blosser and Tusa)
- Made announcement on NASIG-L soliciting ideas for *NASIGuides*. (Blosser) Submitted

announcement for *NASIGuides* to *NASIG Newsletter*. (Blosser and Savage)

- Compiled list of possible *NASIGuide* topics and authors: (all) Wrote letters to potential *NASIGuide* authors. (Gammon)
- Received Board approval that the Committee will serve as a conduit for providing information about possible writing opportunities for members by putting a message on NASIG-L.
- Conducted informal survey on Spanish listserv, BIBLIOMEX, to see how to reach target audience for translated *CONSER Manual*. (Furubotten and Gammon)
- Drafted formal survey on interest in *CONSER Manual* to be taken by Geer and Oberg to two conferences in Mexico. (Furubotten, Geer and Oberg)
- CONSER survey results tabulated and proposal drafted for completion of translation project. (Furubotten)
- Co-editors recruited for translation project (Furubotten and Steinhagen)
- Volunteers recruited and translation begun on *CONSER Manual*. (Furubotten)
- Updated Serials Resource Page on the NASIG Web. Added 17 titles and 4 style/manuscript guidelines. (Edwards)
- Webified *NASIGuides* materials and announcement. (Edwards)

### *Future plans*

- Discussed ideas for program proposals for 2001 conference: 1) Workshop or Preconference on "How to Get Published" 2.) Workshop or Networking Node on "How to Publish a Journal". (all)
- Create *NASIGuide* from any program that is selected for 2001 conference and post on the Committee Web site. Consider taking one or both on the road as continuing education. (all)

## **REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Linda Smith Griffin, Chair

The members of the Regional Councils and Membership Committee for 1999/2000 are as follows: Molly Brennan Cox, Janet Essency, Joan Griffith, Linda Smith Griffin (Chair), Rogelio Hinojosa, Lorraine Hirning, Judith Johnston, Marcella Leshner, Mike Markwith, Kamala Narayanan, Julie Su, Paula Sullenger, Laurie Sutherland, Gayle Teaster-Woods, Don Jaeger (Board Liaison).

The members of the Regional Councils and Membership Committee were active in several areas this year. The Committee engaged in the following activities: recruiting and welcoming new and potential members to NASIG who were identified on NASIG-L; recruiting and assigning new state representatives; promoting NASIG through library school presentations and making students aware of NASIG's scholarship opportunities; displaying the traveling banner and distributing membership brochures at various local, state, national, regional, and international meetings. Eleanor Cook is to be commended for her work with Marcia Bennett, the PLA liaison to NASIG, in sending fifty-five membership brochures for distribution at the annual Public Library Association meeting in March. Molly Brennan Cox, regional representative for the Central Atlantic Region distributed 112 new membership packets to the 1999 non-member NASIG conference attendees to encourage them to join.

This year the Committee revised and updated the English, French and Spanish language membership brochures. Bea Caraway, Rogelio Hinojosa, and Steve Oberg are to be commended for a job well done on the revisions and translations. Judith Johnston is also to be commended for her work as liaison among First Printing, Inc., the translators, and RC&M.

A conference call was held in September 1999 with the current Publicist, Steve Oberg; former Publicist, Judith Johnston; and the RC&M Chair to discuss the role of the Publicist. The Publicist position is no longer a part of RC&M, but it will work very closely with RC&M and other NASIG committees. It was agreed that the Publicist should be added to REGIONAL-L to help keep the lines of communication open. Due to the restructuring of the Publicist role, RC&M will no longer be responsible for ordering and printing membership brochures. Requests for brochures can be directly sent to the Publicist; however, requests can also be submitted via the discussion list or to the RC&M Chair.

The Chair would like to thank all of the regional, state and provincial representatives for doing an excellent job in recruiting and promoting NASIG whenever possible. Debbie Malone, Linda Pitts, Jane Qualls, and Paula Sullenger are to be commended for mailing the new member packets. Julie Su is to be commended for her assertive efforts in recruiting three new state representatives in the Great Lake Region. Finally, the Chair wishes to thank Don Jaeger, the Committee's Board

Liaison for keeping us abreast of the Board's decisions and how they impact RC&M.

The Chair's goal for the remainder of this year is to fill seven vacant state representative positions and to update RC&M Committee Web page on NASIGWeb.

## **SITE COMMITTEE**

Fran Wilkinson

The Site Committee enjoyed another very productive year. The NASIG Conference for 2001 will be held at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, from May 23-26. Please note that this conference is being held on Wednesday through Saturday, a departure from the usual NASIG conference schedule of Thursday-Sunday. Connie Foster and Fran Wilkinson visited the campus, on Wednesday, January 12, 2000, just prior to the winter NASIG Board meeting. The "NASIG Annual Conference On-Site Checklist," developed last year for the University of California at San Diego site visit, was slightly modified and used for the Trinity University site visit. Fran and Connie presented an extensive report to the NASIG Board regarding the campus facilities at Trinity. The site visit brought back pleasant memories of the NASIG Conference held there in 1991. This is the first time that NASIG has returned to a site! Bea Caraway and Carol Gill, at Trinity University, will serve as Co-Chairs of the 2001 Conference Planning Committee.

A proposal to hold the 2002 NASIG Conference at the University of Maryland at College Park will be reviewed by the Board at its June 2000 meeting. Other sites that were considered for 2002 include campuses in Canada, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Virginia, which were not selected for various reasons. The Site Committee hopes to receive a proposal to hold the 2003 NASIG Conference at the University of Utah. If the proposal is received in time, it will also be presented to the Board for consideration at its June 2000 meeting.

The dates and location of the 2001 conference, as well as information on future NASIG Conferences as it becomes known, can be found on NASIGWeb by clicking on "Annual Conferences" under "The NASIG Organization." Anyone interested in submitting their campus for consideration as a possible future NASIG conference site is invited to contact Fran Wilkinson, NASIG Site Selection Committee Board Liaison, via e-mail at [site-select@nasig.org](mailto:site-select@nasig.org) or to complete the "NASIG Conference Site Selection Initial Contact Form" which can be found at: <http://nasig.org/public/forms/siteselection.html>.

## 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. 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.]

**David Bull's** new position is Director of Journals at Macmillan Press in the UK, developing Macmillan's journal program in the broad management, economic, and social sciences. He was previously Publisher in the Journals Division at Routledge, Inc. David's new addresses are:

Houndmills, Basingstoke RG21 6XS  
United Kingdom  
Phone: +44 (0) 1256 302999  
E-mail: D.BULL@MACMILLAN.CO.UK

**Leslie Button** has been promoted from her position as Head of the Serials Section to Head of the Acquisitions Department at the University of Massachusetts Library, Amherst. Her new responsibilities began in November 1999. All Leslie's addresses remain the same.

From **Cynthia Clark** we have the news that she has left her position as Associate University Librarian for Technical Services at the University of California, Irvine to become Director of Technical Services at New York Public Libraries, Research Libraries on March 1st. Cynthia's new addresses are:

New York Public Library  
Technical Services Department  
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10018  
Phone: (212) 930-9201  
E-mail: CCLARK@NYPL.ORG

**Loretta Denise Crowell** has left her position at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University to become a Catalog Librarian at Detroit Public Library. Loretta can be reached at:

5201 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48202  
Phone: (313) 833-1017  
E-mail: LCROWELL@DETROIT.LIB.MI.US

**Karen Darling** wrote to tell us about her new job as Head of the Acquisitions Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia. "I took this new position in February 2000 and moved from the University of Oregon and Eugene to Columbia. It was a major move for me as I had lived in Eugene for more than 17 years. However, the

prospect of new challenges and the fact that the Midwest is home to me made the decision easier. My new responsibilities include serials and monographic acquisitions which gives me the opportunity to learn new things while bringing many years of serials experience to the position; perfect for me. Having been away from the day to day work of acquisitions and serials for two years, I am enjoying being back in this environment." Karen's new addresses are:

Ellis Library  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
Columbia, MO 65201-5149  
Phone: (573) 882-2835  
Fax: (573) 884-5243  
E-mail: DARLINGK@MISSOURI.EDU

**Carroll Nelson Davis** has a new job in the Serial Record Division at the Library of Congress. He was previously Serials Cataloger at Columbia University. Carroll's new addresses are:

Madison Building, LM 509  
101 Independence Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20540-4160  
Phone: (202) 707-6327  
Fax: (202) 707-1778  
E-mail: CNDA@LOC.GOV

**Rachel L. Frick** writes: "I started my new position Assistant Head of Acquisitions and Serials Librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries on January 4th of this year. Previously I was the outreach librarian for Coastal AHEC in Wilmington, NC. I am very happy to have returned to Richmond and serials librarianship. It is a true homecoming for me. As some folks know, I lived in Richmond before, when I was the hospital library specialist for Readmore in 1995. Also, I recently got married here in Richmond on April 15th. So needless to say, 2000 has brought many exciting changes to my life. I am looking forward to NASIG this year so that I may reconnect with all of my serials colleagues and friends. See you in San Diego!" Rachel's new addresses are:

Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries  
Richmond, VA 23284  
Phone: (804) 828-1094  
Fax: (804) 828-0151  
E-mail: RLFRIK@SATURN.VCU.EDU

From **Marilyn Geller** we have news of her new job as Strategic Program Manager at Faxon RoweCom. She writes: "After I left Blackwell's in the Fall of 1998, I spent a year and a bit doing private consulting and "thinking great thoughts" about our industry and its place on the Internet. In February, along came Faxon RoweCom with a wonderful offer that will allow me to put my "great thoughts" to the test. My friends will know that while I'm not really looking forward to getting dressed decently to

go into the office on a regular basis, I'm truly excited about the opportunity and the challenge of pulling together all of Faxon's current e-journal tools and services into a coordinated electronic resources initiative. I really am excited and pleased, and I don't have to go to the office EVERY day." Marilyn can now be reached at:

Faxon RoweCom Academic Services  
15 Southwest Park  
Westwood, MA 02090  
Phone: (781) 329-3350, x596  
E-mail: GELLER@FAXON.COM

**Maureen E. Hady** has a new job as Serials Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Kentucky's William T. Young Library. Maureen was previously Assistant Head of Acquisitions at Virginia Commonwealth University. Maureen's new addresses are:

University of Kentucky  
William T. Young Library  
Lexington, KY 40506-0456  
Phone: (859) 257-0500 x2135  
Fax: (859) 257-0508  
E-mail: MEHADY2@POP.UKY.EDU

**Valorie Huynh** sends this news: "After completing my MLS in December 1998 at the University of Maryland, I returned to my home state of Kansas in July 1999, where I became Library Associate in Reference and Cataloging at Friends University. The University is in Wichita, a small private institution with a variety of programs for traditional and non-traditional students. Versatility is important, so I do both public and technical services. I enjoy my diversified duties and am learning new skills every day. I'm glad to be back in NASIG because I felt so welcomed as a student-grant winner in 1998. I won't be able to attend the conference this summer but hope to do so next year." Valorie's new addresses are:

Edmund Stanley Library  
Friends University  
Wichita, KS  
Phone: (316) 295-5808  
E-mail: VHUYNH@FRIENDS.EDU

**October Ivins** writes that the proverbial Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times," certainly applies both to the pace of change in the information industry and to her own role in it. She left PubList.com during the course of many changes in that company and, after a one month consulting project, has joined Booktech.com on a full time basis. Booktech is a custom publisher and course pack provider located in Woburn, Massachusetts, ten miles north of Boston. As Chief Knowledge Officer, October has a large role in product development. She writes: "I am responsible for ensuring the integrity of the company's digital library of material used in our course packs, for identifying and adding other content sources,

and for designing a database and cataloging structure to provide optimum library access for the professors who are our customers. I also have development of the Web site and creation of a corporate library and knowledge management system under me and am creating new positions to implement these programs. This is in many ways my dream job, and I am delighted to have found an opportunity that utilizes my library and .com experience, as well as my recent student and teaching experience." October's new addresses are:

42 Cummings Park,  
Woburn MA 01801 USA  
Phone: (781) 933-5400, ext 394  
Fax: (781) 933-6750  
E-mail: OIVINS@BOOKTECH.COM

**Shawn King** writes to us about her new job as Legislative Librarian/Cataloger – Indexer at the Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services: "I started my new job in November, 1999 after being relocated from Illinois because of my husband's work. I primarily catalog Maryland government documents (almost all original cataloging) as well as index legislative bills as they are introduced when the General Assembly is in session. We kept our snow blower when we moved here from the Chicago area not thinking we would need it as often here in the Annapolis area, and then encountered Midwest-style snowstorms, including one that dumped 17 inches in one day. Needless to say, we are glad we hung on to it." Shawn was previously Acquisitions and Serials Librarian at North Central College in Illinois. Her new addresses are:

Maryland General Assembly  
Department of Legislative Services  
90 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Phone: (410) 946-5417  
E-mail: SHAK@MLIS.STATE.MD.US

**Sharon Cline McKay** has left her position as Director of Academic Sales in the Western Region for Faxon to join SilverPlatter as Field Account Executive for the western region. Sharon's new job began on May 15, and she reports that she will definitely be at NASIG in San Diego. Sharon says she doesn't have any new contact information yet, but her personal e-mail is scmck@aol.com. Anybody wanting to contact Sharon can send a message and she will reply with new business addresses. About the new job, Sharon writes: "This new position gives me the opportunity to continue my involvement with serials, especially e-journals, albeit from a different viewpoint. I'm happy to be joining a well-known and solid company that will allow me to stay in the West. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in La Jolla in June!" [Editor's note: Please check the NASIG *Membership Directory* on the Web site for updated address information.]

**Janet McKinney** started her new job as Computer Services Librarian at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP on February 28, after 9 years at the University of Missouri, Kansas City Law Library. Janet says: "I wasn't looking for a change, but this was an opportunity I felt I should take advantage of. Shook is the largest law firm in Kansas City and it has an excellent reputation. While my job is quite different, I don't see it as being completely divorced from serials work. Part of my new job is to select electronic serials and to serve as the library's liaison with vendors. Some of my other duties include Internet training, Web-mastering the library's site, and later this year, involvement in the development of the firm's Intranet. Unfortunately, I won't be as free to travel to conferences as I was in the academic world, so it may be awhile until I can attend another NASIG meeting. I always enjoy them and I think the organization is great!"

Janet's new addresses are:

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, L L P  
1200 Main Street, 28th Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64105-2118  
Phone: (816) 474-6550 x28012  
Fax: (816) 421-5547  
E-mail: MCKINNEY@SOUND.NET

**Steven Ring** is now Serials Librarian at the University of Houston–Downtown. He was previously a Library Assistant II at University of Texas at Austin. Steven's new addresses are:

University of Houston–Downtown  
One Main Street  
Houston, TX 77002-1001  
Phone: (713) 221-8464  
Fax: (713) 221-8037  
E-mail: RINGS@ZEUS.DT.UH.EDU

Here is the news from **Jeff Steely**: "In December 1999 I started in a new position as Outreach Services Librarian at Baylor University (Waco, Texas). I left my position as Serials Librarian for the Library of the U.S. Courts in Chicago. While I enjoyed my work as the only serials librarian in the U.S. Courts system, Chicago was just a temporary stop for my family. I am excited about returning to Baylor. My primary responsibility is management of the Interlibrary Loan Office. My duties include a mix of technology issues, management tasks, and reference work ... so I'm having a great time!" Jeff's new addresses are:

Baylor University  
Jesse H. Jones Library  
PO Box 97146  
Waco, TX 76798-7148  
Phone: (254) 710-2464  
Fax: (254) 752-5332  
E-mail: JEFFREY\_STEELY@BAYLOR.EDU

**Ana Arias Terry** is now President of Redstone Publishing Consulting. She was previously Director of Business Development at NetPubs International. Ana's new addresses are:

Redstone Publishing Consulting  
216 Commerce Drive, Suite 4  
Fort Collins, CO 80201  
Phone: (970) 472-5985  
Fax: (970) 416-7754  
E-mail: ANA.TERRY@  
REDSTONEPUBCONSULTING.COM

**Alice Tucker** was previously Head of Technical Services at the Bishop Payne Library of the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA. In December 1999 she took a new position as Serials Cataloger at the U.S. Geological Survey Library in Reston, VA. Alice's new addresses are:

U.S. Geological Survey Library  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Reston, VA 20192  
Phone: (703) 648-4501  
E-mail: ATUCKER@USGS.GOV

**Laura S. Turner** began her new job in Leyburn Library at Washington and Lee University in January 1999, right after graduating from the University of Texas, Austin's School of Library and Information Studies. She says: "This job, as Technical Services Librarian in a small liberal arts university setting, is my dream job. I am 'generalizing' in all aspects of Tech Services (Cataloging, Acquisitions, Serials, Database Maintenance), and though I may not become a specialist here in any of those areas, I feel very well-rounded! I received my MLIS and a certificate in Technical Services Studies for additional coursework at the University of Texas in December 1998. My family and I are happy to be back in Virginia (our origins) after two and a half years in Austin. (Before I began at Texas, I worked for 5 years as a paraprofessional in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary.)"

Laura's new addresses are:

Technical Services Librarian  
Leyburn Library  
Washington and Lee University  
Lexington, VA 24450  
Phone: (540) 463-8659  
E-mail: TURNERL@WLU.EDU

**Naomi Young** writes about her new job as Serials Cataloger at the University of Florida. She moved to Gainesville from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "I am getting settled in and I'm feeling thoroughly happy here. I'm in charge of the newly re-formed Serials Cataloging Unit here at UF. The combination of shifting back into cataloger mode, combined with helping to reorganize the department, and hiring and training new

staff, all in the first two months, has been a little disorienting, but also exhilarating. I do miss having an office with a door that closes, but the increased responsibility and flexibility of the new job make up for all that and more. It's wonderful to be cataloging again. I also miss the time I spent helping students, although I do work one hour a week doing mostly directional reference at our periodicals desk. I believe the time I spent in the public service arena (and I use that word for its martial overtones!) will always be valuable to me. It gave me a real understanding of how cataloging practice affects students, researchers and colleagues. It also helped me to understand that the grass is not greener on the public services side. Our public service colleagues are also being asked to do more and more with less and less, and under

more scrutiny to boot! Gainesville is greener and wetter than Dallas, a welcome change for this native Northwesterner. The only disadvantage is that I left my husband, Hank, and our cat back in Dallas for now. This might be a good time for NASIG members to buy stock in telecom companies, as revenues are going up! I may be found at:"

Resource Services, Smathers Libraries  
University of Florida  
PO Box 117007  
Gainesville, FL 32611-7007  
Phone: (352) 392-0355 ext. 239  
Fax: (352) 392-4788  
E-mail: NAOMI@MAIL.UFLIB.UFL.EDU

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## CALENDAR

Carol MacAdam

[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Carol MacAdam, [clm@jstor.org](mailto:clm@jstor.org).]

June 21-25, 2000

*Canadian Library Association*  
55th Annual Conference

"Information Communities at the Turn of the Century:  
Reading the Past, Writing the Future"  
Edmonton, Alberta

The CLA Serials Interest Group is sponsoring a 3-hour session at this Conference:

"Serials in the 21st Century: Print, Electronic, or Something Else?"

Contact: Kewal Krishan

E-mail: [krishan@sklib.usask.ca](mailto:krishan@sklib.usask.ca)

June 22-25, 2000

*NASIG*

15th Annual Conference

"Making Waves: New Serials Landscapes in a Sea of Change"

San Diego, California

<http://orpheus-1.ucsd.edu/nasig/nasigframe.htm>

July 6-13, 2000

*American Library Association*  
Annual Conference

Chicago, Illinois

<http://www.ala.org/events/ac2000/>

July 15-20, 2000

*American Association of Law Libraries*  
Annual Meeting

"Gateways to Leadership"

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[http://www.aallnet.org/events/00\\_home.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/events/00_home.asp)

August 13-18, 2000

*International Federation of Library Associations*  
66th Council and General Conference

"Information for Co-operation: Creating the Global Library of the Future"

Jerusalem, Israel

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla66/66intro.htm>

October 2, 2000

*New England Technical Services Librarians*

New England Library Association 2000 Conference  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Includes workshop: "Holdings Standards Come Of Age: A Workshop On The Marc Holdings Format"

Contact: Mary Ann Rupert

E-mail: [marupert@aol.com](mailto:marupert@aol.com)

November 1-4, 2000

*20th Annual Charleston Conference on Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions*

"Is Bigger Better?"

Charleston, South Carolina

<http://www.cofc.edu/cdconference/>

January 12-17, 2001

*American Library Association*  
Midwinter Meeting

Washington, District of Columbia

March 15-18, 2001  
*Association of College and Research Libraries*  
10th National Conference  
"Crossing the Divide"  
Denver, Colorado  
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/denver.html>

April 2-4, 2001  
*United Kingdom Serials Group*  
24th UKSG Annual Conference and Exhibition,  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
<http://www.uksg.org>

May 23-26, 2001  
*North American Serials Interest Group*  
16th Annual Conference  
"NASIG 2001: A Serials Odyssey"  
San Antonio, Texas  
<http://www.nasig.org/public/NASIG2001.html>

May 25-31, 2001  
*Medical Library Association*  
Annual Meeting  
Orlando, Florida  
<http://www.mlahq.org/>

June 6-8, 2001  
*Society of Scholarly Publishing*  
Annual Meeting  
San Francisco, California  
<http://www.sspnet.org>  
Contact: Janet Fisher  
E-mail: [jfisher@mit.edu](mailto:jfisher@mit.edu)

June 9-14, 2001  
*Special Libraries Association*  
92nd Annual Conference  
"An Information Odyssey: Seizing the Competitive Advantage"  
San Antonio, Texas  
<http://www.sla.org/conf/2001conf/index.html>

June 14-20 2001  
*American Library Association*  
Annual Conference  
San Francisco, California  
<http://www.ala.org/events>

August 16-25, 2001  
*International Federation of Library Associations*  
67th Council and General Conference  
Boston, Massachusetts

**NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP**  
**16th Annual Conference**  
**May 23-26, 2001**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

<http://www.nasig.org/public/NASIG2001.html>

***NASIG 2001: A SERIALS ODYSSEY***

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) returns to Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, for its 16th annual conference, May 23-26, 2001. Trinity is a small, private, liberal arts and sciences undergraduate institution of 2500 students, named by *U.S. News & World Report* as “number one in the West” among regional universities for the eighth consecutive year. Originally patterned after an Italian village, the campus encompasses 177 acres and is adorned with red brick buildings, native live oaks, beautifully landscaped grounds, and sparkling fountains. Trinity University offers a skyline view of downtown San Antonio. Combining Old World charm, a multicultural heritage, and numerous cultural and historical attractions, San Antonio is a friendly, enchanting city to visit. Chart your course now for this conference.

NASIG’s annual conference provides a forum for anyone interested in the exchange of serials information, issues, trends, and innovations. Proceedings are published in both print and electronic formats, with the electronic version made available to NASIG members on the NASIG Website ([www.nasig.org](http://www.nasig.org)). Note: A separate call for Poster Sessions will be issued at a later date.

The 2001 Program Planning Committee invites proposals for preconferences, plenaries, issues, and workshops that relate to the conference theme *NASIG 2001: A Serials Odyssey*.

***Plenary Papers and Issues (Concurrent) Sessions***

We seek proposals for plenary papers and issues sessions that deal with visionary or overarching issues (i.e., “the big picture”). Analysis of trends, historical perspectives with an eye towards future implications and evolutions in the serials industry and within libraries are other possibilities. What role will current players have in the production and dissemination of serial publications in the 21st century? Who will be new players in the industry? What will scholarly journals be like in five years? ten years? Will serials survive or be transformed totally for all those involved in information access? What happens to basic values and traditional workflow of library and information professionals? What implications are there for users and practitioners to explore, adapt to, and shape this information? Will there be black holes or parallel universes of serials information and communities?

Some additional suggestions to spark ideas include, but certainly are not limited to:

- Redefining serials
- Aspects of serials information (i.e., marketed, packaged, paid for, accessed, preserved?)
- E-commerce, subscription models
- Knowledge management; distance education
- Transformation of libraries and user needs; virtual libraries
- Digital initiatives and issues
- Standards for serials in all areas (cataloging aspects, publishing, access, etc.)

## Workshops and Preconferences

The Committee also invites proposals for workshops and preconferences that provide practical information and specific processes about managing serials within an organization. Typically, workshop leaders share experiences in a collegial setting and facilitate discussion with participants if appropriate to the presentation.

A few examples include, but certainly are not limited to:

- Changes in user education and users
- Trends in evaluating, acquiring, managing, accessing e-journals
- Licensing arrangements; copyright implications and considerations
- Managing staff and other resources; decision-making strategies for survival
- Impact of e-journals on binding, microformats, archiving, etc.

NASIG invites members of the information community to submit proposals and suggest topics and speakers. The Program Planning Committee reserves the right to combine, blend, or refocus proposals to maximize relevance to our membership. In some instances, the Committee invites selected presenters for proposals submitted by teams. Proposals are reviewed competitively. Please include ALL of the following information for optimum consideration:

*Required for ALL Presenters named in the proposal:*

1. Name and mailing address
2. Telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address
3. Program title
4. Abstract: a 200-300 word abstract clearly explaining the proposal and its relevance to the conference and its attendees.
5. Program type: A prioritized list for program preference (plenary, workshop, preconference)

Proposals should be submitted via e-mail, if possible, no later than:

***AUGUST 1, 2000***

Send proposals to:

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Principal Serials Cataloger  
N209 Love Library  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln NE 68588-0410  
Phone: (402) 472-3545  
Fax: (402) 472-2534  
E-mail: mmering1@unl.edu*