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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Maggie Rioux

The way we look at the world has certainly changed since I wrote my first *President's Corner* last summer, hasn't it? As I write this, the newspapers continue to run almost nothing on their front pages but stories on the terrible events of Sept. 11 and their

aftermath. I have the feeling that awful day and all that has happened since are going to be in the front of our minds for a long time to come. As best as I can tell, no NASIG members were injured or killed in the various disasters, but I'm sure almost every one of us

knows someone who either was a direct victim or is related to one. And who were the victims? People just like those who ride beside us on the bus, who wait on us or cook the food in our restaurants, who sit at the next table in the coffeehouse or pub, and who read all those serials that we provide for them. In other words, folks just like each and every one of us.

And then came my next thought: In times like these, it's especially important to remember that we in NASIG—indeed all of us in the serials chain, even if we're not NASIG members—are really one big family: publishers, agents, library-based folks, Canadians, Yanks, Mexicans, even our Brits, Germans, Aussies, and others. Though we may squabble about prices, licensing, archiving, or whatever (because that's what families do), in the end, we need to put aside our differences and appreciate (dare I say love) one another. So next time you meet up with another serialist, give that person a hug (or a handshake or even just a smile) just because he or she is one of us. Or if you can't manage that, at least vow to be civil to each other when next we get together, because that's what NASIG is all about and why we got started way back in 1986.

Which segues very nicely into the topic I had intended to talk about this time...

Okay, so NASIGers are a family. And what do families do (besides squabble)? They have reunions. Now, if you think about it, what is our annual conference except a big NASIG family reunion? So this is my invitation to you to attend our 17th Annual Reunion/Conference at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, June 20-23, 2002. I

know it's a bit early to start packing, but it's never too early to think about attending a NASIG conference, and this one promises to be one of our best. The Executive Board had its fall meeting in Williamsburg, and we were highly impressed with the campus, the facilities, and what the Conference Planning Committee has in store for all of us. Think about a colonial dinner in a sunken garden, a beautiful 18th-century campus and nearby historic area, and an evening at Busch Gardens with some mega-awesome roller coasters. And, of course, there are also the programs. The Program Planning Committee is working hard to put together a whale of an agenda so you can learn a lot while having a good time. Put it in your 2002 budget, block off the dates on the calendar, and I'll see you there. Note to those of you on the East Coast: Think about taking the train. It's very scenic and very relaxing.

A third item of importance for NASIG at this time of year is to start getting members thinking about volunteering for committee appointments. Appointments will be made by the incoming President, Eleanor Cook, in the spring, but it's never too early to fill out the volunteer application on NASIGWeb at:

<http://www.nasig.org/forms/volunteer.html>

Remember in the last *Presidents' Corner* when I told you how it all starts with getting on a committee? Now's the time. If you want to make a difference in the way NASIG does things and what it does, you need to get in on the ground floor. There's something for everyone.

That's it 'til next time. Peace, and stay cool.

MINUTES OF THE NASIG BOARD MEETING

October 2001

Meg Mering, NASIG Secretary

Date, Time: October 19, 2001 (8:38 a.m.-5:00 p.m.); October 20, 2001 (8:32 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Place: Williamsburg, VA

Attending:

Maggie Rioux, President
Eleanor Cook, Vice-President/President-Elect
Meg Mering, Secretary
Denise Novak, Treasurer
Connie Foster, Past President

Members at Large:

Donnice Cochenour
Christa Easton
Marilyn Geller
Anne McKee
Mary Page
Kevin Randall

Guests:

Steve Savage, *Newsletter* Editor-in-Chief
Stephen Clark, Joyce Tenney, Co-Chairs, 2002
Conference Planning Committee

Lisa Macklin, Kate Manuel, Mike Somers,
Co-Chairs, 2002 Program Planning
Committee

1.0 Welcome

M. Rioux welcomed Board members and guests to the fall Board meeting.

2.0 Secretary's Report

2.1 Approval of Board Actions Since Trinity

M. Mering compiled the following Board decisions since the May 2001 meeting for inclusion in the minutes.

- a. Approved the minutes from the May 2001 Executive Board meeting.
- b. Agreed to form a working group to review the Bilingual Focus Group's final report and to develop a plan to implement its recommendations.
- c. Authorized Haworth to publish the NASIG *Proceedings* in an electronic version of *The Serials Librarian* as well as in the print version and the print monograph. The Board stipulated that print subscribers receive the electronic version at no extra charge and that for institutional subscriptions, the electronic version have a campus-wide site license. Continued authorization in the event of any change in the pricing structure for the electronic version is subject to NASIG review.
- d. Agreed to have PPC add to their manual that the call for proposals should strongly encourage electronic submissions and that hard copy submissions only be accepted if the submitter is unable to provide an electronic one.
- e. Agreed to ask ECC to investigate setting up private space on NASIGWeb to mount proposals for PPC and the Board.
- f. Agreed to have the Publications Committee work with Phil Greene to develop a serials management course outline.
- g. Agreed to have ECC develop guidelines for NASIG-L.
- h. Approved the logo for the 2002 conference.

2.2 Board Rosters

M. Mering distributed updated copies of the 2001/02 Board rosters.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

3.1 Conference and General Finance Report

D. Novak reported that all bills for the 2001 conference have been paid. The total surplus for the conference was \$16,169.84.

The Charles Schwab investment account, not surprisingly, has lost money since the May 2001 conference.

Spending is on track for the 2001 budget. The *Newsletter* will not spend its entire budget because the issues have had fewer pages than usual, and one less issue was published in 2001.

D. Novak reported that she was having difficulty changing the name on NASIG's American Express card from the former treasurer to her name.

ACTION: The Board asked D. Novak to explore other credit card options.

D. Novak plans to revise the Treasurer's job description and obtain bonding for the Treasurer and the President.

3.2 Budget for 2002

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2002.

ACTION: The Board asked the Publicist to work with A&R in identifying appropriate publications that would be willing to advertise NASIG's awards at no charge. They also suggested that a schedule be developed for sending announcements to publications.

ACTION: The Board approved the budget for 2002.

4.0 Publicist

Publicist C. Foster reported that the membership brochures will be revised and reprinted.

ACTION: C. Foster will revise the brochure's content and have it reprinted. She will ask Board members for suggestions on changing the brochure's content.

DATE: Draft of new brochure due at NASIG Midwinter Board meeting in January 2002.

5.0 2002 Program Planning Committee

Board members and PPC Co-Chairs, L. Macklin, K. Manuel, and M. Somers, reviewed the proposed pre-conferences, plenaries, concurrent, and workshops for the 2002 conference. Board members offered suggestions on possible speakers and content of the

sessions. They reinforced PPC's plans for programs that will be of interest to all NASIG's constituencies.

6.0 2002 Conference Planning Committee

S. Clark and J. Tenney, the CPC Co-Chairs, presented a preliminary budget for the conference. They also reviewed the proposed schedule for the conference, possible evening events, and tours. The fun run/walk has been added back into the conference schedule. The conference brochure will include brief abstracts of each session.

ACTION: The Board approved the schedule for the conference, evening events, and tours.

ACTION: The Board agreed to revise the conference refund policy to include a statement that refunds would not be granted for events beyond NASIG's control.

The Board discussed the possibility of online registration for the 2002 conference. While credit card payments have been accepted for the past two conferences, the registration process itself continues to be a manual process. Registrants mail their payment to the conference registrar who adds the information to a database.

ACTION: The Board approved forming a small working group to explore the possibility of online registration for the conference. M. Rioux will write a charge for the working group and appoint members to the group.

A. McKee, the CPC Board Liaison, reported that she has been working on obtaining information on transportation from the Richmond and Norfolk airports. Board members expressed concerns about transportation to and from the airports and its expense.

ACTION: A. McKee will investigate hiring buses to transport conference attendees from the airports.

7.0 Site Selection for 2003

A. McKee and E. Cook reported on their September site visit to Portland State University. The university does not have dorm space for NASIG. Conference attendees would stay in nearby hotels. The Board discussed the ramifications of a conference, which would not have attendees staying in residence halls.

ACTION: The Board approved Portland State University as the site for the 2003 conference.

ACTION: M. Rioux will write a President's column addressing this conference model, e.g. having conference attendees stay at nearby hotels rather than in residence halls.

ACTION: M. Rioux will write the University of Utah informing them of the Board's decision and thanking them for volunteering to be considered as the 2003 conference site.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Archives

M. Mering reported that Holley Lange had successfully transferred the nine boxes of archives from the University of New Mexico to Colorado State University in July 2001. In the upcoming year, H. Lange will consider the former archivist's proposal to shift the archives from an alphabetical to a subject arrangement. She will also consider the possibility of finding a permanent location for the archives.

8.2 Bylaws

C. Easton reported that there had been no requests for bylaw changes. A result of the new strategic plan may be changes in the bylaws.

8.3 Awards & Recognition

M. Geller reported that a subcommittee consisting of Claire Dygert, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Nancy Newsome, and Cheryl Riley was exploring whether the Marcia Tuttle Award should be given annually on the same schedule as other awards and whether or not it may be awarded retrospectively. Mike Randall is working on making the award forms available electronically.

ACTION: The Board approved one Horizon Award and six Student Grant Awards for 2002. One of the six student grant recipients will receive the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship. A&R may recommend granting more awards by providing a justification to the Board.

8.4 Continuing Education

M. Geller reported that CE continues to be a dynamic committee. Five continuing education events have been held since the May 2001 conference. Several more events are being planned for 2002.

Board members discussed whether NASIG should continue to support the same events every year.

CE is working on events in new geographic areas. The committee would like to see events held in Canada.

ACTION: The Board recommended that CE work with RC&M's Canadian representatives to investigate having events in Canada.

The Board discussed how to better facilitate mentors and mentees meeting at the first-timers' reception.

ACTION: The Board agreed that the beginning of the first-timers' reception would be reserved for mentors and mentees only. A. McKee will inform J. Tenney and S. Clark of this decision.

8.3/8.4.1 Bilingual Efforts & Mexican Conference Award Implementation Update

The Board will ask Elizabeth Parang, member of CEC, to coordinate the Bilingual Efforts & Mexican Conference Award. She will work with last year's NASIG-Mexico Conference Grant winner and an A&R committee member in an advisory capacity in regards to modifying A&R's timeline to fit in this award and will use the support of other members of CEC with appropriate skills necessary to complete this task.

8.5 2001 CPC Wrap-Up

M. Rioux reported that a budget report for the 2001 conference had been sent to the College of William and Mary. Overall costs for the conference were lower due in large part to less expensive program speakers.

ACTION: Board thanked Beatrice Caraway, Carol Gill, Pat Wallace and other members of the 2001 CPC for their work.

8.6 Database & Directory

The print version of the *Membership Directory* was printed and mailed in June 2001. Because of formatting changes and the elimination of selected sections that are duplicated on NASIGWeb, the 2001 *Directory* has 49 fewer pages than the 2000 *Directory*. The cost of producing and mailing the *Directory* was approximately \$1,500 less than the cost in 2000.

M. Mering reported that several new members had sent messages to the membership e-mail account requesting the user name and the password for member-only sections of NASIG. The user name and

password is announced on NASIGWeb several times a year. S. Savage includes the user name and the password as part of his announcement about the availability of new *Newsletter* issues.

ACTION: The Board asked D&D to send the NASIGWeb user name and password to each new member.

8.7 Electronic Communications

D. Cochenour reported that Bee.net recommends that NASIG only use FrontPage to upload files to the server. FrontPage needs to keep track of all files and hyperlinks on the site. If the files are uploaded using another type of Web publishing software, FrontPage will not know about the existence of those files until the site is recalculated.

ECC had Bee.net create a special directory for the monthly statistics about NASIGWeb and its usage. D. Cochenour asked the Board what statistics should be archived.

ACTION: The Board decided ECC should send the Archivist a monthly printout of usage statistics of the main page, the *Human Resource Directory*, the *Membership Directory*, and the *Newsletter*. The domain names of the users of these pages should also be sent to the Archivist.

Bee.net will set up the ability to search all of NASIGWeb at no extra cost to NASIG. Having this new function will require moving NASIGWeb to a different server that has better indexing capabilities.

8.7.1 NASIG-L Guidelines

ECC will prepare a draft of the guidelines for the Midwinter Board meeting.

8.8 Evaluation & Assessment

The Board reviewed information gathered from the 2001 conference evaluation form.

M. Page reported that the return rate was over 50%. In late October 2001 an announcement will be made on NASIG-L that individual speaker reports are available on request to speakers.

ACTION: The Board thanked E&A for their work.

E&A will be working with CE to help evaluate continuing education events.

8.9 Newsletter

The December 2001 issue of the *Newsletter* will be the last issue made available both in print and electronically. The March 2002 issue of the *Newsletter* will only be available electronically. S. Savage asked if NASIG would continue to have institutional subscriptions to its *Newsletter* once it was available electronically only, and if so, how that access would be provided. Currently, only a small number of institutions subscribe to the *Newsletter*.

ACTION: The Board decided that NASIG would discontinue offering institutional subscriptions to the *Newsletter* starting in 2002.

ACTION: When Steve sends his announcement to NASIG-L about the availability of the *Newsletter's* December issue online, he will remind everyone that the March 2002 issue will only be available electronically.

Newsletter issues prior to 1992 are not available electronically on NASIGWeb. S. Savage asked if the Board would be interested in having PDF and/or HTML files created for the back issues. The Board had considered this issue two years ago.

ACTION: The Board approved creating PDF files for the back issues of the *Newsletter*.

The Board discussed the possibility of including Spanish language articles in the *Newsletter*.

ACTION: The Board agreed that this is an important issue, but given its many implications, a decision was deferred pending further consideration.

8.10 Nominations & Elections

C. Foster reported that 75 names were submitted for nomination to the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Member-at-Large. Nominees will be screened for eligibility and contacted after Oct. 15, 2001, to ascertain their willingness to be nominated.

The Board discussed whether nominees could be told whom they would be running against if they agreed to serve on the ballot.

ACTION: The Board agreed that N&E could tell nominees whom they would be running against if they agree to serve on the ballot.

8.11 Proceedings

D. Cochenour reported that the manuscript for the 2001 *Proceedings* has been sent to Haworth Press.

Two plenary speakers and one concurrent speaker did not submit papers for the 2001 *Proceedings*. The Board discussed the options of using recorders' reports and transcribing tape-recorded versions of sessions when speakers do not submit a paper.

ACTION: The Board decided that recorders' reports would serve as the first back-up for papers not submitted for the *Proceedings*. A transcription of the tape-recorded version of a session would serve as the second back-up.

ACTION: The Board confirmed that *Newsletter* reporters could also serve as the *Proceedings* recorder for the same session.

Susan Scheiberg and Shelley Neville have agreed to serve as the 2002 Conference *Proceedings* editors.

8.12 Publications

C. Easton reported that the Publications Committee was creating guidelines for conference handouts. They are considering the feasibility of offering the conference handout packet as a CD-ROM rather than a paper product.

ACTION: The Board asked for a draft of the guidelines and a recommendation for the format of the conference handout packet.

DATE: By January 1, 2002

Publications is also working on a project to further develop and promote the "Serials Management Course Outline," a collection of materials geared toward providing further instruction and training for librarians involved in various aspects of serials management.

ACTION: The Board asked for a progress report on the project to develop and to promote the course outline.

DATE: February 15, 2002

The Committee continues to work on its goal of publishing at least one *NASIGuide* by the end of the year.

8.13 Regional Councils & Memberships

Board members discussed the purpose of RC&M and the possibility of restructuring the committee.

ACTION: The Board will ask RC&M to write a report considering if both state and regional representatives are always necessary for all geographic regions and to define what areas each region represents.

8.14 Professional Liaisons

M. Page announced that C. Foster was the new liaison to the American Library Association's ALCTS Serials Section.

M. Page will encourage liaisons to submit reports to the *Newsletter* on their organization's activities.

9.0 Working Group Reports

9.1 Strategic Plan/Vision 2015 Task Force

C. Foster reported that work continues on developing a strategic plan/2015 vision statement. She will have a more detailed report for the Midwinter Board meeting.

9.2 Vendor/Publisher Involvement Issues

M. Geller led a discussion concerning NASIG's various constituencies—publishers, vendors and library-based serialists—and how to make NASIG a vital organization for all. NASIG was founded to provide a venue where all types of serialists could meet on an even basis to discuss issues of interest to all.

ACTION: M. Geller and A. McKee will organize a special meeting at Midwinter for Board members and selected NASIG members who represent the vendor and publishing communities.

The Board also discussed the importance of having programs of interest to all of NASIG's constituencies.

ACTION: C. Easton will draft guidelines for speakers on what is meant by non-commercialism.

ACTION: M. Page will draft guidelines on the expectations of introducers of sessions.

10.0 Other Items and Wrap-up

10.1 Possible Placement Service at Conference

The Board discussed the possibility of having a placement service at the 2002 conference.

ACTION: CPC will make an announcement on NASIG-L about the placement service at the conference.

ACTION: A. McKee will ask CPC to provide a room for interviews. She will also ask them to have a job board in the registration area of the conference.

ACTION: The Board will ask E&A to include a question about the placement service in the 2002 conference evaluation form.

10.2 Possible Gift for UKSG at their 25th Meeting in 2002

As this year's President of NASIG, M. Rioux will attend UKSG's 25th conference. She suggested that NASIG present UKSG with a plaque to commemorate the event.

ACTION: The Board approved giving a plaque to UKSG to commemorate their 25th conference.

10.3 Date for Midwinter Board Meeting

The Midwinter meeting will be held January 18, 2002 in New Orleans, LA.

TREASURER'S UPDATE **October 2001**

Denise Novak, NASIG Treasurer

NASIG currently has \$90,124.00 in assets. This includes \$40,737.00 in bank balances and \$49,388.00 in an investment account and a one-year CD. NASIG has expended \$50,467.00 on operating expenses for the year. This includes all committee activity, such as the *Membership Directory*, the *NASIG Newsletter*,

and Awards and Recognition and Continuing Education Committee expenses.

The 2001 San Antonio Conference currently shows a surplus of more than \$16,169.00. This should be the final figure.

NASIG 17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2002) PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lisa A. Macklin, Kate M. Manuel and Michael A. Somers, PPC Co-Chairs

As tradition and good sense dictates, the members of the Program Planning Committee meet during the annual conference. This allows members to introduce themselves to each other (since it is the only time all the committee members will actually see each other face-to-face during its deliberations), to confide our professional responsibilities and interests in serials, and to begin the process of organizing the committee's work.

The members of the Program Planning Committee for the NASIG 2002 Annual Conference at William & Mary College in beautiful Williamsburg, Virginia, are organized into a number of subcommittees. The Plenary/Concurrent Subcommittee includes Eve Davis, Connie Roberts, Mike Somers (facilitator), Jim Stickman, and Sharon G. Sullivan. The Workshop Subcommittee includes June Garner, Joseph Harmon, Kate Manuel (facilitator), Charity Martin, Lanell Rabner, Rose Robischon, and Gale Teaster. The Pre-conference/Posters Subcommittee includes June Garner, Lisa Macklin (facilitator), and Mike Somers. The committee has received excellent guidance from Karen Cargille (consultant), Eleanor Cook (Board liaison), and the ever irreplaceable Maggie Rioux (NASIG goddess).

This year's selection process was aided by the vast number of excellent proposals submitted by both

members of NASIG and dedicated individuals who have an abiding interest in serials publishing, electronic communication, and the ongoing revolution in digital object identification and access. The committee has reviewed all 65 proposals received to date, and the decision to winnow the selection to those sessions that will most pique the intellectual interest and curiosity of the 2002 conference goers is difficult.

The co-chairs of the PPC recently met with the Board members at their annual fall meeting. We discussed the proposed slate of speakers and session topics. We were all pleased with the breadth and depth of programs, but our work continues. The Program Planning Committee members need to finalize the slate of speakers and extend invitations. The 2002 conference program will be exciting, the speakers will be interesting, and the topics will be engaging. Watch for the conference program announcement later this winter for more details.

The Program Planning Committee extends its appreciation to the members of the Conference Planning Committee and the Board for their support and efforts to ensure the success of the NASIG 2002 Annual Conference.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Joyce Tenney and Stephen Clark, CPC Co-Chairs

The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, will host the 17th Annual NASIG Conference June 20-23, 2002. The Conference Planning Committee is pleased to invite you to this historic event.

Williamsburg is a small city located halfway between Richmond and Norfolk and is part of Virginia's Historic Triangle, along with Jamestown and Yorktown. Williamsburg recently celebrated its 300th anniversary, while Jamestown is preparing for its 400th anniversary in 2007. The city is known for its history, the College of William and Mary, tourism, and shopping (there are some people in the Richmond area who do not know anything about Williamsburg except for its outlet malls). Colonial Williamsburg, a living-history museum which focuses on life in Virginia between 1750 and 1780, and Busch Gardens, a themed amusement park, are two of the area's major attractions. During the month of June, the weather is usually warm and humid. Lightweight clothing is recommended.

The College of William and Mary, chartered in 1693, is the second-oldest college in the United States. Its 1,200-acre campus is located in the center of Williamsburg, and the college's "Old Campus" includes attractive buildings designed in and restored to their original 18th-century appearance. On your first evening here, dinner with a colonial flair, including colonial music, will be served in the Sunken Garden, one of the loveliest locations on campus. Friday night will be on your own to explore the college and Colonial Williamsburg, and everyone can relax Saturday evening at Busch Gardens with shows, rides, and food coupons (Busch Bucks). For all you early risers, the Fun Run/Walk is making a comeback this year.

Something new this year will be a placement center. We will have a bulletin board for posting job advertisements, plus a room set aside for job seekers and job posters to meet and have an all-out interview or just an informational chat.

The conference will be in the midst of tourist season here in Williamsburg. With this in mind, start thinking early about making arrangements for off-campus restaurants and/or hotels. We will get information out to you soon so you can start planning with plenty of lead time.

More details about the conference will come out shortly on the conference Web page, due to be unveiled soon, as

well as in later issues of the *NASIG Newsletter* and through the conference brochure. The Conference Planning Committee is working hard to ensure that you have the best conference experience ever. We are looking forward to you coming and meeting your colleagues, making new contacts, learning new things, and having a good time!!!

NASIG 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2001) EVALUATION SUMMARY

Mary Greci

A big "thank you!" to all the conference attendees who completed and turned in conference evaluation forms for the 16th Annual NASIG Conference at Trinity University in San Antonio. Evaluations were received from 286 out of approximately 571 attendees (a 50% return rate). This compares well to last year's conference, when 332 out of 735 attendees submitted evaluations (a 45% return rate).

The largest number of survey respondents once again hailed from university libraries, this time making up a whopping 63.6%. The next highest category was college libraries, at 8.4%. Other types of libraries represented were medical, 5.2%; government, national or state, 3.5%; public, 3.1%; law, 2.8%; corporate or special, 1.7%; and, community college, 1%. Other organizations represented included subscription vendors, 2.8%; library networks/consortia/utilities, publishers, and students, each at 1%; and systems vendors, database producers and binders, each at less than 1%. 2.8% of respondents chose the category of "other."

As usual, more than half (57.1%) of respondents had ten or more years of serials-related experience and 3.5% (also typical) had less than one year experience. The intervening categories changed slightly from last year, so it's difficult to make comparisons. This year's numbers show 14.5% of respondents having 1-3 years experience, 13.8% having 4-6 years, and 11% having 7-10 years.

Still on track when compared to previous years, 56.6% of respondents identified themselves as serials librarians. The other high-ranking categories were catalog librarians (37.4%) and acquisitions librarians (28.8%). Processing or binding unit staff and collection development librarians were about evenly matched, at 20.3% and 19.9% respectively. Reference librarians accounted for 16% of the surveys returned. Each of the rest of the categories applied to less than 10% of the respondents, with the lowest number being President/CEO/Vice-President, at 0.7%. These categories are not mutually exclusive, and many respondents chose multiple items.

The overall conference in San Antonio rated a 4.26 on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest). This is down slightly from most other recent years. Geographic location came in at 4.11, compared to 4.8 last year in San Diego. The heat and humidity played a part in this rating, as did the lack of restaurants and grocery stores within walking distance.

Social events rated a 4.38 and garnered a number of positive comments. Respondents especially enjoyed the trip to the Institute of Texan Cultures. While most enjoyed the events that were offered, there were negative responses to the lack of on-campus activities and the noise generated by the late night socials (remember folks—some people in those buildings might like to get to sleep before midnight!). Housing rated a 3.55, with several respondents recommending a move to hotel affiliation instead of continuing dormitory housing. Meals came in at 4.03, with a number of favorable comments about the quantity of vegetarian choices available. Suggestions for improvements included providing box lunches to committee members, since they meet during one of the lunch breaks, and providing bottled water.

This year's highest session rating went to concurrent session 3, "UCITA and Fair Use," which came in at 4.76. Five of the other seven concurrents rated higher than 4. Plenaries rated between 4.37 and 4.68, the latter score going to plenary 3, "Generation Y." Workshop ratings varied more widely, ranging from a low of 2.72 to a high of 4.45. The highest score in this category went to workshop 24, "How to Give an Effective Presentation," with workshops 21 and 22, "Jump Start Your Career in Library and Information Science" and "Tact and Tenacity: Dealing with Difficult People at Work," both rated a 4.42. Thirteen of the other 21 workshops received ratings of 4 or higher.

The two pre-conferences also did well. "Getting Published" rated a 4.64, with one respondent commenting, "This was one of the best [pre-conferences]

I have been to!" "Licensing for Beginners" received a 4.36, and several attendees recommended expanding it to a full day. Each session garnered a number of other positive comments, as well as excellent ideas for future pre-conferences.

Poster sessions rated a 3.53 overall. Many comments pointed out the high quality of the posters, and there was strong general support for continuing poster sessions at future conferences. However, nearly every response included a comment saying the space and time allotted were inadequate, and one respondent pointed out that the session was held in a room that was not accessible to persons with disabilities. Taken together, responses give a clear indication that conference attendees support the idea of poster sessions and look forward to more in the future.

Survey respondents once again offered a huge number of suggestions for future workshops. Several comments throughout the survey touched on the need to get new speakers, rather than having the same ones year after year; however, the list of proposed speakers was fairly short. If you're one of these people who wants to see new faces at the front of the room, remember that the Program Planning Committee can't do it alone. Submit those names, or your own proposals—or both—and see what happens!

Suggestions concerning other aspects of the conference include the ones mentioned earlier, plus improvements to the provision of information about campus, the surrounding area, and rooms; coffee and tea (regular and decaf) at all morning meetings; shuttle service or luggage assistance between the registration area and dorms at the beginning and end of the conference; and having attendees sign up for networking nodes at the time of registration to avoid the overcrowding problems of this year. Several respondents mentioned dissatisfaction at the increasing registration cost, and there was a recommendation to have a lower base registration and bill separately for social events. Many other suggestions and comments were offered, showing once again how many great ideas NASIG members can come up with!

As you may remember, this conference was held during the fourth week of May, including part of the Memorial Day weekend, instead of in June. Almost 41% of survey

respondents preferred having the conference in May. Slightly more than 25% thought the May date was worse, mainly because of conflicts with family graduations and parties or small children still in school. The remainder (almost 34%) reported that the change made no difference to them. Scheduling the conference over a holiday weekend garnered a strong negative reaction, with 56.6% of respondents saying it was worse. Reasons for this included crowded travel conditions, difficult child care arrangement, and time away from families. Only 8.4% of respondents preferred the holiday weekend schedule, with the other 34.9% saying that it made no difference.

The change to Wednesday through Saturday (from the usual Thursday through Sunday) fared better, with 52.6% preferring this schedule, 17.9% responding that it was worse, and 29.5% saying it made no difference. Those who found this schedule to be worse generally gave the reason as having to stay over Saturday night in order to get cheaper flights. The mixture of activities and breaks and the less hectic schedule were well received, with 87% of respondents finding they had just the right amount of free time.

The evaluation survey is produced by members of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee. This survey is one of the best ways conference attendees (does that include you?) have of providing feedback about the conference. So when you get the chance to fill one out next year, be sure to take advantage of it! The committee welcomes your suggestions and feedback regarding the evaluation process and the conference itself. All suggestions are forwarded to the appropriate Board and/or committee members in a continuing effort to improve NASIG's conference and other activities.

Individual speakers wishing to obtain their speaker evaluations should contact Reba Leiding at James Madison University (leidinrm@jmu.edu).

Once again, "thanks to everyone!" from your Evaluation and Assessment Committee:

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REPORT OF THE BILINGUAL FOCUS GROUP MEETING

Reported by Steve Savage

[Ed. Note: In 2000, the NASIG Executive Board created the Bilingual Focus Group to study outreach to Mexican libraries, librarians, vendors, and publishers and make recommendations for further progress toward this long-standing goal of the organization. The group consisted of Robert Endean-Gamboa, Lisa Furubotten, José Orozco-Tenório, Priscilla Shontz, Steve Oberg (Chair), and Don Jeager (Board Liaison). The Focus Group presented its full report to the Executive Board at the May Board meeting. It is available to members on NASIGWeb at http://nasig.org/members/bilingual_report.html.

One outcome of the Focus Group's effort was a networking node held at the 2001 conference in San Antonio. The meeting was open to anyone interested in issues related to expanding NASIG's membership, services, and sphere of influence into México and the Caribbean. This article reports on this networking node.]

Approximately 15 people attended the new Bilingual Focus Group networking node, which was facilitated by Steve Oberg. He began the meeting by presenting some of the Focus Group's accomplishments and recommendations to the Board:

- Suggested ways to improve publicity in México and the Caribbean.
- Created this networking node.
- Proposed and helped to develop and administer the NASIG-México Conference Grant.
- Outlined factors that would be involved in holding a NASIG conference in México.
- Recommended continuing efforts of the Focus Group.

Many general issues were discussed as background for the topic, including the following:

- Many issues relevant to Mexican outreach are also relevant to Canada.
- French is the dominant language in many areas of the Caribbean, as well as Canada.
- Due to differences in standards of living, the conference registration fees, and even the annual dues, are a much larger portion of the average person's annual income in economies outside the U.S.
- The average dues in Mexican library organizations are the equivalent of only \$10 USD.
- México and the Caribbean are not nearly as computerized as the U.S. and Canada (NASIG cannot rely on e-mail or the Web for effective communication).
- The Puerto Rican library association seems to have been absorbed by the Caribbean association.

The meeting became an active discussion and brainstorming session. Conversation covered factors such as recent outreach efforts NASIG has made toward a greater presence in México; obstacles involved in continuing or expanding these efforts; obstacles faced by Mexican librarians who may be interested in joining NASIG, attending our conferences, or taking advantage of our other services; and possible steps to alleviate these varied difficulties.

NASIG has been gradually building outreach efforts toward México during the past several years. Mexican members at the meeting confirmed that the steps NASIG

has been taking are a good start. These efforts include sending speakers to library-related conferences in México during the past several years, co-sponsoring a CONSER SCCTP workshop in México last year, translating the membership brochure into Spanish, creating the Bilingual Focus Group, and adopting some of the Group's recommendations. It was noted that many of these activities during recent years have been provided in response to specific interests expressed by Mexican libraries and librarians (México has approximately 3,500 librarians of all types, with an unknown but substantial number of vendors and publishers).

Barriers to participation in NASIG which Mexican members experience include complex procedures in applying for visas, difficulties with the banking processes when trying to send payments for dues and registration fees in U.S. dollars, and the rarity of credit cards among the Mexican population. It was also noted that due to differences in standard of living, conference registration fees, and even the annual dues, are a much larger portion of a person's annual income in México than in the U.S. or Canada (additionally, the average dues in Mexican library organizations are the equivalent of \$10 USD). This is compounded by currency conversion rates when paying in U.S. dollars.

The brainstorming session produced many suggestions for solutions to these barriers, including the following:

- Have a Mexican member collect and keep money in México for NASIG expenses. This would eliminate the factors of currency conversion rates and sending money across the border.
- Have Mexican members provide most NASIG services within México.
- Allow Mexican members to send dues and registration payments in Mexican currency (NASIG would absorb the difference caused by currency conversion).
- Offer different fees for members living outside the U.S (based on standard of living or income).
- Routinely provide documentation, on request, for Mexican members' visa applications to attend conferences (purpose of trip, date, location, etc.).
- Encourage vendors and publishers from México to give presentations at our conferences (do they have other issues or unique needs?)
- Hold some of our annual conferences in México.
- Hold a joint conference with *En Líne@*.

- Have Mexican members (especially students) at NASIG booths and presentations at Mexican conferences (especially *En Línea*).
- Make this year's new NASIG-México grant a permanent, annual action.
- Support networking nodes of NASIG members at other conferences in México.
- Emphasize print methods, rather than electronic formats, in NASIG's publicity within México.
- Advertise NASIG and its services in Mexican journals.
- Include Mexican schools in the work of the Outreach to Library Schools Task Force (has this already been the case?)
- Provide more information on NASIGWeb in Spanish, and French.
- Include reports from annual Mexican library conference in the *NASIG Newsletter*.
- Include Spanish-language content in the *Newsletter*.
- Make sure the issue of outreach to areas of North America outside the U.S. continues to be emphasized in NASIG's strategic plans (in the new plan under development now).

Obviously, outreach to México is an important and complex issue. The interest and energy evident at this networking node reflect many members' desires to see NASIG accomplish more toward this goal in the coming years. Look for more about this topic from the Board and various committees in the future and in the minutes of the October 2001 Executive Board meeting in this *Newsletter* issue.

NASIG PROFILES

Michael Brown

Welcome to the December *Profiles*! Being the first installment following the 16th Annual NASIG Conference, this month's column has a decided conference slant. Also, being my first stab at this, I have chosen to take baby steps with this first installment. In an attempt to make it easy on myself and on those I profiled here, I chose a very painless interview-style approach. I asked a few questions, got a few answers, and then tied up some loose ends where it seemed appropriate. I worry, however, that I may have been too hesitant, for the questions I asked seem only to skim the surface of these two great librarians, Maggie Rioux and Bea Caraway. And certainly, the Conference Planning Committee has as many complexities as it has people serving on it! So forgive me if this seems a bit thin. But please know that if I've piqued your interest in either of these terrific people, by all means drop them a line and say, "Hi!" NASIG folks are friendly that way.

MAGGIE RIOUX, NASIG PRESIDENT

And now with that disclaimer out of the way, I would first like to introduce you to NASIG's 16th President, Maggie Rioux. Maggie (her last name, by the way, is pronounced Rio—"It's French-Canadian as filtered through New Bedford, Mass.," she says) hails from Woods Hole, Mass., where she is the Information Systems Librarian for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI). She received her MLIS in 1991 from the University of Rhode Island. Like so many of today's professional librarians, Maggie came into librarianship after years of working in other fields. As she puts it, "I had several lifetimes before becoming a librarian. Immediately before getting my job at WHOI (which was my first library job), I worked in the Public Information Office at MBL as the PI Assistant. I

have also done social work, social services contract management and grants management, plus all those temporary things one has to do."

When asked how she got into serials work, she said, "The same way I got into librarianship—by accident. In 1986, I got a job in the WHOI Office of the Research Librarian as a staff assistant (because I could run a Wang word processor). The paraprofessional acquisitions/serials librarian was desperately waiting for the staff assistant position to be filled so she could go on maternity leave. I filled in for her while learning my own job. After she had the baby, she moved out of town and I just sort of slid into her job. I learned about serials as I went along."

Five years later, soon after graduating from library school, Maggie had her first brush with the illustrious world of NASIG. As with becoming a librarian, she found NASIG by accident. "I attended a regional 'Business of Acquisitions' institute soon after graduating (I commuted and went part-time while working as Reference Librarian at WHOI). This was in the summer of 1991. I saw a NASIG brochure on a table, was intrigued, joined, and the rest is history."

Everyone has their own reasons not only for getting involved in serials work, but also for staying in serials work. Personally, I've done both serials and monographs, and I believe that the two cannot be compared effectively. Serials is such a different animal than monographs, and there is no doubt that it takes a certain type of person to endure the constant turbulence. Maggie is just such a person, and so it came as no surprise that she actually *likes* the challenges of serials. "The thing I like most about serials work is that it's dynamic, it's always

changing. I'm mostly involved in the systems (ILS) side of it and also paying the bills, but it's still a lot more fun than monographs." But of course there is always a downside to every upside. In Maggie's case, the disadvantages of serials work are primarily the same as the advantages: "The thing I like least about serials work is that it's always changing. Just when you think you've got something under control, it changes and slips out from under you."

So what would be a perfect serials job for Maggie? "I think my ideal serials job would be what I do now, but with maybe some of the non-serials, non-ILS stuff taken out (e.g., I've been filling in cataloging monographs for about eight months now, although that will stop when the new cataloger starts). I like doing some of everything. I even check in some titles!"

There is no question that the nature and scope of serials librarianship has changed dramatically over the last ten years, and with new technologies emerging every day it will continue to change. When asked what she thought the future of serials would be, Maggie answered honestly: "Predicting the serials landscape is really difficult. I guess I see the same trends continuing, moving more to online. But I think there will still be some paper. Our scientists like things they can touch, but they seem to be gradually moving to digital. The balance is tipping. I think we'll have a lot of the same problems: Paying for it, providing campus-wide access, making sure we have what folks need just a bit before they need it. I hope most of the, 'Who will archive the online serials?' questions are settled within the next five years." That may be a tall order, but certainly well within our capabilities.

Thinking more historically now, I asked Maggie how the world of serials has changed since she became a librarian in 1986. "Wow! Lots of changes when I think about it. When I started we had all our records on paper cards, plus a dBase III database. I had to write or type everything three times. Nobody knew what we had except the one person who was guardian of the check-in records. Now it's all in our ILS, on the Web. And we get our invoices via EDI—no typing, no taking card drawers home over Thanksgiving to finish entering and checking the renewal invoice. Hooray! And claiming—we didn't claim well because who knew when something stopped coming (except a weekly, which you noticed)? Now our ILS tells us there's a problem, and the claims go EDI, too. Then, of course, there are all the online serials, which we don't have to check in at all—just make sure they don't turn off our access accidentally."

I then asked Maggie how NASIG has changed since she became a member in 1991. "NASIG's changes haven't been quite as drastic (this is a goodness), but they have

been considerable as we went with the flow of online. NASIG-L was just being set up when I joined. At first I think it only reached about 70 percent of the membership. Now it reaches everyone. Also, the NASIG gopher was born a year or so after I joined. Then we went Web in 1996. I am very proud to have been the person who created NASIGWeb. Now with committee mailing lists and areas on the Web, we do a large percentage of our business online. The thing that I hope hasn't changed about NASIG is our basic philosophy of being an organization that welcomes and provides communication among all of the partners in the serials information chain (I use the word 'partners' on purpose). We must continue to work together to resolve issues and be aware of each others' problems. Also, I think our conferences haven't changed a lot—we still have fun "camping" in the dorms, eating and schmoozing together, and attending some of the best-darned program sessions in the business."

This is a fine tribute to NASIG's quest to provide solidarity, strength, and stability in a turbulent business. Maggie's testimony that NASIG has seen little change throughout her years as a member is a credit to the organization and its members. Furthermore, her dedication to the group speaks volumes: She has attended every conference beginning with Chicago in 1992. "I joined NASIG about a month after Trinity I in 1991," she says, and adds, "I wouldn't miss them for the world." She has served on a variety of NASIG committees prior to her current position as President: "ECC—got on in June 1993 and served four years, last two as Co-Chair with Steve Oberg. I tried to take a year off when I got off ECC in June 1997, but I ended up on the task force that looked at NASIG publications and ended up recommending Publications as a new committee. Then I was elected to the Board in the spring of 1998, becoming a Member-At-Large in June 1998."

Maggie Rioux is an extremely nice and eloquent person. It was a thrill to interview her for this Profile, and on behalf of all my NASIG colleagues, I welcome her to her post (now five months old!) as President.

*BEA CARAWAY,
2001 CONFERENCE CPC CO-CHAIR*

The next person I interviewed for this installment of *NASIG Profiles*, I admit, was an easy pick for me. Bea Caraway is a friend. I've known her since about this time last year, when I volunteered to help with Conference Planning Committee work for the 2001 NASIG Conference at Trinity. Like all Texans (whether transplanted or native—let's just remember what Lyle Lovett says: "That's right, you're not from Texas, but Texas wants you anyway!"), Bea is relaxed, sincere, and

about as friendly as a tall glass of lemonade on a hot July afternoon. Okay, I admit that was terribly corny, but I wanted to convey to you how I feel when I interact with Bea. There are certain persons in the world who can put others at ease even in the most trying times. Bea is one such person.

Like Maggie Rioux, Bea came into librarianship after serving some time in the “real” world. (I say that jokingly, of course, because everyone knows the real world is not that “real” at all.) Bea got her MLS from Louisiana State University in 1989. “Before that,” she said, “I had gotten an MA in French literature and linguistics at Colorado State University in 1984. I was an instructor at CSU for a while, lived in France a while, waited tables a lot, then finally decided to get a real job.” She went on to say that she taught first and second semester French, which she loved doing. “I wasn’t interested in literature that much, and never have been. It’s the language itself—grammar, phonology, and so on—that fascinates me.” When asked whether or not she was the beginning French instructor that all the freshmen said cool things about, she responded with, “Well, one of those beginning French students tracked me down about eight years later, and that’s who I’m lucky enough to be married to.” *Ah, c’est l’amour!*

I asked her if she had worked in any libraries while she was in France, but for her, librarianship was about as foreign as the Louvre is to Parisians (those from Paris, *Texas*, that is). “It had never, ever occurred to me to consider librarianship until I had decided not to pursue the Ph.D. in French. It was at that point that I had to figure out what else to do, and the library is where I landed. Not a bad place to land, all things considered.”

Bea’s proverbial landing came while she was in graduate school. She says, “My graduate assistantship was in the cataloging department of the Louisiana State University library, where I did mostly monographs cataloging, but also just enough serials cataloging to convince a prospective employer that I could at least *learn* to be a serials cataloger! For a new graduate, being able to say that you have had any experience at all with serials during library school seems to make employers’ eyes light up. That is how I came to begin my librarian life as a serials cataloger.”

Bea’s history with NASIG began not long after graduating. “The first employer for me was Trinity University. I started in June 1990, just one year before NASIG was to meet there for the first time. Kathy Soupiset was co-chairing what was then called the Local Arrangements Committee. She drafted me to help out, so I joined up.” Since then, Bea has attended every NASIG conference with the exception of Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh in 1999. Additionally, she has served on many

NASIG committees during her membership: Conference Program Committee member 1992-1993, Conference Evaluation Task Force 1994-1995, Evaluation and Assessment Committee Chair 1995-1997, Co-Editor for the *Proceedings* of the 1998 NASIG Conference, and *Proceedings* Editors Task Force 1998-1999. Of course, added to her list now is Co-Chair of the 2001 Conference Planning Committee for the 16th Annual NASIG Conference, which returned to her stomping ground of Trinity University in May 2001.

When asked what she finds appealing about working with serials, Bea turned on the Texas charm. “A Texan way of saying it might be that working with serials is like being a cowboy, busy rounding up cattle, herding them, branding them, looking after the calves, and so on. Working with monographs is—and I don’t want to be unkind here—more like preparing lovely beef steaks for someone to purchase and enjoy. You put them on the shelf, and if you’ve done your job correctly, you never deal with them again. That’s fine, but it’s a different kind of job.” This is, indeed, a poignant description of what serials librarians do. It’s no secret that serials work attracts a certain breed, people who revel in the idiosyncrasies of periodicals and the complicated feat of juggling large numbers of them—gluttons for punishment, some might say.

When asked what she dislikes most about serials work, Bea said, “I don’t think there is anything I dislike about serials work except the recurring cancellation projects. Oh, and the quirks of automated serials control.”

Branching off onto a more philosophical tangent, I asked her, “If you could create a dream serials job, what would it be?” She said, “It would be no different than my dream job in any other kind of profession: Good people to work with in a vibrant institution, sufficient resources to accomplish the work, and enough time to think about what we are doing and what we might do differently or better.”

When asked what she thought the serials landscape might look like in five or ten years, Bea was deliberate in her response: “I’m not by nature a visionary or a futurist. I could do no more than offer the same often-repeated predictions I have heard and read, so I will leave this question to others.” Anyone who knows Bea would agree that this is a shining example of one of her greatest characteristics: She is firmly rooted in the present. She is acutely aware of everything that is happening around her and is quick in critically evaluating problems, which is not only valuable in dealing with serials but also surely plays a valuable role in everyday life. Perhaps this is why she, as Co-Chair of the 2001 conference, was so adept at handling the myriad small crises that cropped up during the conference.

I was also interested to know how the serials industry had changed since she began working in libraries. She and Maggie share a similar history in that they both started working in libraries about 10-15 years ago, having worked already in different professions. For Bea, the most substantial change has been in format. "CD-ROM, which was replaced largely and relatively quickly by the Web—these have changed the way we think about information and about how to organize and provide access to it. And thank goodness for it! Imagine how bored we might be now if we were still working exclusively with print."

And on how NASIG has changed since she joined, Bea extrapolates on similar characteristics that Maggie touched on earlier: "It is larger and far slicker than it was in 1990. The outreach to our Mexican neighbors is a notable difference. Documentation for the work of committees and officers is now well established and much improved. The Web site and NASIG-L are now accepted as integral to NASIG, but that wasn't the case 11 years ago. Conference attendance is larger, and expectations for the conference are greater each year. What hasn't changed is the vigor of the organization, which seems to stay strong year after year."

When asked if she would ever consider running for NASIG President, Bea became very vocal and somewhat agitated. "No way! That's a job for an extrovert!" How about a Board position? "That would be fun, so long as no public speaking was involved!"

Honestly, I've seen Bea speak in public and I think she does it with grace and clarity. But I also understand that it is not everyone's cup of tea. So I'll close by saying simply that I take great comfort in knowing that Bea plans to remain somewhere inside the NASIG machine, no matter how far out of the public eye she may be.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To make up for the missed *Profiles* for September, we are adding a bonus committee profile of the Conference Planning Committee to this December issue. It is reasonably well understood by most members that the annual conference is the culmination of a year's worth of work. Everything that NASIG does throughout the year not only is exhibited, discussed, analyzed, and evaluated at the conferences, but the new directions, focuses, and future projects are developed there as well. And while it may never be spoken, most NASIG members have come to regard the annual conference as a vacation of sorts—a way to enjoy oneself while still working.

I'll now attempt to give a terribly simplified overview of the conference-making process. About a year and a half to

two years in advance, the NASIG Site Selection Committee evaluates various institutions and universities as potential hosts to the conference. While the Site Selection Committee is doing their work, the NASIG Executive Board decides what the theme of the conference will be, and then based on that information, the Program Planning Committee (PPC) begins to assemble the necessary elements required to actualize that theme. As its name suggests, PPC concentrates on developing the content: Who will be the keynote speaker, what workshops will be offered, what the focus should be, and what the technical needs of the speakers will be.

Once the host institution has been named, the Conference Planning Committee, traditionally comprised of staff members from or nearby the host institution, immediately begins making local arrangements. Bea Caraway, Co-Chair of the 2001 Conference held at Trinity University in San Antonio, says, "The CPC fits into the bigger picture of NASIG as the mechanism that, together with the board and the presenters, manages to produce the annual meeting. That event, in many ways, *is* NASIG."

There is a tremendous amount of work undertaken by the Conference Planning Committee. Souvenirs, Web site development, brochure design and printing, tours, food, security, entertainment, room reservations, hotel directions, equipment, Web access, special needs...a week before the conference, this list seems to quadruple in size! From my own experience as Vice Chair of the 1996 NASIG Conference in Albuquerque, I can say that working on the CPC is one of the most rigorous and yet fulfilling tasks I have ever undertaken. Starting around November/December, things begin to speed up for the CPC. You begin by making sure you have enough dorm rooms to accommodate an estimated number of people. Making sure all the amenities to which conference attendees have grown accustomed and basically brainstorming ways of showing all these out-of-towners a good time are other initial concerns. These soon snowball into bigger and more complicated concerns. Suddenly, a simple concert in the park becomes a Pandora's box. There is security, transportation, emergency services, catering, the band, money to pay the band (because, you must know, bands like to walk away with cash in hand), and on top of everything else you must be cognizant of preparations for tomorrow's presentations. Is equipment in the right rooms? Since it is intercession at your university, will maintenance remember to unlock the doors to the classrooms where people are supposed to meet? Will someone slip and fall in the shower at 6 a.m.? It may sound unimportant, but you must remember that dorms are built for 17-20-year-old people, not 25-60-year-olds. As young as we may feel, dorms were not designed with us in mind.

I could go on and on here about the many layers of concerns that the CPC faces, but I'll stop. Honestly, I haven't thought about my time on the Conference Planning Committee in almost five years. Not because it was a traumatic experience, but because I do not have daily reminders. After all, it's not every day you hire a troop of Navajo Hoop Dancers, you know? It wasn't until I volunteered to build the Web site for the 2001 conference that some of the memories came back to me. And seeing Bea and Carol Gill, Co-Chairs of the 2001 conference, working diligently during the conference to ensure a smooth operation reminded me just how tough a job it is.

What follows now is an interview with Bea Caraway about her role as Co-Chair of the CPC for the 2001 NASIG Conference, followed by a statement from Co-Chair Carol Gill.

Michael Brown (MB): What was the most surprising/interesting thing you learned about the CPC after you began working with it?

Bea Caraway (BC): For me, this came right at the end, when the conference actually began. Because Texas is so big and because only four of the CPC members were in the San Antonio area, most of the CPC members did not meet each other until the day the conference began, or perhaps the day before. Despite the lack of familiarity and practice working together, people seemed almost magically to take on the roles they would play during the conference, to communicate among themselves, to cooperate and help each other, and to work together like a finely calibrated machine. It was fascinating to watch, and how it could have happened remains a complete mystery to me.

MB: What have you learned from your experience on the CPC that has related to/helped with your "regular" job?

BC: On a practical note, it was the first time I had worked with Access, which was the application that is used for the registration database. Although I didn't create the database, I learned to navigate in it and to create simple queries along the way. It was an excellent introduction to an application that I am now beginning to make good use of. Another benefit of working on the CPC was learning to prioritize, of course; but beyond that, realizing that in most cases, good really is good enough. Being Co-Chair of the CPC is a very effective cure for perfectionism. That insight has served me well at my regular job in the ensuing months.

MB: What is the one achievement as CPC Co-Chair of which you are most proud?

BC: Carol Gill and I were fortunate to assemble an outstanding group of CPC members, each of whom contributed his or her own special knowledge, skill and talent. I am most proud of managing not to offend, alienate, or otherwise do anything that seemed seriously to impede their work!

MB: Would you ever serve on a CPC again?

BC: No. Other people should get to have a turn. ☺ However, if by some twist of fate it were to happen again, I would do it only if Pat Wallace were going to serve as board liaison for the CPC. Pat knows everything about conference planning, is tireless and patient and diplomatic, and never loses track of either the details or the big picture.

Carol Gill, who is currently busy working on an RFP for a new library system (we all nod with complete understanding), was contacted too late in the process to talk with in-depth, but she was nice enough to send along a brief statement about her participation on the committee. "Serving on the CPC greatly expanded my knowledge of how NASIG operates and organizes for its annual conference. It also expanded the number of members that I'm now personally acquainted with and verified that our members are some of the best people anywhere and most generous with their time. We had a shorter year to prepare for a conference in May and fewer members in San Antonio than when we started planning the conference, so we recruited help from lots of other Texas members. The conference can seem overwhelming when you're trying to prepare for it, but the hours spent by the CPC members and the Board paid off in a good conference." When asked if she would serve on the committee again, she said, "Yes—I'd be much better prepared with last year's experience—but I'm glad I'll have a few years off, too!"

It is true that the Conference Planning Committee is not for sissies. And as both Bea and Carol can attest, your "real" job will likely take a backseat to the NASIG Conference the last month or so of planning. So for those of you hoping to participate on a future CPC, remember that it helps to work for an institution that supports this level of professional participation. Being prepared to be kidnapped and tortured is also helpful, some might say, but that's neither here nor there.

NASIG AWARDS

2002 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is currently seeking candidates for grants to attend the 17th Annual Conference to be held at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, June 20-23, 2002. Established in 1985, NASIG is an independent organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain—anyone working with or concerned about serials. For more information about NASIG, please see the NASIG Web page at <http://www.nasig.org>.

Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in this information chain by students who are interested in pursuing some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degrees. Each year the annual conference is held on a different college or university campus, where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

SCOPE OF AWARD: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG, which will be excerpted for publication in the *NASIG Newsletter*. Expenses for travel, registration, meals, and lodging will be paid by NASIG. Each recipient will also receive a year's membership in NASIG.

ELIGIBILITY: Students who are currently enrolled at the graduate level in any ALA-accredited library school, who do not already have an ALA-accredited degree, and who have expressed an interest in some aspect of serials work, are eligible. Applicants must be full- or part-time

students at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be employed in a position requiring an ALA-accredited degree, or on leave from such a position, at the time of acceptance of the grant. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants, with preference given to those earning their degrees the year of the conference. Students do not have to be NASIG members to apply, and they must not have earned their degrees earlier than the end of the school year prior to the NASIG conference. Applicants must not have attended a previous NASIG conference.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available after November 15, 2001, in ALA-accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web page, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*, and from Joan Lamborn, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked/faxed by **FEBRUARY 15, 2002**. Applications postmarked/faxed after this date will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by **April 1, 2002**.

2002 FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) team up each year to award a \$2,500 scholarship to a library science graduate student who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and the potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the serials profession by providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities.

The award is named in honor of Fritz Schwartz, who was a well-known and highly respected authority on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the Internet, and

library standards. A frequent speaker at NASIG annual conferences, his last NASIG appearance was a highly rated workshop at the 10th Annual Conference at Duke University. He actively participated in various committees within SISAC, the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), and the International Committee on EDI for Serials (ICEDIS). At the time of his death, Fritz was Manager of Electronic Services and Standards at the Faxon Company. NASIG and SISAC are pleased to offer this scholarship in memory of Fritz's many contributions to the library profession and to honor his energy, warmth, humor, and passion for standards.

NASIG is an international organization committed to promoting communication and sharing of ideas among all people working with or concerned about serial publications. More information about the organization is available at <http://www.nasig.org>. SISAC provides a forum for professionals throughout the entire serials chain to work together in developing standardized formats with which to electronically transmit serials information. More information about SISAC is available through the Book Industry Study Group site:

<http://www.bisg.org/sisac.html>.

In addition to the scholarship, the recipient will also receive a Student Grant Award to attend the NASIG conference for the year in which the scholarship is granted and will receive a one-year NASIG membership. The 2002 NASIG Conference will be held at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, June 20-23.

ELIGIBILITY: At the time the scholarship is awarded, the applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library program or must have completed no more than 12 hours of academic requirements towards the graduate degree. The applicant must have serials-related work experience and a desire to pursue a professional serials career after earning the graduate library degree.

The following materials are required by the applicant and must be postmarked/faxed by **FEBRUARY 15, 2002**. (Applications postmarked/faxed after this date will not be considered):

- A completed application form;
- Letters of reference from two information professionals;

- A resume or curriculum vita;
- A statement of the applicant's career objectives (not to exceed 250 words);
- A statement describing how the applicant's qualifications satisfy the eligibility requirements and the purpose of the award (not to exceed 250 words).

The award winner will be required to be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester/quarter during the academic year that the award is granted. The award winner will be ineligible to reapply for the scholarship. Only one scholarship will be awarded per academic year.

Application forms will be available after November 15, 2001, in ALA-accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web page, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*, and from Joan Lamborn, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications and all related materials should be sent to:

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Co-Chair, NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
University of Northern Colorado
James A. Michener Library
501 20th St.
Greeley, CO 80639-0091
Phone: (970) 351-2601
Fax: (970) 351-2963
E-mail: jlamborn@unco.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2002.

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DESCRIPTION OF AWARD: The purpose of the NASIG Horizon Award is to advance the serials profession by providing promising new serialists with the opportunity to accelerate their knowledge and understanding of serials by networking and interacting with a wide range of dedicated professionals working in

all segments of the serials information chain. The award provides the recipient(s) with a firsthand introduction to NASIG by sponsoring attendance at the NASIG Annual Conference. NASIG will pay for all conference registration, housing, and travel costs. In addition, the recipient(s) will receive a year's free membership in NASIG and will be invited to serve on a NASIG committee the year following the award. One award will be given in 2002.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must currently be in a position of a professional nature with primary responsibilities for some aspect of serials, e.g. head of serials, serials acquisitions, serials vendor, serials publisher. Applicants must have served in this position for no more than three years at the time of the application deadline and must not

have been in a professional library or library-related position (e.g. book vendor, publisher) for more than five years at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must not have attended any previous NASIG conferences. Applicants do not have to be a member of NASIG. Preference will be given to applicants employed by a North American organization or institution, and to those whose career goals include professional growth and development in serials.

For applications or further information, contact:

Claire Dygert, Co-Chair,
NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
Serials & Electronic Resources Librarian
American University Library

4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
Phone: (202) 885-3203
Fax: (202) 885-3226
E-mail: cdygert@american.edu

Completed applications should be returned to Claire Dygert at the above address.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **February 15, 2002**

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TITLE CHANGES

Carol MacAdam

[Note: Please report promotions, awards, new degrees, new positions, and other significant professional milestones. You may submit items about yourself or other members to Carol MacAdam at clm@jstor.org. Contributions on behalf of fellow members will be cleared with the person mentioned in the news item before they are printed. Please include your e-mail address or phone number.]

We have this news from **Rochelle Ballard**: On June 1, 2001, I started my new position as Digital Resources Coordinator at Princeton University. I was previously the Assistant Director of Acquisitions and Coordinator of Electronic Resources at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. My new addresses are:

Princeton University
Firestone Library - Technical Services
One Washington Road
Princeton, NJ 08544-2098
Phone: (609) 258-7115
Fax: (609) 258-0441
E-mail: rballard@princeton.edu

Ronald Epp is now Library Director at Southern New Hampshire University. He previously was Director of Libraries at the University of Hartford. Formerly New Hampshire College, Southern New Hampshire University has been described as having a state-of-the-art distance-education program. Ron's agenda is to create library services for distance learners that are equally state-of-the-art. Another NASIG colleague, Ms. Randi Ashton-Pritting, has stepped up and is serving as Interim Library Director at Hartford. Ron's new addresses are:

Southern New Hampshire University
Shapiro Library
2500 North River Road
Manchester, NH 03106
Phone: 603-645-9605 x2164
E-mail: r.epp@snhu.edu

Elsevier Science is pleased to announce the appointment of **Connie Foster** as Editor of the journal *Serials Review*, effective the first issue of Vol. 28. Professor Foster, Past President of NASIG, is Serials Coordinator/Professor, Department of Library Automation and Technical Services, at Western Kentucky University Libraries and a frequent contributor to serials literature. She has served on the editorial board of *Serials Review* since 1995. Connie's addresses at Western Kentucky University Libraries remain the same.

Nancy Gibbs has left her long-time position as Head of Acquisitions at North Carolina State University to accept the position of Acquisitions Librarian and Associate Head of Technical Services at Duke University. Nancy says it's the best kind of job-change opportunity since she doesn't have to move. She is enjoying many new challenges and opportunities for growth in her new job. Nancy's new addresses are:

William R. Perkins Library
Duke University
Durham, NC 27708
Phone: 919-660-5894
Fax: 919-684-2978
E-mail: nancy.gibbs@duke.edu

Sandy Hurd sends this news: "I left EBSCO in February 2000 to return home to New England and to join Northern Light. It was a big change to move from EBSCO to an Internet company, but I am glad to be able to see so many

of my serials-world friends at conferences. I am happy to say that Northern Light is doing well in these strange economic times. These days, my title is Senior Manager, Library Information Services. I am responsible for Northern Light's activities in the library world. We have been talking with people about our SinglePoint enterprise information portal and our academic alumni content portal." Sandy's new addresses are:

Northern Light Technology, Inc.
One Athenaeum Street
Cambridge, MA 02142
Phone: (617) 621-5264
Fax: (617) 621-6978
E-mail: shurd@northernlight.com

Susan Kesner started her new position as Director of Public Relations at InfoTrieve in October 2000. She was previously responsible for Intellectual Property and Consortium Relations at RoweCom. Susan enjoys the new outlook of working at home whenever she is not traveling. Home is in the Boston area, while her work address is in Los Angeles. As a librarian, Susan is enjoying another new aspect in this job: working entirely with publishers. She provides InfoTrieve's East Coast presence mainly to society publishers and university presses. She is happy to be working again in the same company with Jan Peterson after having shared work experiences with Jan at RoweCom. Susan's new addresses are:

InfoTrieve
10850 Wilshire Boulevard, 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Phone: (781) 449-4255
E-mail: skesner@infotrieve.com

Betty Landesman has a new job as System Architect and Deputy Project Manager at the Goddard Space Flight Center Library outside of Washington, DC. Betty is employed by Zimmerman Associates, Inc., the contracting agency that staffs the library. The agency provides approximately twenty of the staff who are engaged in the day-to-day running of the library, and as Deputy Project Manager, Betty reports to the government staff who are in charge of the library. Betty previously worked for the contractor that staffs the U.S. Customs Service Library where she was the Systems Librarian. Betty's new addresses are:

ZAI/Goddard Space Flight Center Library
Mail Code 292
Building 21, Room L210
Greenbelt, MD 20771
Phone: (301) 286-2546
Fax: (301) 286-1755
Email: blandesman@library.gsfc.nasa.gov

Susan E. Leister has a new position as Catalog Librarian at Rice University's Fondren Library. She was previously

Head of Collection Development at George Washington University's Medical Center Library. Susan's new addresses are:

Fondren Library
Rice University
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892
Phone: (713) 449-4255

Kat McGrath is now the Librarian at Abu Dhabi Men's College. Her previous position was as Technical Services Librarian at the University of British Columbia. Kat's new addresses are:

Abu Dhabi Men's College
P.O. Box 25035
Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates
Phone: 971-2-4048-382
Fax: 971-2-621-8295
E-mail: kathleen.mcgrath@hct.ac.ae

Roumi Radenski is now an Acquisitions Specialist at the Library of Congress. She came to Washington, DC, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she had been an Information Technology Specialist at Wake Forest University. Roumi's new addresses are:

Library of Congress
101 Independence Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20540-4181
Phone: (202) 707-0788
Fax: (202) 252-3379
E-mail: rrad@loc.gov

Debbie Sibley writes: "I want to let my NASIG colleagues know that I've changed jobs. I'm still at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, but now have a new assignment. We were recently awarded a National Library of Medicine contract to be the New England Regional Medical Library for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine program. My new job is as the Associate Director for the NER RML. First priorities are to hire a staff of seven people and form a transitional and advisory group." Debbie's new addresses are:

NER RML, NN/LM
University of Massachusetts Medical School
222 Maple Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Phone: 508-856-2435
Fax: 508-856-5977
E-mail: deborah.sibley@umassmed.edu

Julie Su let us know that she has recently taken a new job as Digital Resources/Serials Librarian at San Diego State University. She was previously Serials Librarian at the University of San Diego. Julie's new addresses are:

Library and Information Services
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-8050
Phone: (619) 594-0904
Fax: (619) 594-4093
E-mail: julsu@yahoo.com

Dana Van Meter is now Catalog Librarian at the Historical Studies-Social Science Library at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. She moved there in October 2000 from Yale Law School where she had been Serials Catalog Librarian at Lillian Goldman Library. She loves working at the Institute. Dana's new addresses are:

Institute for Advanced Study
Historical Studies-Social Science Library
Princeton, NJ 08540
Phone: (609) 734-8376
Fax: (609) 924-8399
E-mail: vanmeter@ias.edu

Dana Walker has returned to working as a librarian in a library. She left her position as Customer Sales Consultant at Innovative Interfaces, Inc. to become

Electronic Resources Coordinator at the University of Georgia Libraries. While with Innovative, she was based in Athens, Ga., and covered the southeastern part of the United States. She misses all the contact she had with librarians in other libraries, but she doesn't miss the traveling. The job she is doing now for the University of Georgia Libraries is just as challenging as what she was doing for Innovative. Because things in the electronic serials world change so much, it is a constant challenge every day to maintain order in library records, resource coverage, library access, and user accessibility. She loves the challenge. Dana's new addresses are:

Electronic Resources Coordinator
University of Georgia Libraries
Serials Department
Athens, GA 30602
Phone: (706) 542-0596
E-mail: dmwalker@arches.uga.edu

Marjorie Wilhite has retired from her position as Serials Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Iowa. Her new mailing address is:

1639 Ridge Road
Iowa City, IA 52245-1628
E-mail: MARJORIE-WILHITE@UIOWA.EDU

CALENDAR

Char Simser

[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops, and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Char Simser at csimser@lib.ksu.edu. Contents of the calendar are continuously updated.]

December 4-7, 2001
Mountain Plains Library Association/Arizona Library Association
Joint Conference
Phoenix, Arizona
URL: <http://www.azla.org/2001/index.html>

January 18-23, 2002
American Library Association
Mid-Winter Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana
URL: <http://alawinter.ctt-inc.com/index.html>

March 12-16, 2002
Public Library Association
9th National Conference
Phoenix, Arizona
URL: <http://www.pla.org/conf02/index.html>

March 13-15, 2002
Computers in Libraries
Washington, D.C.
URL: <http://www.infotoday.com/cil2002/default.htm>

April 16-19, 2002
Conference on Computers, Freedom, and Privacy - CFP2002
San Francisco, California
URL: <http://www.cfp2002.org>

June 8-13, 2002
Special Libraries Association
Los Angeles, California
URL: <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/2002annual/index.cfm>

June 13-19, 2002
American Library Association
Annual Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

June 20-23, 2002
NASIG
17th Annual Conference
"Transforming Serials: The Revolution Continues"
College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

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February 1, 2002

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2002 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Please type or print (blue or black ink only)

Name of applicant:

Citizenship status:

Mailing address (as of 3/02):

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Name and address of ALA-accredited library school you are attending:

Date (mo/yr) of anticipated graduation:

Colleges and other institutions of higher education attended:

Name of school/major/minor/years attended/date degree awarded:

Present position (if employed):

Place of employment:

Beginning date of employment:

 Full or part-time?

List any library and/or library-related work experience (other than above):

Name and address of employer/position description/dates of employment:

Have you ever attended a NASIG conference?

What are your professional career goals, and how are serials related to those goals?

Please list the course work you have taken or will take that will prepare you for some aspect of serials work. Please explain how these courses have prepared or will prepare you for serials work.

Explain briefly how attending the NASIG conference will help you achieve your academic and/or professional goals.

Where did you hear about the NASIG student grant? (e.g. listserv, library school, journal publication, a NASIG member?) Please be specific.

The applicant's faculty sponsor or library supervisor must complete the attached reference questionnaire. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Committee Chair receives the application and questionnaire by the indicated deadline.

Name, title, and telephone number(s) of sponsoring faculty member or current library supervisor who may be contacted:

Name (please type or print): _____

Title: _____

Work phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Signature of sponsor: _____

Date: _____

I understand that if chosen as a student grant recipient, at the time of accepting the grant offer, I shall not be employed in a position requiring an ALA-accredited degree, on leave from such a position, nor have accepted such a position. I also acknowledge that I shall not have earned my graduate-level library degree prior to spring semester 2002 and that I have never attended a NASIG conference.

Signature of applicant _____

Date: _____

Note: please do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

The completed application and reference questionnaire must be received by the Committee Co-Chair (address below) postmarked no later than **FEBRUARY 15, 2002**:

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Co-Chair, NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
University of Northern Colorado
James A. Michener Library
501 20th St.
Greeley, CO 80639-0091
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REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in this information chain by students who are interested in pursuing some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degrees. Each year the annual conference is held on a different college or university campus, where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

Please type or print (black or blue ink only).

_____ (name of applicant) has applied for a grant to attend the 2002 NASIG Conference. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions about the applicant. Thank you for your time in completing this application.

Note: Please do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

ALA-accredited library school applicant is attending:

Rank the applicant in terms of:

highest 5 4 3 2 1 *lowest*

(a) quality of work? 5 4 3 2 1

(b) dependability? 5 4 3 2 1

(c) initiative? 5 4 3 2 1

Has the applicant ever indicated a desire to pursue serials work? How would you assess her/his potential to pursue a serials career?

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses? How would these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's ability to perform serials work?

How do you think the applicant would benefit from the conference? How would he/she utilize this experience in the course of his/her coursework and/or professional development?

Describe and evaluate the applicant's potential to contribute to the profession.

Describe and evaluate the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the applicant that may be relevant to the purpose of the grant (i.e., encouraging students in the direction of some aspect of serials work)?

Name and title of faculty sponsor/library supervisor:

Name (please type or print): _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed application and reference questions must be received by **FEBURARY 15, 2002.**

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Greeley, CO 80639-0091
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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
**APPLICATION FOR THE 2002
FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Name (Last/First/Middle):

Current address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone/E-mail address:

To what library program(s) have you applied for admission or are you currently attending or planning to attend?

School/Accepted?/Entry Date/Expected completion date:

EDUCATION

List in chronological order all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended, with the most recent first.

Name and address of institution and major/minor:

Dates attended:

Degree received:

Name and address of institution and major/minor:

Dates attended:

Degree received:

EXPERIENCE

List all library, library-related, or otherwise relevant/significant jobs you have held, starting with the most recent:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates:

Job Title:

Description of duties:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates:

Job Title:

Description of duties:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates:

Job Title:

Description of duties:

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Honors, scholarships, or prizes you have received:

Membership in honor societies and professional organizations:

Activities and interests (campus, community, other):

REFERENCES

Please provide two references from individuals who are well acquainted with your educational background, scholastic abilities, and personal character. Both references must be information specialists.

Name/Institution:

Telephone:

Name/Institution:

Telephone:

NARRATIVE

In approximately 250 words, please describe your career objectives and explain how your immediate academic plans contribute to their attainment. How are serials related to those goals?

In approximately 250 words, please describe your qualifications for this award and explain how your qualifications satisfy the eligibility requirements and purpose of the award.

Where did you hear about this scholarship? (e.g. listserv, library school, journal publication, a NASIG member?) Please be specific.

AGREEMENT

I agree that if I am awarded the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship, I will complete a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester during the academic year that the award is granted.

Signature/Date _____

CONDITIONS

An application will not be considered unless the following conditions are met: A completed and signed application form and resume/curriculum vita must be sent to the Committee Co-Chair listed below and postmarked by **FEBRUARY 15, 2002**.

Two letters of reference, completed, signed, and sealed by the evaluators must be sent to the Committee Co-Chair listed below, postmarked by **FEBRUARY 15, 2002**. Please send all materials to:

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highest 5 4 3 2 1 *lowest*

(a) quality of work? 5 4 3 2 1

(b) dependability? 5 4 3 2 1

(c) initiative? 5 4 3 2 1

Describe and assess the applicant's potential to pursue a serials career and contribute to the profession.

Describe qualities you have observed in the applicant that lead you to believe that he/she possesses the potential for academic excellence in the pursuit of a library degree.

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses? How would these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's ability to perform serials work at a professional level?

How do you think the applicant would benefit from the conference? How would he/she utilize this experience in the course of his/her coursework and/or professional development?

Describe and evaluate the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the applicant that may be relevant to the purpose of the scholarship (i.e., providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities)?

Name and title of faculty sponsor/library supervisor:

Name (please type or print):

Title:

Address:

Work phone: (____)

E-mail:

Signature:

Date:

Completed application, resume/curriculum vita, two essays and reference questions must be received by **FEBRUARY 15, 2002**.

Return to:

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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2002 NASIG HORIZON AWARD

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Name:

Preferred Mailing Address:

E-mail address:

Employment (Please describe the position(s) and state the dates for each):

*Current serials position:

*Previous serials position(s):

*Other library positions(s) and/or library-related positions:

Education (Please list all degrees; include name of institution awarding the degree(s), name(s) of the degree(s), and date(s):

Professional activities:

Professional goals and objectives:

How did you hear about NASIG?

Are you a member of NASIG?

If not, how would a NASIG membership benefit you?

Have you attended any previous NASIG conferences?

Please describe the ways that you would expect to benefit from attending a NASIG conference:

Please write an essay discussing the 2002 NASIG Conference theme "Transforming Serials: The Revolution Continues." Include in your discussion the theme's relevance to the information community, to serials work, and to your own professional goals. (Note: the award recipients' essays will be published in the *NASIG Newsletter*.)

***This completed application, an up-to-date vita, and completed reference questionnaire are to be returned by **February 15, 2002**. Incomplete application packets and those postmarked after February 15, 2002, will not be considered. Fax submissions are acceptable. Please return to:

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2002 NASIG HORIZON AWARD REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

(Use additional paper, if necessary)

******You must have supervised the applicant for at least six months******
******If you have not, the applicant's former supervisor should complete this questionnaire******

Please answer the following questions as they relate to the applicant for the NASIG Horizon Award. Please return to the address below no later than **February 15, 2002**. Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

Describe applicant's position:

How long have you supervised the applicant?

Describe the applicant's interest and aptitude for serials:

What are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses?

If you are familiar with NASIG and its activities, how do you think the applicant will benefit from attendance at a NASIG conference?

How could the applicant use this experience in his/her present position?

Do you feel the applicant has a long-range interest in the serials profession?

Is there any other relevant information about the applicant that you would like to share with us?

Signature:

Title:

Date:

Please return to:

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