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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Char Simser, NASIG President

It's November as I'm writing this column. Fall. Changing seasons. The leaves are turning shades of red, orange, gold, and brown and are starting to fall. My neighbors are outside raking. Temperatures are dropping and I'm thinking back just a few weeks when the board met in Phoenix, Arizona. 99 degrees. (It was a dry heat.) The board enjoyed two very productive days in our meetings and during breaks stepped outside to enjoy the sun and gorgeous scenery at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs resort where we will hold our annual conference next June.



Mountain view at Tapatio Cliffs.

It may be difficult to think about a meeting that is still months away, but Conference Planning and Program Planning committee members are hard at work to make NASIG's 23rd annual conference a memorable one for you. Other NASIG committees are working equally as hard

as the board read in their fall updates and reviewed on day one. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes, some which is visible - the call for nominations, for membership renewals, and awards announcements - and some that takes place on committee lists and web space such as revisions to the membership brochure, setting up library school ambassadors, updating the *Speakers and Consultants Directory*, and so much more. Our committees don't toot their own horns publicly often enough! Kudos to them all for the accomplishments that keep NASIG running.

Day two of the board meeting was spent on strategic planning. Under consultant Betty Kjellberg's guidance, the board determined that our 2003 plan had not been placed on a shelf and ignored. We reviewed the six goals of the plan, identified our accomplishments, and asked which goals were still relevant. We have made great progress, including securing your support for the dues increase approved in spring 2005 in order to put NASIG on a more secure financial footing. Now it's time to look at next steps, which we laid out by fine-tuning goals under five strategic directions and setting reachable short-term objectives. That documentation will be available on the NASIG website by early January.



NASIG treasurer Peter Whiting at the strategic planning session.

One of the short terms objectives the board identified is to expand venues for member networking. Networking at the annual conference has always been recognized as one of NASIG's greatest strengths. Networking builds relationships, provides continuing education, fosters understanding, creates friendships, and allows for dialogue among our

diverse constituencies. Over the coming year, we will find ways to provide networking opportunities through the *Newsletter* and through discussion forums. We will promote the benefits of networking not only to you, our members, but will purposefully reach out to under-represented segments of the serials community. Publicizing these opportunities may help increase our membership numbers, which remains a priority for us.

NASIG's Membership Development Committee (MDC) charge includes identifying strategies to grow our membership across all our constituencies. This year, the board asked MDC to investigate institutional memberships. The committee's recommendation, which is supported by the board, aptly stated, "Institutions that are asked to invest in a professional organization often take that organization more seriously, and are likely to send at least one person to attend an annual conference." The board asks for your support in the creation of an institutional membership category because it strengthens our stance as a major player in the serials information community. It increases our stature in the profession as institutions recognize the benefits of increased participation through NASIG conference attendance - always touted as "the best" for those in the serials information chain - and other venues.

The board has asked the Bylaws Committee to provide language incorporating an institutional membership category in the NASIG Bylaws so the issue may be brought forward for a vote in the spring. This is an extremely important issue for NASIG. Please vote when you get that ballot. A "yea" will go a long way to provide a strong NASIG that will lead to increased benefits for the entire membership. (Have you renewed your membership yet?) To vote in next year's election - for bylaws changes and to elect board members, you must renew as soon as possible to avoid deactivation! (Hmm... sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie!)

While I'm on the topic of voting, there is an excellent chance NASIG will move to online voting with our next election! I am thrilled to announce that approximately a year after the board began work on a technology RFP, NASIG signed a new technology contract in late October with ArcStone Information Services. A recommendation from Lisa Blackwell, chair of

Database & *Directory*, sums up very nicely why the board supported engaging ArcStone: "It sounded to me that they are already in the process of examining new technologies (like RSS and blogs) and fully intend to incorporate them. This speaks well of their ability to proactively incorporate new things and not just respond to client inquiries reactively."

NASIG members will see the benefits of our new association management system and website redesign within the next few months. This is a huge and ambitious undertaking for an all volunteer crew! I have appointed Donnice Cochenour as project manager to coordinate the implementation. Donnice will serve as liaison to our ArcStone project manager and oversee the activities of numerous NASIG committees. They are already in the midst of migrating our existing membership database. This is the first step toward providing a more simplified and integrated approach to managing the business of NASIG.

I personally want to thank everyone who has been involved over the past year: past president Mary Page, who pulled together the RFP with feedback from 2006/07 board members; Gary Coker, Buddy Pennington, and Bob Persing, the task force who reviewed the first proposals and made recommendations to proceed with a trial of one company; the individuals who reviewed additional proposals received during the summer, participated in web demos, and provided recommendations: Abigail Bordeaux,

Dalene Hawthorne, Jonathan Makepeace, Tonia Graves, and Beth Ashmore (Electronic Communications), Lisa Blackwell and Bob Persing (Database & *Directory*), Gail Julian (Nominations & Elections), Cory Tucker and Mary Bailey (Conference Planning), Sarah Wessel and Erika Ripley (Program Planning), *Newsletter* editor Kathryn Wesley, and board members Anna Creech, Peter Whiting, Denise Novak, and Jill Emery. (I know I have left someone out so please chime in on the blog comments if I haven't recognized you for this valuable and critical task!)

We have a busy few months ahead. In addition to the "normal" activities that occur prior to the conference, we have a few other initiatives to get underway. I am seeking input from the board in the coming weeks with the intent of naming members to the Financial Development Committee, a group that will guide our investing toward a financially secure NASIG. Later in the winter, I'll appoint an Administrative Support Task Force to identify responsibilities for NASIG's first hired staff position. Site selection for 2009 and beyond is an ongoing process.

Like everything around us, NASIG is changing. Our founding principles remain a strong beacon. To sustain the momentum of the last 22 years, we need to continually review, refresh, and reinvent ourselves. Change is constant. Change can be disruptive. Change is good. Let's embrace it, be patient with it, and explore ways to make NASIG a "10" in our 2.0 world.

NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Joyce Tenney, NASIG Secretary

Date: October 11, 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Place: Tapatio Cliffs, Phoenix, AZ

Attending:

Char Simser, President
Jill Emery, Vice President/ President-Elect
Peter Whiting, Treasurer
Denise Novak, Past President
Joyce Tenney, Secretary

Members-At-Large:

Rick Anderson
Anna Creech
Kim Maxwell

Alison Roth
Bob Schatz
Jeff Slagell

Guests:

Erika Ripley, Co-Chair, 2008 Program Planning Committee
Cory Tucker, Co-Chair, 2008 Conference Planning Committee
Sarah Wessel, Co-Chair, 2008 Program Planning Committee
Sandra Wiles, Co-Chair, 2008 Conference Planning Committee

Ex-Officio Member:
Kathryn Wesley, *NASIG Newsletter*, Editor-in-Chief

1.0 Welcome (Simser)

Simser called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2.0 Secretary's Report (Tenney)

2.1 Approval of board actions since January meeting

6/22/07 Minutes of the business meeting were approved.

6/25/07 Board agreed to have a day devoted to strategic planning at the October board meeting.

6/28/07 Minutes of the 2007 May Executive Board meeting were approved.

7/18/07 Board approved change in language to the charge for the Electronic Communications Committee.

8/23/07 Minutes of the 2007 July Executive Board conference call were approved.

9/11/07 Board approved the renewal of the NASIG subscription to the UKSG Serials E-News.

2.2 Action items from January meeting

The lists of pending action items were reviewed and updated.

2.3 Board items status list

Tenney reported that thanks to Carole Bell, NASIG member from Temple University, a room for the January Executive Board meeting has been reserved on January 10, 2008. Additional information on the meeting will be distributed as it is available.

3.0 Treasurer's report (Whiting)

3.1 Report

Whiting reported that most of the paperwork for the change in the treasurer is completed. He noted that the 2007 NASIG budget is on target, with a few committees actually under budget. The 2007 NASIG Annual Conference had a

positive balance of \$42,384.22. Also, Whiting reported that we will not have tax exempt status for the 2008 conference, due to Arizona laws. This will need to be considered when budgeting for the conference.

3.2 2007 budget and expenditures to date

Whiting reported that NASIG is very sound financially. He noted that several committees are under budget.

3.3 2007 Conference report

Whiting reported on the success of the 2007 conference with a positive balance of \$42,384.22.

3.4 2008 Proposed budget

Whiting presented the 2008 proposed budget. After much discussion it was agreed that the budget would be reviewed and voted on after the meeting. Several committees still needed to submit information for the budget to be complete. Whiting will send a message out to the board, when the final budget is ready for review. Schatz inquired about insurance for the annual conference and Novak noted that we do have insurance, but that the paperwork should be reviewed to verify it is current.

ACTION ITEM: Whiting will review NASIG insurance coverage and verify that all paperwork is up-to-date.

3.4.1 How should technology costs be reflected

Whiting inquired as to the best way to reflect the costs of the new technology program in the budget. It was agreed that a special budget line would be created to reflect costs of technology expenditures.

ACTION ITEM: Whiting will create a separate budget line for the technology budget.

4.0 Technology RFP (Creech)

Creech and Simser reported on the progress made in reviewing the top companies for the Technology RFP. The pros and cons of each proposal were discussed with the input from various committee members who had participated in the demos and discussions. Schatz noted that financial information on each

company should be reviewed before a final decision is made. Also, he noted that the contract should have benchmarks for deliverables. Novak inquired as to how quickly the companies could get us started. Simser reported that migration of our member database would take from two to six weeks. Novak noted that the contract may need to be reviewed by an attorney, depending on its detail. Should an attorney be required, Tenney will ask NASIG members from law schools for referrals.

Simser reported that NASIG member Donnice Cochenour would be leading the implementation team with assistance from several NASIG committees.

ACTION ITEM: Simser will request financial information from the two companies bidding for the Technology RFP.

Schatz moved to accept the bid from ArcStone, pursuant to further due diligence. Novak seconded the motion. After discussion the board passed the motion unanimously.

Simser noted that the committees involved need to have any needed support. Board liaisons for those committees should keep in close contact with their committees during the implementation. Also, Simser reported that in order to deal with the issue of listservs for the board and committees, we will need to continue our contract with BeeNet until a final resolution is decided upon.

ACTION ITEM: Creech will make sure there is a clause in the contract that notes that the company is willing to work with a third party for listservs, if needed.

ACTION ITEM: Cochenour will be asked to obtain contract from ArcStone. Creech will post contract to board web space for review. Contract will include the following: timelines, deliverables, out clause, alternatives to listservs and benchmarks.

ACTION ITEM: Creech will ask Electronic Communications Committee to investigate costs for listserv options outside of Bee.net, including institutional hosting options.

Simser thanked all involved in the process. This is a big step forward for NASIG.

5.0 Program Planning (Wessel, Ripley, Emery)

5.1 Speakers Agreement

The Speakers MOU was reviewed and revised. It was suggested that a reminder of the required paper for the proceedings be placed in speaker's registration packets, and to connect the final payment to the delivery of the written paper. Wessel and Ripley will make the revisions and use the document for the 2008 conference speakers.

5.2 Programming

Wessel and Ripley reported that all is on track for the 2008 conference programming. The second call for papers has gone out and they hope to have approximately 60 proposals to review. There will be some slight schedule changes this year in response to past conference evaluations. Not all of the sessions will be repeated to allow for more flexibility and the Sunday vision session will be held right before the conference closing. PPC will find a timeslot for current and past board members to meet with those considering running for the board to discuss any questions or concerns.

The board agreed to have the board wrap-up session on Sunday morning from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

6.0 Conference Planning Committee (Wiles, Tucker, Anderson)

6.1 Schedule, Events

Wiles and Tucker discussed conference logistics and special events. Thursday evening reception will be on the pool terrace and Friday evening will be dine-arounds. Friday is also the night the galleries are open late. There will be vans available for NASIG members that wish to go to Scottsdale for dining or shopping. There will be a nominal fee for cost recovery for the vans. The main conference reception will be on Saturday evening at the Phoenix Art Museum. Wiles reported that we will have the entire museum and encourages everyone not to miss "Firefly Room". She noted that the gift shop will be open during the event.

6.2 Corporate sponsorship

There was some discussion of corporate sponsorship; however final decision was

deferred to the Membership Development report. Emery will draft a proposal for the board to review.

ACTION ITEM: Emery will draft a proposal on corporate sponsorship for the conference and present it to the board for review.

6.3 Budget

The proposed conference budget was reviewed and revisions suggested.

6.4 Conference fees

It was agreed that conference fees would be set at the January board meeting.

7.0 Committee reports

It was noted that committees should follow the committee template for reports located at <http://nasig.org/forms/cmte-report.doc>.

7.1 Archivist (Tenney)

Tenney asked for comments on the proposed NASIG Archives Policy and Procedures document prepared by Sheryl Williams, NASIG Archivist. It was agreed that the document would be posted on the NASIG website. Issues surrounding the digital archives were discussed and Creech reported that both a printed copy and the code is sent to the Archivist. Then, the documents are moved to a designated folder within the NASIG website. It was agreed that the blog content should not be archived.

It was agreed that the photos of realia should be downloaded to a CD and possibly put on a Flickr account with thumbnails posted on the NASIG website.

Williams was thanked for her work on the archives.

7.2 Awards & Recognition (Roth)

Roth reported that Sarah Sutton will chair the Library School Outreach Committee for 2007-2008. Clint Chamberlain and Patrick Carr will co-chair Awards & Recognition for 2007-2008. The committee recommended discussion on establishing a Canadian Student Grant Award, similar to the Mexican Student Grant Award. After discussion the board agreed that the

current Student Grant Award announcement would just be translated into French and an aggressive marketing of the awards would be made in Canada.

ACTION ITEM: Creech will ask the Translators Team to translate the current NASIG Student Grant Award announcement into French.

Novak suggested that a stipend be created to help librarians new to the field, and those receiving little or no institutional support. Possible criteria are those with salaries under \$40,000 and being a member of NASIG less than three years.

ACTION ITEM: Novak and Creech will develop a proposal on the stipend. They will report at the January board meeting. If the proposal passes, it would be for the 2009 conference.

The committee inquired about ways to get information out on the Tuttle Award. Wesley suggested speaking with past Tuttle Award winners to see how they heard about the award and get suggestions on how to publicize it better.

Novak initiated a discussion of adding more Student Grant Awards. Schatz suggested reviewing the number of awards annually. Tenney will make this a standing item on the fall board agenda.

Slagell moved to add to Student Grant Awards for a total of eight Student Grant Awards for the 2008 conference. Emery seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. This is in response to our strategic planning goal to use fundraising money for NASIG Student Grant Awards.

ACTION ITEM: Roth will relay the change in number of Student Grant Awards to committee and the committee will work with treasurer to adjust committee budget request.

7.3 Bylaws (Schatz)

Schatz reported that the Bylaws Committee is awaiting instructions from the board with respect to the revision of the term of the treasurer. It was agreed that Schatz would ask the committee to suggest wording by the January board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Schatz will ask Bylaws Committee to submit proposed wording on the amendment to revise the term of the treasurer by the January board meeting.

Simser asked what would be needed in terms of the Bylaws if we were to go to a primary election process. Schatz will ask Bylaws to investigate.

7.4 Continuing Education (Maxwell)

No report from Continuing Education.

7.5 Database & *Directory* (Slagell)

Slagell noted that Database & *Directory* will be heavily involved in the implementation of the new technology system. Simser recommended that they review what reports are needed from the system. She noted that the fields are flexible and will allow for more reporting than we currently have.

Slagell reported that the renewal form is being reviewed and revised and will soon be released to the membership. Database & *Directory* reported that we currently have 904 members.

7.6 Electronic Communications (Creech)

Creech reported that the Electronic Communications Committee will be working on the implementation of the new technology system. Novak reported that there were problems with the publicist's address book in the Bee.net system. Creech noted that Electronic Communications Committee would assist in this issue.

7.7 Evaluation & Assessment (Roth)

Roth reported that the Evaluation & Assessment Committee found the online evaluation process to be very successful. The committee recommends doing an online only evaluation for the 2008 conference. The board approved this recommendation. It was noted that the new technology system will negate the need for SurveyMonkey. Whiting reported that he would make sure the subscription to SurveyMonkey was not renewed.

The board discussed ways to give attendees an opportunity to keep track of their program evaluations during the conference, as no paper evaluation forms will be available. It was

suggested that there might be a way to leave space on the schedule for notes by attendees. It was agreed that the give away for a conference attendance would be continued for the 2008 evaluation cycle. The issue of the low rate of preconference evaluations was discussed and Roth will work with the committee to develop ideas to improve that response rate.

7.8 Library School Outreach (Maxwell)

Maxwell reported that the committee is making good progress. The committee proposed that they be able to appoint ambassadors internally. Emery noted that the appointments should have a specific timeframe and a review period. It was agreed with the addition of the term limits the proposal was acceptable.

The committee asked about vacancies on the committee. Emery reported that she is trying to fill the vacancies, but she has not had volunteers for those positions. Emery will continue to recruit for these openings.

7.9 Membership Development (Slagell)

Slagell reported that Membership Development has reviewed the ALA job description categories and has suggestions for additional categories for the NASIG renewal form. This will allow for better information on programming needs. After discussion of the list it was agreed that Slagell would ask Membership Development for a final list for review.

ACTION ITEM: Slagell will ask MDC for a final list of job categories for the renewal form.

7.9.1 Institutional Memberships

Slagell introduced the report from Membership Development on institutional memberships. The board noted that it was an excellent report and after discussion it was agreed to move forward with the concept of institutional memberships. Wesley noted it would require a Bylaws change.

ACTION ITEM: Schatz will ask Bylaws to draft wording for institutional memberships.

Anderson moved to accept the concept of institutional memberships. Novak seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Slagell reported that the development and production of the brochure was stalled. Novak suggested moving this to the Publications and PR Committee. After much discussion on the cost benefit to the organization of having a brochure, it was agreed that Publications and PR will work on this project.

ACTION ITEM: Novak and Slagell will ask Publications and PR to develop a final draft of the brochure to be reviewed by the board.

Slagell noted that a budget for the brochure should be included in either the Membership Development budget or the Publications and PR budget.

7.10 *Newsletter* (Wesley)

Wesley inquired about soliciting guest editorials. It was agreed that Wesley would send out a request on NASIG-L for guest editorials that were up to 500 words and with the understanding that the editor has the right to accept or reject any submission. The editor may ask the advice of the board if assistance is needed.

ACTION ITEM: Wesley will send a notice out to NASIG-L that guest editorials would be accepted for the *NASIG Newsletter*. The editorials must be 500 words or less and the editor has the right to accept or reject any submission.

7.11 Nominations & Elections (Novak)

Novak reported that the process is going smoothly. This year Nominations & Elections has 126 nominations for a total of 63 individuals. Deadline for nominations is October 12, 2007. 19 individuals have been nominated for Vice President/President-Elect.

7.11.1 Follow up- Board contacts

In response to comments in the brainstorming session, Wesley contacted several past board members and asked them to be a point of contact for members nominated for office that might have questions on work load, and duties. She has given the confirmed list of contacts to Nominations & Elections and they will let prospective candidates know the contact information.

Names of contacts are :

Vice President/President-Elect: Mary Page, Anne McKee, Maggie Rioux and Eleanor Cook
Member-at-Large: Adam Chesler, Beverley Geer, Bob Persing

(Post meeting note: Wesley contacted former board member Katy Ginanni, and she agreed to be added as a contact.)

It was suggested that Nominations & Elections follow up with these contacts after the election to see if they received any calls. Also, Nominations & Elections will incorporate into their procedures the need to develop a new list of contacts each year with recent, but not current board members to offer information to prospective candidates.

7.12 *Proceedings* (Schatz)

Schatz reported that the *Proceedings* editors are reviewing the applications of two possible candidates for the next *Proceedings* editors. Additional applications may be received later. The committee asked if they needed to put out a call for an indexer for the 2007 Conference *Proceedings*. After discussion it was agreed that the NASIG *Proceedings* did not require indexing.

ACTION ITEM: Schatz will ask the *Proceedings* editors to inform Haworth Press that the 2007 Conference *Proceedings* will not be indexed.

7.13 Publications/PR (Novak)

Novak reported that the Publications and PR Committee was revising the *Speakers and Consultants Directory*. Maxwell noted that the Library School Outreach should be notified when it was completed. Novak noted that the committee was also working on revising the NASIGuides.

7.14 Publicist (Novak)

Novak reported that the first, second and final call for conference submissions have gone out. She will work with Electronic Communications Committee on the Bee.Net address book issue.

Board adjourned at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened in Executive Session

Executive Session was adjourned and the general meeting reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

7.15 Translators Resource Team (Creech)

Creech reported that the Translators Resource Team is looking for two more members. They have been busy translating some key pages from the NASIG website and will post them when the new website goes live. Creech will ask them to translate the Student Grant announcement into French.

8.0 Strategic Planning Intro (Simser)

Simser reminded all that the Strategic Planning Session is tomorrow and that we will be looking at what has been accomplished, how things have changed and what are the most important issues to move forward.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Financial Planning (Novak)

9.1.1 Brief Summary of Financial Plan

Novak reviewed the Financial Plan and a brief history of how the document was developed.

She noted that the Financial Development Committee was sunsetted, but may need to be reformed.

9.1.2 Next Steps

Emery noted that we need to bring in someone familiar with financial plans in nonprofit organizations to help guide us in creating a more workable document. Simser asked everyone to think of people to recommend if the committee is reconstituted. This will be discussed again at the January board meeting.

10.0 Unfinished Business

Novak reported that Susan Davis and Mary Page represented NASIG at the memorial service for Rose Robischon.

Simser called for any additional unfinished business. There were no additional comments. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approved 11/6/07

TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter Whiting, NASIG Treasurer

NASIG remains in good fiscal condition. As of 10/02/07, we have \$373,657.56 in assets. The balance sheet below reflects our income and assets as of October 2, 2007.

NASIG committees have done a commendable job of watching expenses during the 2007 fiscal year. NASIG's fiscal year is from January to December.

**Balance Sheet 10/2/2007
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 10/2/07**

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Charles Schwab-Cash	\$ 32,364.04
CHECKING-264	218,293.64
SAVINGS-267	84,716.58
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$335,374.26
Investments	
Charles Schwab	\$ 38,283.30
TOTAL Investments	\$ 38,283.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$373,657.56
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
	\$ 0.00
EQUITY	
	\$373,657.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$373,657.56

**NASIG Budget Expenditures
1/1/07 Through 10/2/07**

Admin Board Expenses	\$-22,124.17
Archives	-0
Awards & Recognition	-8,565.85
By-Laws	-456.30
Conference Planning	-3,181.84
Continuing Education	-3,137.50
Database & <i>Directory</i>	-2,000.00
Electronic Communication	-5,400.00
Evaluation	-0
Finance	-2,800.44
Membership	-59.55
Nominations & Elections	-554.09
<i>Proceedings</i>	-0
Publications	-263.23
Publicist	-0
Site Selection	-685.24
OVERALL TOTAL	\$-49,228.21

The conference invoices have been received and paid.

**2007 Louisville Conference
Summary Report
1/1/07 through 10/02/07**

CONFERENCE INCOME	
Conference Registrations	\$183,803.98
Pre-Conference Income	\$1,000.00
Conference Tours	\$1,758.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$186,561.98
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	
Preconference Workshop	(\$112.50)
Conference Building Rental	(\$2,565.00)
Conference Entertainment	(\$5,095.00)
Conference Meals	(\$108,905.15)
Conference Office	(\$376.30)
Credit Card Expenses	(\$4,120.56)
Conference Photocopying	(\$5,087.24)
Conference Registration Packets	(\$2,323.68)
Conference Supplies	(\$1,192.26)
Conference Speakers	(\$7,100.82)
Conference Tours	(\$3,842.40)
Conference Slides, etc.	(\$515.00)
Conference Other	(\$2,941.85)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$144,177.76)
TOTAL INCOME- EXPENSES	\$42,384.22

TECHNOLOGY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

TECH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS

Donnice Cochenour, Project Manager

For someone whose first technology task for NASIG was to assist with mounting the *Newsletter* on the organization's Gopher site, the world has certainly changed! I'm pleased to report that the implementation of the new NASIG Technology Plan is underway. We have a very ambitious timeline with ArcStone Information Services for the project. By January, 2008 we expect to have our new online membership *Directory* operational and the conference website launched, following in February with online voting, online discussion forums, conference registration and membership renewals. By June, we expect to have the website redesigned as well as the blog and wiki setup. I'm sure there will be other items as the project moves forward, but these are the big milestones.

Currently, Lisa Blackwell and I are holding regular conference calls with ArcStone staff to review the existing structure of our membership

database in preparation for its migration to their site. Under the new integrated structure, this requires planning for needs not currently associated with the membership database and *Directory*, such as requirements for conference registration, conference evaluation, and authorizing access to the restricted sections of the new website for various committee members. ArcStone has also begun its review of our existing website in preparation for its redesign. All of the NASIG committee chairs and the board have been involved in answering questions designed to address the organization's culture and face we wish to present to the world through our new website.

As work progresses, I'll be using that *What's New Web* page to keep folks up-to-date on what's happening, when milestones are reached, etc. Also, many of you in your roles as NASIG volunteers will be called on to test and assist with various stages of the migration.

GUEST EDITORIAL

WHY I DIDN'T VOLUNTEER AND WHY YOU SHOULD

Erika Ripley, Co-Chair, Program Planning Committee

My first NASIG conference was at Trinity University in 2001. I was new to librarianship and to NASIG. I knew a few other attendees before I arrived in San Antonio, but I admit to feeling a little lost at the conference. Everyone else already seemed to know each other. During the conference, I introduced myself to the people sitting next to me in programs and at meals. By the end of that weekend, I knew a few more people and I felt a little less new.

One conversation from that conference has stayed with me, though. At lunch one day, I asked someone at my table about volunteering for a committee. She discouraged me from submitting an application. She told me that I was too new, that I would not be appointed because

nobody knew me. Unfortunately that seemed all too reasonable, and I knew she had served on NASIG committees for many years. I don't know what would have happened if I had volunteered that year because I didn't submit an application. However, I have learned since that being new or unknown needed not to have been an obstacle. When I did volunteer the next year, I was placed on a committee.

I can only speak from my own experience, and I know that it isn't universal. I have no doubt that people who would have been active contributors have not been placed on committees after volunteering, and they may not know why. Every year is different though. The number of members who volunteer and the number of

places open on committees will naturally vary. I do know that in recent years, most volunteers have been placed on committees.* Precisely because every year is different, each year can be an opportunity to get involved.

We all know the expected benefits of committee work. Participation in NASIG offers those professional development and networking opportunities that we all need. I've met people that I enjoy working with and seeing at conferences. Even so, with 600+ attendees at the conference, I still have to introduce myself to people nearby at programs and meals.

Every bit as important as the professional development and social benefits though, volunteering has made NASIG more relevant to me. I care more about issues that affect the membership because I feel more like a part of that membership. I would particularly encourage those of you who are new to NASIG to get involved however you can. Who knows which might be the most valuable benefit it will bring to you?

*[Ed. note: According to NASIG President Char Simser, all who submitted volunteer forms last year were placed on committees. But NASIG's migration to the new technology platform could affect the size of some committees in the future.]

23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2008)

CPC UPDATE

Cory Tucker, CPC Co-Chair

The planning process for the 2008 NASIG Conference is well underway. The 2008 Conference is June 5-8 in Phoenix, Arizona, and will be held at the Tapatio Cliffs resort (Pointe Hilton). For information on the location, please visit the resort's website at <http://www.pointehilton.com/indextc.cfm>.

More details on the Conference should be posted on the NASIG website in December. If you would like more information on Phoenix, please visit the City of Phoenix Tourist Information site at: <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/touridx.html>.

PPC UPDATE

Erika Ripley and Sarah Wessel, Co-Chairs

The 2008 conference program is shaping up to be a strong one. Over the past several weeks, members of the Program Planning Committee have been hard at work reviewing over 60 proposals received from two calls. We're paying special attention to the distinctions between strategy and tactics sessions in order to create a slate of programs balanced between the big picture and the immediately practical. We're also finalizing names for the three vision (i.e., keynote) speakers. We hope to confirm all of our speakers by mid-December. A preliminary program should be available in early January. So stay tuned!

The conference schedule will feature all your favorites – poster sessions, user groups, and informal discussion groups – as well as a few changes: sessions will not be repeated this year so that you will have a wider variety of sessions to choose from. We're also considering different ways to present the program so that you can make sure that the sessions that are “can't miss” for you aren't overlooked.

Special thanks to each PPC member, the NASIG Board, and especially our board liaison, Jill Emery.

PROFILES

Susan Davis, Profiles Editor

ALICE RHOADES

One of the perks of preparing these profiles is the chance to meet and learn more about fellow NASIG members. The subject of this issue's profile, Alice Rhoades, is truly a Renaissance woman. At present she is a serials cataloger at Rice University's Fondren Library in Houston. Alice had a life in the theater before becoming a

librarian, and has put her theatrical talents to use at NASIG conferences. She performed in the wonderfully hilarious, and all too true, skits at the 20th anniversary celebration. Alice has also graced the "stage" at NASIG's Open Mike sessions. Plus I learned that we danced some of the night away in San Diego!



Alice pensive at the Houston Arboretum.

Alice majored in theatre as an undergraduate, and worked in theatre, mostly in acting, for about a dozen years before becoming a librarian. She mainly worked at small theatres in the northeast, doing all kinds of stuff--Shakespeare, children's theatre, the New York Renaissance Faire, dinner theatre comedy, you name it. Her first paying role in New York was a chicken in a children's play (because she did a fabulous job clucking!)—she always knew she would be able to use that story when she was famous and appearing on a talk show. Instead, she gets to share the story with a much more discriminating audience, fellow NASIG members. While she was an apprentice at the Alley Theatre in Houston, she saw Katherine Hepburn backstage. Ms. Hepburn had come to see her

good friend Kate Reid star in "The Corn is Green," which she watched discreetly from the lighting booth. By the time she came down, word had spread and all the cast and crew were not-so-nonchalantly loitering in the hallways to try to get a glimpse of the legend. Alice was so excited to see her that she realized only years later that meant that Katherine Hepburn had seen *her* act!

Nowadays she mostly does community and regional theatre. Performing as an avocation means she only has to do plays that she really wants to do.

Many librarians end up in the field by accident. Alice realized that the unsettled lifestyle she was

leading in the theatre wasn't working so well and that acting began to seem more like a chore, so she started exploring other options. She did the whole self-evaluation thing, where you look at types of work you have done that you enjoyed and you were good at. There seemed a pattern in her offstage office day jobs and even in her theatre work itself, of projects that involved organizing things or information in such a way that they could be found again when wanted, and you know where this is leading. A career in library and information studies was a perfect fit.

Alice's first professional job was at Amherst College on a grant-funded classification project. Next came a stint at a public library in Haverhill, Mass. (where the Archie comics author lived and supposedly set his comics--Pop's Malt Shop was no longer there, alas!), then returned to Texas, her home state, to work at Texas A&M University at Galveston for eight years before coming to Rice and entering the wonderful world of serials cataloging.

Alice has spent most of her working life in the northeast and in Texas, at both theatre and library jobs. She was born in Texas and loves it; going to New England was a fluke, but enjoyed her time living there. New England was so different from Texas at the time that it seemed almost like going to another country. She also loved the New England countryside and the change of seasons (though snow is a lot less fun when you're a grownup and have to shovel out your own car). Her roots and family are in Texas, though, so she's glad to have finally returned. Rice University is a wonderful college and a great place to work, as well.

Moving on to all things NASIG, Alice was not really involved in serials work nor had she heard of NASIG before coming to Rice in 1999. There the two librarians in Acquisitions who handle the serials told her she had to join NASIG and come to a conference. Her first one was at the University of California at San Diego (2000), which was a fabulous conference and a wonderful site, and she's been coming ever since (though the copious instructions in the UCSD dorm room about what to do in case of earthquake were a little alarming--that's probably one of the few natural disasters Houston doesn't have). During the late night socials that year, they had hired a DJ to play dance music, and a group formed a circle and danced like mad until the wee hours. Now that's a great way to get to

know people when you're new! A few weeks later at ALA she would encounter some of these same folks walking around and knowing glances would be exchanged--it was like belonging to some secret society (yes, you may be wearing a suit and heels here, but we'll always have disco night in San Diego!). The weather and scenery were just beautiful; maybe it drizzled for half a minute on the last day and the locals kept apologizing for how humid and horrid the weather was (Houston was more humid at 2:00 a.m. when Alice returned home than La Jolla ever was at high noon).

Alice has served on the Bylaws Committee, the ad hoc group formed for the anniversary conference a few years ago in Minneapolis, and most recently, the new Membership Development Committee. She has always appreciated the focus of NASIG conferences--all the meetings and activities are always relevant in some way to her work and she declares she's never felt like she's been to a "wasted" workshop. Plus, serials librarians just have more fun than the rest! Amen to that.

Alice has also been active in ALA while working at Rice, where she served nearly five years on the ALCTS Committee to Study Serials Standards (now the Serials Standards Committee), which instituted a standards forum held every year.

In our conversation, Alice mentioned many other diverse interests, so I asked her to talk a bit about why these appeal to her. In my own perverse way I hoped she could help dispel a commonly held myth that catalogers are somewhat stodgy, anal-retentive, rules-bound types. She has a great outlook that I'll let her express in her own words:

What's supposed to appeal to a serials cataloger--I became one by accident, I suppose. But I would think that we are as different as the many items that we catalog. I seem to get involved in most activities by chance, so maybe that's the pattern. I got involved in Scottish country dancing years ago because a group happened to meet across the street from where I was living in New Haven, I've always been a pushover for banned books or plays (my father coerced me into learning Middle English just so I could read the juicy parts of Chaucer), and I met my Goth musician friend through a

mutual acquaintance (he had a secret longing to play something acoustic--who knew?). I guess I enjoy activities that allow me to explore my creativity and that also provide some sort of social outlet (as otherwise I tend to hole up in my house puttering around). One of the many things I

enjoy about Rice University is the great variety of things that the various staff members here are into--we have science fiction writers, artists, short filmmakers, concert musicians, and many others. I think people who are interested in things are able to bring more to their jobs as a result.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: PETER WHITING, ANNA CREECH AND JEFF SLAGELL

In light of the recent discussions about recruiting more members to run for office, I thought it would be interesting to see what our most recently-elected class of board members had to say and to learn a little more about them. I asked them some questions about their NASIG involvement and what advice they would give others who are interested in becoming more active in NASIG. I hope you find their comments as informative and inspiring as I have.

HOW DID YOU FIRST GET INVOLVED IN NASIG?

Peter probably has the most seniority as a NASIG member. He writes that he heard about NASIG while taking a serials class for his master's degree in library science at Rosary College. The class was taught by Jim Mouw and one of his classmates was another NASIG member, Christine Stamison. He attended the 1992 conference in Chicago and has been hooked ever since! He even went to the White Sox baseball game because he likes baseball and it was a good way to network (as we huddled together on an unexpectedly chilly night). His first committee assignment was actually the Horizon award task force headed by Anne McKee.

Jeff had a fortuitous encounter with a NASIG member. His story began at a SOLINET workshop at the University of Alabama when he was a freshly-minted serials librarian. He decided to introduce himself to some of the library faculty and arranged to meet with Beth Holley. One of the first sentences out of her mouth was, "Have you ever heard of NASIG?" Jeff reminds Beth of the meeting every year at our annual conference and refers to her as "my NASIG Mom."

Anna also had a push in NASIG's direction. She was a freshly-minted librarian in her first

professional job as a serials cataloger, and her supervisor suggested she look into the NASIG conference. There was a preconference seminar that seemed to be spot on with what she needed to learn, so her library sent her to the William & Mary conference. She's been involved ever since.



Peter

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A BOARD POSITION?

Peter: "I was nominated by NASIG members to run for the treasurer position. Yes I was a brave soul in the past and nominated myself but never made it through the nomination process. Also I'm sure that I was nominated. Other years when I did get a call from the Nominations & Elections Committee, I did turn them down because I was not ready to be an officer."

Jeff: "Quite simply, I wanted to attempt to pay back an organization that has given me so much personal and professional enjoyment/benefits."

Anna: "Being nominated was the main reason, and also because my term on ECC was coming to an end. I decided that if someone else

thought I would make a good member-at-large, then I'd give it a go."

HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOUR NAME APPEARED ON THE BALLOT?

Anna: "Surprised and excited -- I didn't think I would get that far."

Peter: "Surprised! I felt honored to be chosen for the position. Way back in 1992 I never imagined that I would be an officer in NASIG. I just thought those folks magically got on the ballot. Now I know better. I have made the effort to get to know past NASIG officers and they all care about NASIG as well as serials."



Anna

HOW HAS BEING A BOARD MEMBER LIVED UP TO YOUR EXPECTATIONS (OR NOT)?

Peter: "I was supposed to be the apprentice for a year under Rose and be able to listen to her laughter as she did the treasurer duties. Since she passed away, I was put into the thick of it. Fortunately, I was lucky this past summer that Denise Novak and her husband Paul took an automobile trip from Pittsburgh to Evansville for two days of intensive Treasurer 101 training."

Anna: "I didn't realize how much of the 'keeping the organization running' work the board did, nor how much the board examines all aspects of an issue before making a decision. We have a collection of very thoughtful people who have NASIG's interests close to heart. Everyone is pulling their weight, which makes me even more excited to be a part of this group."

Jeff: "I'm not sure that I had specific expectations ahead of time. As far as the type of work and collegial interactions, there really haven't been any surprises."

NAME ONE OR TWO MISCONCEPTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT SERVING ON THE BOARD, OR HOW THE BOARD AND LARGER ORGANIZATION OPERATE.

Anna: "I thought that the board would be fraught with organizational politics, but so far I haven't encountered any. If anything, the diversity of the group has led to some eye-opening conversations."

Peter: "Much like a patron's view of a library where they think that librarians just read books all day I did not realize the all the decisions that board members make to keep NASIG running."

BASED ON YOUR BOARD EXPERIENCE SO FAR, WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED THE MOST?

Anna: "Prior to serving as a board member, my involvement had been with only one committee, ECC. A major part of the board meetings involves going over the reports from every committee and addressing anything as needed. I've learned so much about how each committee fits into the organization as a whole, and how each process is interconnected. It's given me a much better appreciation for just how well we pull it all off, year after year."

Jeff: "The opportunity to interact with others that genuinely care about the direction of our organization. We have some tremendously talented people serving in numerous roles."

Peter likes the volunteer spirit.

ALL OF YOU SERVED ON VARIOUS NASIG COMMITTEES BEFORE JOINING THE BOARD. HOW DOES COMMITTEE SERVICE PREPARE YOU FOR THE BOARD? HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE THE TWO?

Peter: "Committee work has made me a better officer because I understand the way that various committees work to improve NASIG."

Jeff: "My committee service gave me a solid foundation in NASIG organizational knowledge. It helps you understand the mechanics of our

organization (i.e., the history, procedures, and processes). Even though each committee's charge is distinctly different, the means to accomplish those charges are roughly similar. Committee work is very focused and typically has a well established checklist. The board certainly has a working calendar as well, but the work is more varied as you interact with different committees. Ultimately, as a board member, you need to maintain an awareness of the big picture and the best end result for the association as whole."

Anna: "Being on a committee helps with learning how to work with a group of people who are not in the same location. While the board meets in person three times a year, we do the bulk of our communication via email, which is a skill I honed as a committee member. Also, as a member of a committee, or even more so as a chair or co-chair of a committee, you gain a greater understanding of the work of the committee, which can help when the board is discussing something that would involve or impact a particular committee."

WHAT SPECIFIC ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO THOSE CONSIDERING A RUN FOR A NASIG OFFICE?

Peter: "Email former board members with questions about the office that you are interested in."

Anna: "Just do it! NASIG thrives because we have many volunteers who are willing to take on whatever is needed to be done, but we need regular infusions of new blood in leadership positions or we will quickly become inbred and irrelevant. There will be plenty of current and former board members who can help if you need it. We all want you to succeed."

Jeff: "Contact a current or recent board member and ask them about their experience, especially if you have specific concerns or questions. The description of responsibilities on our Web site is helpful and provides a good framework, but a personal contact can help flush out the details and give additional insight."

WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO BETTER MENTOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN NASIG?

Peter: "Be able to mingle and meet past board members at the NASIG conference. I know that the board and CPC are working on this for the 2008 Phoenix conference."

Anna: "I think we're already implementing some things that will be a start. We have some former board members who have volunteered to respond to potential nominees' questions. Those who are elected to the board have a current board member mentor, which I found to be very helpful."

Jeff indicated his response to the previous question also covered this question.



Jeff

WHAT'S IT REALLY LIKE AT A BOARD MEETING? DO YOU HAVE A HUMOROUS ANECDOTE TO SHARE?

Anna: "I can't remember the jokes, or the punch lines, but there was a lot of laughter at the two board meetings I have participated in. We get things done, but we also have a little fun, sometimes at each other's expense."

Jeff: "Yes, the meetings can be long, but what I've enjoyed is getting to better know my board colleagues AND see their unique senses of humor. Case in point, about 5 hours into our most recent strategic planning meeting, one of the other members verbally threatened me with a finger puppet."

Peter seems to be anticipating bad weather for the next board meeting in Philadelphia (in response to my mention of two plus feet of snow at the fall 1998 board meeting in Boulder.)

ON A PERSONAL NOTE, WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN IN YOUR NOW REDUCED SPARE TIME?

Anna: "I do a lot of behind-the-scenes work for Blogcritics.org, as well as writing reviews (music, books, DVDs, etc.) for them. It's work, but also fun, and takes up most of my remaining spare time. Occasionally, I use high-tech electronics to find cheap plastic containers in the woods (geocaching), but I've had less time for that in recent months."

Jeff: "I'm regularly mocked by my 9 year old son as he crushes me in various Nintendo Wii video

games and I'm also a huge film buff. I enjoy all types of films but in particular classic Hollywood, including the likes of William Powell, Myrna Loy, Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Cary Grant, and Jimmy Stewart. Amazingly, I've gotten my son to sit through several Buster Keaton films (B/W and silent!)."

Peter: "I admit that I have three jobs. I am the current NASIG treasurer and have my regular job as serials librarian at the University of Southern Indiana. I am getting a second master's degree, a master's in public administration."

OTHER NASIG NEWS

DECIDING TO RUN FOR THE NASIG BOARD AS A PETITION CANDIDATE

Jill Emery, NASIG Vice President/President-Elect

Petition candidacy is a relatively new development in NASIG and not many have taken advantage of running for the NASIG board using this mechanism. However, petition candidates who have run using this method have been elected in the past two elections, including myself.

In 2006, I used the petition process to get my name on the ballot for the NASIG vice president/president-elect position. For the 2006 election, I had been nominated and gone through the usual vetting process by the Nominations & Elections Committee but did not make the final ballot. Since my board term as member-at-large was up and my other national and state commitments were ending shortly, I decided to go ahead and attempt to petition onto the ballot. I was able to obtain the needed signatures and did end up on the ballot but lost the election.

For the 2007 election, the Nominations & Elections Committee approached me to run for the NASIG vice president/president-elect position. However, I had recently changed jobs and had quite a bit on my plate in regards to the job I had moved into at the University of Texas at Austin Libraries. There was also the consideration that, in the short term, my job position might change to take on even more

responsibility. Therefore, I ended up declining the opportunity to go through the normal vetting process for the vice president/president-elect position given the uncertainty of my job status. After the ballot came out, I was contacted by a few NASIG colleagues about their concern that there was only one name appearing on the ballot for the position of NASIG vice president/president-elect.

During the ALA Midwinter Conference in Seattle, Washington, I heard further comments in this regard and was encouraged by numerous NASIG members to consider running as a petition candidate again. At this point, the changes I had anticipated with my job had occurred and I had a much better idea of the demands the job would have on my professional involvement. Given the encouragement I was receiving and knowing that most of my current professional commitments would all be ending in the summer of 2007, I agreed to run as a petition candidate so that there would be a choice for the NASIG membership to make. Once again, the required signatures were obtained and submitted and I ended up again on the ballot. To be perfectly honest, I thought this election would go much like the one from the previous year and was completely shocked to receive the call stating I had won the general membership vote.

Therefore, I encourage NASIG members to consider the petition process as a way to get onto the ballot for any of the NASIG board positions being sought. Also, I highly recommend obtaining signatures during the ALA Midwinter Conference since many of your colleagues will be in attendance there and can

be found readily to sign your petition. It helps to have one colleague take on the signature gathering for you as well so that they can, in effect, campaign on your behalf. In the end, the petition process has been successful for at least a couple of candidates and has become a viable option for being elected to the NASIG board.

2008 AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Patrick Carr and Clint Chamberlain, Co-Chairs

The Awards & Recognition Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of its application cycle for NASIG's 2008 grants, awards, and scholarships. Every year, NASIG awards student travel grants, awards for promising serialists, scholarships for library school students, and an international award to aid in serials research. Since 1988, NASIG has granted over 130 student grant awards—including 6 grants for Mexican students, 5 Marcia Tuttle Awards for international serials research, 9 Fritz Schwartz educational scholarships, 22 Horizon Awards to recognize up-and-coming members of the profession, and, beginning in 2006, the Serials Specialist award to an outstanding serials paraprofessional.

Expanding awards promotion has been a priority on A&R's agenda for the year. For 2008, our focus is on reaching wider audience for NASIG awards and attracting a larger pool of applicants. In particular, the committee has slightly modified the requirements for the Marcia Tuttle Award for International Serials Research. Plans are also in place for increased marketing of all of the awards. For more awards information, please visit the NASIG Awards Web page at <http://www.nasig.org/awards/>. All awards will be presented at the 23d Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, in June 2008.

A VIDEO IS BORN – CONFERENCE MEETING RESULTS IN LOCKSS HOW-TO FILM

Angela Slaughter Dresselhaus

My YouTube video, *Configuring a LOCKSS Box*, exists because there is a need within the library community to take control of digital preservation. The LOCKSS process offers a reliable and cost effective way to maintain digital archives of subscribed electronic material. Additionally, setup is neither labor intensive nor an arduous process. But, as with any new technology, there is a sense that it is only intelligible to tech-savvy individuals. The LOCKSS team knew that installation of the software was simple, but they needed a way to demonstrate this point. Their message needed to be spread, but until the 2007 NASIG conference there was not a way to inform the community.

The idea for a LOCKSS demonstration video was born over a single weekend in Louisville, Kentucky. Karen Schneider's vision session, "Hurry Up, Please. It's Time. -- State of Emergency" set the stage for a YouTube video. Libraries are losing ownership of their electronic collections, a point covered in her presentation.

LOCKSS addresses this concern directly, but there is a problem. Victoria Reich, director of the LOCKSS initiative, often expresses concern over marketing techniques that lead librarians to believe that setting up a LOCKSS box is difficult and time consuming. She needed a way to counter this marketing. During a break in the conference program Karen suggested to Vicky that the library community needed a YouTube video detailing the LOCKSS installation process. The idea was born, but someone needed to produce the video.

That is when I entered the picture. Over breakfast with the NASIG award winners, Vicky recounted her conversation with Karen and asked us if anyone was willing to help. No one spoke up immediately, so I responded. Shortly after agreeing to help with their idea, a bit of panic and wave of second guessing rolled over me. A little of this panic was justified, as I had not even visited YouTube, let alone produced a video and posted it on the site. First, I needed

to familiarize myself with YouTube, digital video formats, editing software, and, of course, the LOCKSS program itself. The easiest part of this process was, in fact, setting up the LOCKSS box. Even learning how to use the digital video camera was more of a challenge than reading through the installation instructions and installing the LOCKSS software.

Creating this video was personally rewarding and caused me to think about the implications of the current electronic serials market. Libraries need to take ownership of their digital collections, and the LOCKSS initiative is a step in the right direction. Empowering librarians was my primary goal, and I hope that the library community finds this resource helpful. See the video at YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wdcnXrQkaI>.

“ROSE KNOWS”
ROSE ROBISCHON
DECEMBER 1953 - MAY 2007
Susan Davis with Mary Page

Mary Page and I attended a very moving and inspiring memorial service for Rose Robischon at Cullum Hall on the West Point Military Academy campus on June 16, 2007. We arrived in time to meet and speak with Rose’s family who are just wonderful, warm and welcoming people. There was a noticeable family resemblance; particularly when Rose’s father spoke (it could have been Rose talking) and her sister Mary. We learned that Rose was really Rose Mary and Mary is Mary Rose. Could it be that Shakespeare was thinking of the Robischons when he wrote “that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet”?

for many things, particularly systems and serials. Mary and I were brave enough to get up and say a few words at the service about Rose and NASIG. We mentioned her infectious laughter (noted by most who spoke) and I joked how she and I were both fast talkers. We let all in attendance know that the soon-to-be published *Proceedings* were to be dedicated to Rose as well.

You’ll also be pleased to hear that the family put together a table of things that Rose enjoyed, and many of the items related to NASIG. The quilt she won in Minneapolis was on display, and we understand that Rose kept it at work for all to see. She was incredibly proud of her involvement in NASIG and everyone in her family and workplace knew how much it meant to her.

After the service, I had a chance to ask the family if they had seen the NASIG blog about Rose and since they had not, I was able to retrieve it from my car. I was really glad I had thought to print it out and take along.

Listening to others speak at the service, we were struck by a common thread, “Rose knows.” She was the go-to person at the USMA library

It was a sad, but very moving occasion to be on the West Point campus with all its history. Cullen Hall had many memorial plaques to West Point graduates from the past, most notably those who graduated during “the war to save the Union.” It was very heartwarming to see the imprint Rose had left on so many people and to learn how much NASIG had meant to her. She was proud and honored to be NASIG’s treasurer and we should be proud and honored to have had Rose as a member.

**2006 NASIG CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS NOW
AVAILABLE AS A MONOGRAPH!**

Carol Ann Borchert, *Proceedings* Editor

Mile-High Views: Surveying the Serials Vista has been published by Haworth as a separate monograph for purchase. Also published as volume 52, no. 1-4 of the *Serials Librarian*, the 2006 *Proceedings* were edited by Carol Ann

Borchert and Gary Ives. The NASIG Conference *Proceedings* provide in-depth reporting of the various sessions at the conference which took place May 4-7, 2006, in

Denver. For more information, please see <http://www.haworthpressinc.com/store/product.asp?sku=6058>.

The current co-editors have requested files for the 2006 *Proceedings* to be added to the NASIG Web pages, so stay tuned!

NEW EDITORS NAMED TO NASIG PUBLICATIONS

Allyson Zellner has been appointed as editor of the NASIG conference *Proceedings*. She will join the current editorial team of Carol Ann Borchert and Buddy Pennington in January 2008. In an announcement posted on NASIG-L, *Proceedings* board liaison Bob Schatz remarked, "With this appointment, the continuity of this important team is assured. Allyson is currently a trainer for EBSCO, and comes to the editor's work with experience in both editing and writing. We welcome her, and extend thanks to all those who applied for the position."

Jennifer Duncan has joined the *Newsletter* Editorial Board as blog editor. Jennifer is electronic resources librarian at Utah State University. She has prior experience with blogs, including primary responsibility for Utah State's LiBlog USU. She previously served on the Electronic Communications Committee, where she helped migrate the NASIG Joblist from HTML to a blog format. The *Newsletter* Editorial Board looks forward to working with her.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

[Ed. note: The following are highlights from selected reports submitted for the fall board meeting.]

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sandra Wiles and Cory Tucker, Co-Chairs

The CPC submitted a preliminary budget for conference planning and a preliminary budget for the conference. The conference budget increased spending by 5% in most areas. Other areas contain specific information provided by the resort.

CONFERENCE EVENTS

On Thursday, the opening session will be held at the resort and will be followed by a reception with a buffet next to one of the pools. The guest speaker will be ??????

On Friday, the dine-arounds will be held. We have received a transportation bid from the resort. The resort does have several options available for transportation.

On Saturday evening, a reception will be held at the Phoenix Museum of Art. We have received a transportation bid from the resort. The resort has several 55-seat buses. The reception at the museum will include dinner, cash-bar and entertainment.

The meals and breaks for conference attendees have been organized.

DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Lisa Blackwell, Chair

A revised printable membership *Directory* for 2007 has been posted on the Web.

MEMBERSHIP

- 904 current members:
 - 113 new members in 2007 (not yet renewed for 2008).

- 759 renewed members in 2007(not yet renewed for 2008).
- 25 new members for 2008.
- 8 renewed members for 2008.
- 3 complimentary or gratis members.

EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Anne Mitchell and Lori Terrill, Co-Chairs

The online [conference] evaluations were a success, thanks in part to vigorous promotion by the volunteers at the conference desk. The 54% response rate was a slight increase over the previous year, and all but a handful of evaluations were submitted online. The committee recommends online-only conference evaluations in 2008.

NASIG member Lisa Blackwell was the winner of the evaluation drawing, as announced on NASIG-L. The list of respondents was pulled into a spreadsheet and deduplicated (poster and

preconferences evaluations were submitted separately, so some individuals appeared more than once). 188 names remained, and the website random.org was used to generate a random number between 1 and 188. The resulting number corresponded to the winner's position on the spreadsheet.

Committee member Carole Bell will be the contact person for speakers who wish to receive information about their individual session ratings and comments.

LIBRARY SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Sarah Sutton, Chair

Several committee members have elected to continue their "ambassadorships" to the library schools they began working with in 2006-07. They are:

University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science – Steve Oberg
School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University – Steve Oberg
Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science – Steve Oberg
Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science – Linda Smith Griffin

Library schools with which we had relationships in 2006-07 but for which we need to recruit new Ambassadors are:

Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies
University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science
School of Information, University of Texas
University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science
San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science

The committee has developed a draft set of guidelines for ambassadors (copy attached for board comment). Once these are finalized based on the board's comments, we will recruit ambassadors for these schools. We plan to accomplish this by November 1, when the 2008

award applications are posted to the NASIG website.

The primary criteria for ambassador selection this year are (1) a connection or affiliation with the library school (e.g., NASIG Student Award recipients who are enrolled at the school or are recent graduates still in contact with the school, geographic proximity, and/or NASIG members who are alumni of the school) and (2) willingness and enthusiasm to connect or reconnect with the school in order to promote NASIG..

Steve Oberg consulted with Abigail Bordeaux of ECC and recommended to the committee that we use a Google group for file sharing. He subsequently created the group and all committee members have joined the group.

The committee has been discussing other uses for the group space including using the wiki feature to create information pages for each school to which an ambassador is assigned. Information stored on these pages would include address, phone, email for the school itself, possible contacts, previous award winner from the school, and alumni who are active NASIG members. We also see the potential for using these pages as a place where ambassadors can document the contact/involvement with their schools. We don't expect that the learning curve for this technology will present a barrier to recruitment. Electronic communication technology is ubiquitous in most librarians' daily

work. The committee has had success using Google Groups. Helping ambassadors to learn to use it would be one of the functions

committee members would serve in their roles as ambassador liaisons.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Marla Chesler and Tina Feick, Co-Chairs

Bob Boissy and Zac Rolnic researched institutional membership options at several other organizations. They wrote a report with recommendations for the Executive Board.

The Executive Board asked our committee to look at the Facebook page that was created for NASIG. Several of our committee members joined the group, but since we decided to informally watch the group rather than try to impose any kind of NASIG rule. The mentor group does feel that the Facebook page may be useful for the mentors/mentees at the next conference.

Many of the committee members volunteered to be mentors at the annual conference in Louisville.

The committee reviewed the current list of Institution Types listed on the current membership database and the NASIG job descriptions listed on the evaluation forms. We suggested some additions and modifications to the lists to be added to the database.

We investigated the cost of renting a table at ALA (6ft table for \$700.00). We decided that it would be more cost effective and more productive to actively visit vendor booths rather than sitting in a single place waiting for people to walk by.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Gail Julian, Chair

A nominations form was included in the conference packet. Thirteen completed forms were received with 51 nominations. A call for nominations was posted on NASIG-L on July 5, August 7, September 7, and October 4, resulting in another 75 nominations. So far we have a total of 126 nominations for 63 different individuals. In addition, the call has been published in the September *Newsletter* and on the What's New page of the website. Forms used for nominee review are being posted to NASIGWeb in order to help demystify the

process. Nominations are due by October 12, 2007. To date we have received the following numbers of nominations:

Vice President/President-Elect: 35 nominations for 19 individuals
Member at Large: 91 nominations for 53 individuals

Some persons received multiple nominations, and some were nominated for both VP/PE and MAL.

PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

Carol Ann Borchert and Buddy Pennington, 2007 Editors

Gary Ives resigned as co-editor in July 2007.

2007 Vision sessions were not audio-recorded as they had been in past years, but the need for that has already been communicated to the CPC co-chairs for the 2008 conference.

The co-editors worked on collecting and editing papers submitted over the summer. Some presenters were surprised by the paper requirement, despite the notation in the speaker

contract. PPC and the co-editors need to work together in future to minimize this confusion. We have managed to collect papers for all 35 sessions presented at NASIG.

Carol Ann contacted Haworth about the possibility of the new co-editor, Buddy Pennington, making a site visit to Haworth as previous co-editors have done. Because Haworth has recently been acquired by Taylor & Francis, the status of that is uncertain.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sarah Wessell and Erika Ripley, Co-Chairs

THEME FOR 2008

Shortly after the Louisville conference, CPC and PPC brainstormed ideas for the 2008 theme and unanimously agreed upon "Taking the Sting Out of Serials."

VENDORS

The committee discussed ways to increase participation from vendors at the conference. There was positive response to the speed dating rounds with publishers at the 2007 conference; however, limitations to this format included competition with other strategy sessions and the focus on one type of vendors (i.e., publishers) when other vendors would be interested in participating.

Committee members generally supported the idea of a vendor social at the conference, especially once PPC heard that the conference reception would be on Saturday. The Author/Vendor Social that the Academic Library Association of Ohio is holding this October was suggested as a model. Their event will include the following: meet and greet with multiple Ohio publishers, vendor demos of new products and services, and light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar - sponsored by Thomson-Gale. (<http://www.alaoweb.org/conferences/conf2007/author-vendor-social.html>).

There was a note that Friday evening may be more viable for vendors due to uncertainties in air travel; however, it is PPC's understanding that CPC may have already tentatively planned enough social events for Friday in dine-arounds and an art gallery walk.

SCHEDULE FOR 2008 CONFERENCE

The committee continues to discuss the conference schedule (see attached for latest version). In addition to the ideas listed below, CPC and other involved groups will be consulted to ensure appropriate times for all functions. The current draft of the schedule allows for a

more focused program while allowing for more diversity in sessions. Ideas include:

- What has to be changed/added for 2008:
 - Conference reception is on Saturday. Time for transportation is required. (in current schedule)
 - Time for people to talk with board members about running for the board.
- Ideas for possible changes/additions:
 - Vendor reception for one evening. (in current schedule - details yet to be determined)
 - Vision sessions starting later in the morning. (in current schedule)
 - Vision sessions starting at the same time each day.
 - Longer time for informal discussion groups as picking up boxed lunches cut conversation short in 2007. (in current schedule)
- Additional ideas:
 - Don't repeat sessions at all. (in current schedule)
 - Move Sunday vision session to be just before conference closing. Conference closing otherwise felt like a lame duck. (in current schedule)
 - Include 15 minutes for housekeeping details and speaker introductions for vision sessions, thus making them 75 minute sessions. (in current schedule)

SPEAKER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The co-chairs reviewed the MOU used last year for the vision speakers and made revisions to draw greater attention to the paper that is expected for the conference proceedings (see attached). In addition, the co-chairs have developed a checklist of discussion points when initially contacting vision speakers and a checklist of discussion items for the time between the signing of the MOU and the conference (see attached).

PUBLICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Marit Taylor and Glen Wiley, Co-Chairs

Glen Wiley and Kathryn Johns-Masten, our committee's web librarian, are currently making changes to the *Speakers and Consultants Directory*. These changes include the following:

- Adding the opportunity to link to external documents within the submission form, in order to cut down on the length of profiles & keep more up-to-date information.
- Creating a more consistent feel with headings, fonts, etc. in each profile.
- Changing the order and naming of the profile fields.
- Changing the submission form to align with the changed profile fields.
- Adding relevant subjects to the subject index. Some examples are Electronic Resource Management Systems, FRBR, and Usage Statistics.
- Removing out-of-date or not used subjects from the subject index. Some examples are SISAC, Internet, NOTIS and Documentation.
- Changing the wording of subjects within the subject index. Some examples are Automated Systems to Integrated Library Systems and EDI to EDI-EDITEUR.
- Combining subjects within the subject index. Some examples are Subscription Agent Evaluation and Vendor Selection Evaluation.

Once these web changes are completed, the committee will divide up the current names in the *Directory*. The committee will use a message drafted last year by Jeff Slagell to send to people presently in the *Directory*. The message will ask them to update their *Directory* entry. After we update the existing profiles, the committee will solicit for new speakers. We will then publicize the updated *Speakers and Consultants Directory* on the *NASIG Newsletter*, on the *NASIG listserv*, and thru other avenues to promote active *NASIG* representation at other association meetings and conferences.

The committee is trying to follow up on promised *NASIG*Guides by new authors on new topics. These new guides are on the topics of working with subscription vendors, cancellation workflow, serials in institutional repositories, MARC for serials, and FRBR. These guides were promised by for this past year's conference and early fall. Once we receive these guides, each *NASIG*Guide will be edited by one committee member for content, and another for style. Right now, we anticipate these new *NASIG*Guides to be released in early 2008. We have also attempted to attract more *NASIG*Guides authors and topics in the *NASIG Newsletter* without much success.

OTHER SERIALS NEWS

CALL FOR PAPERS ON E-JOURNAL BUNDLING

Bill Cohen, Haworth Press

The Serials Librarian, the peer-reviewed journal published by Haworth Press (now part of the Taylor & Francis Group) announces a "Call for Papers" for a special supplement to be published in late 2008.

The supplement topic will be "Bundling & Un-Bundling of E-Serials."

This supplement will examine the current state of e-journal bundling, and how libraries and vendors are strategizing and coping with rising costs, and the implications of "The Big Deal." This will focus on how libraries initially

purchased groups of titles in bundles for convenience and cost savings and how they then later were often forced to break those bundles down into smaller groups, or into individual title purchases, in order to deal with ever-rising costs and the desire to get more local control over what libraries collect.

Proposed topics that potential authors are encouraged to select from are:

- 1) Advantages of bundling journals together
- 2) Financial pressures to unbundle existing packages

- 3) Collection development pressure on bundled packages
- 4) Consortial perspectives on bundling and unbundling titles
- 5) Acquisitions and cataloging issues on bundled titles
- 6) Acquisitions and cataloging issues on unbundling previously received packages
- 7) Is "The Big Deal" dead?
- 8) The Big Deal vs. disciplinary packaging of e-serials
- 9) Other pressures to unhook from these deals
- 10) Purchasing electronic back volumes in groups

- 11) Trial subscriptions in groups

Other relevant topics will be considered.

Submissions should be approximately 20-30 double-spaced pages in length. A maximum of fifteen manuscripts are desired, and the submission deadline will be the end of February 2008.

Prospective authors should submit proposals to:

David Fowler, guest editor:
dcfowler@uoregon.edu.

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TITLE CHANGES

Kurt Blythe, Columns Editor

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For over ten years **PAT ADAMS** has worked for Blackwell Book Services, first as a Sales Representative for the Northeast, more recently as Eastern District Sales Manager, and now – after her promotion last February – as Director of Sales. Pat says of her job that she “truly enjoys working with academic libraries with her vendor hat on.” A member of NASIG since 1991, when she joined as the Acquisitions and Serials Librarian at Union College in

Schenectady, New York, Pat notes that “remaining active in professional organizations helps to keep her grounded in the profession.” She may be reached at:

Blackwell Book Services
198 School Hill Rd.
Cobleskill, NY 12043
(518) 254-0155

As of August 16, **RICK ANDERSON** is the Associate Director for Scholarly Resources and Collections at the University of Utah. Formerly the Director of Resource Acquisition at the University of Nevada-Reno, Rick's new position includes "oversight of collection development, acquisitions, serials, preservation, cataloging, and the institutional repository." Rick gives his contact information as:

University of Utah
Marriott Library
295 S 1500 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860
(801) 721-1687

MORAG BOYD is "pleased to be returning to the academic library setting," having left her position as Member Services Representative at OHIONET to start on September 17 as Special Collections Metadata Librarian at Ohio State University. She adds, "I am excited about working with the interesting and diverse materials in the Special Collections. I am also the first metadata librarian in the department, and I am thrilled to be working in a dynamic area of librarianship."

CLINT CHAMBERLAIN also started a new job on September 17. Clint left Trinity University where he worked as the Electronic Access/Serials Librarian to take a position as Coordinator for Electronic Resource Acquisitions at the University of Texas at Austin. As he puts it, "although I'll miss my colleagues and my old job at Trinity, I'm excited by the opportunity to work at UT-Austin. It's a bit overwhelming going from such a small library as the one at Trinity to such a huge one, but my new boss, Jill Emery, is making the transition as smooth as possible for me." Clint's new contact information is:

University of Texas Libraries
PO Box P
PCL 2.308 Mail Code: s5451
Austin, TX 78713
(512) 495-4143

ADAM CHESLER says of his move from Assistant Director, Sales and Library Relations to Assistant Director, Library Relations and Customer Service at the American Chemical Society, "my responsibilities changed in March. The key difference is I'm no longer managing our sales team, but rather am focusing more on customer relations/services, which were always

an important component of my job, but which previously were not the only part. I'll still be working closely with our sales and marketing teams, but my eye will be less on subscriptions and more on ensuring that ACS is developing its partnerships with librarians and the global scholarly community." Adam may be reached at:

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With the merger of Haworth Press into Taylor & Francis **BILL COHEN**, formerly Haworth's Publisher, becomes Publisher & Editor-in-Chief for Haworth Press/Taylor & Francis. Of Haworth, the merger, and his role – past, present and future – Bill says, "I was of course most pleased and gratified to see Haworth Press grow and prosper over its 30-year history. My interest in serials and serials librarianship grew because so many orders were received from libraries, as well as from a great many "social welfare institutions," as we published so heavily in social work. Some further investigation seemed to be warranted into libraries, and I did the best I could without the benefit of an MLS. Our first librarianship periodical was *Library Security Newsletter*, which grew into *Library & Archival Security*, and then next, *The Serials Librarian*. The founding editor was Peter Gellatly. We then launched another newsletter, *The De-Acquisitions Librarian*, which dealt with weeding, with the help of Consulting Editor Lee Ash. This became the more formal journal, *Collection Management*, under the editorship of Richard Trueswell, who devised "Trueswell's Law" or the 80-20 rule of library usage. Within Taylor & Francis, I am hoping firstly to make sure the merger is a complete success, and then hopefully continuing as a specialist editor/publisher, possibly in library & information science, or else one subject field which might be acceptable to the new owners. We both left this open to see first if the chemistry is OK. If this comes about, one ambition will be to help make certain that *The Serials Librarian* takes center stage in the world market, with the help of consortia and licensing sales reps that Taylor & Francis brings to this great equation of synergy and growth. The churning world of serials--their

development, their types and sub-types, their pricing, their management--has always been my greatest, burning interest."

On May 1, **LOLA HALPIN** moved from Serials Cataloging Group Leader to Electronic and Continuing Resources Team Leader at Emory University. According to Lola, "the Electronic & Continuing Resources (ECR) team has responsibility for licensing, acquiring, cataloging and managing e-resources for the General Libraries at Emory. We are implementing an ERM and a federated/meta-search system this year and we all love dark chocolate which I'm sure will be especially helpful to us." Lola's contact information is:

Woodruff General Libraries
Emory University
Atlanta, GA 30322
(404) 727-1132

JULIE KABELAC says of her April 1 move from Technical Services Assistant to Coordinator of Technical Services and Systems Management at Wells College, "I was promoted to this professional position after a library staff restructuring in the spring. Our structure is now team-based allowing us to better serve our patrons, offer more services, and cross-train as a staff of seven. I continue to catalog materials and am very happy to report that I am again able to work closely with serials in addition to overseeing electronic resources, acquisitions, and the mending program. Being the systems librarian and a member of the management team simply adds new dimensions to this position. Also in April, Long Library merged with the IT Dept. to form the new Library and Information Services unit on campus. This is a new paradigm for the institution, and we are seeing positive changes."

KATHLEEN MENEELY has retired from her position as Serials Librarian at Cleveland Health Sciences Library, Case Western Reserve University. She says, "retired is normally defined as being 'withdrawn or apart from the world; in seclusion...withdrawn from business, active service...,' however, for me, retirement has been a re-awakening and re-engagement with the world on a different level and at a more leisurely pace. I am devoting more time to enriching activities such as travel, gardening, taking classes, volunteering services, etc., that my 32-year work schedule could not adequately

accommodate. I cherish the friendships that I have made during these years and plan to continue cultivating these friendships and continuing my membership in NASIG." Kathleen may be reached at:

382 Huntmere Drive
Bay Village, OH 44140
(440) 835-0708

As of July 30, **BRIDGET H. MILLER** has become the Acquisitions Librarian at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Building on the serials experience from her previous position as Head, Serials and Periodicals/Microforms at George Mason University, Bridget now manages the acquisition of resources in all formats. She oversees ordering, receiving, licensing, and vendor relations. Bridget is enjoying working with the dedicated staff of the Collection Management department at Duquesne's Gumberg Library and is also enjoying the great city of Pittsburgh. "Go Steelers!" Bridget can now be reached at:

Duquesne University
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600 Forbes Avenue
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Of her move from Serials/Indexing Librarian at the Illinois College of Optometry to Library Systems Coordinator at Reed Smith LLP, **SARAH E. MORRIS** says, "I changed jobs shortly after NASIG this year. Taking comfort in the conference presentation about other career paths, I switched from an academic/medical library to a library at one of the 15 largest law firms in the world. Life at Reed Smith LLP is great, and I get to work with library staff from our 18 US offices, while doing everything technical services related. As always, though, the serials take up most of my time and energy, and I wouldn't have it any other way!"

TERRENCE O'MALLEY, formerly Serials Librarian at Case Western Reserve University, started his new job as Serials and Bibliographic Control Librarian at Case Western September 4.

ERIN SHARWELL reports, "I started my new job as Technical Services Librarian at the Hillsboro Public Library on October 1. I spent seven

years at the University of Washington Libraries, the first five in Monographic Acquisitions and the last two as a Specialist in Serials Acquisitions. I suppose the most significant thing about my new job as Technical Services Librarian for the Hillsboro Public Library is that it's my first professional position; I just graduated from the University of Washington Information School on June 8. It's also very exciting because my husband and I have wanted to live in the Portland, Oregon, area for a long time. At Hillsboro, I will be responsible for all aspects of serials work: collection development, acquisitions, check-in, cataloging, etc."

ROBERT J. VAN RENNES says, "I started my new job as Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Iowa on May 29, just in time to attend the NASIG Conference in my new capacity." After serving as Electronic Resources Coordinator, Robert says of his new job, "my main point of emphasis is on continuing resources in electronic format, but I'm involved in all the other aspects of acquisitions as well." He may be found at:

Acquisitions and Rapid Cataloging
University of Iowa Libraries
Iowa City, Iowa 52242-1420
(319) 335-5890

ANN WARRINGTON has left her position as Serials/Acquisitions Technician at Lakeland College to embark on a new career as a library consultant.

In June, **GLEN WILEY** changed jobs from Digital Resources & Metadata Librarian at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, to Metadata Librarian at Cornell University Library in Ithaca, New York. About his change, Glen says, "I wasn't really looking for a job. However, I could not resist the opportunity to participate in the larger scale and more diverse metadata activities at Cornell." His new contact information is:

Metadata Services
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Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 254-5445
gsw55@cornell.edu

SHERYL WILLIAMS is no longer Head of the Serials Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Instead she is Head of the Materials Processing Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. According to Sheryl, "my new position in the result of a reorganization of the Library Resources & Technology Division (known elsewhere as Technical Services), combining the Serials and Cataloging departments. This has been a natural outcome of the increase of electronic resources and access, plus budget cuts and declining staff numbers. Our efforts in cross-training had steadily increased, mostly through necessity because we can't let materials sit while someone is absent. While I now have one professional cataloger and three support staff under my wing, one of the support staff has announced her retirement; and she will probably not be replaced."

CALENDAR

Lillian DeBlois, Calendar Editor

[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Lillian DeBlois, lillian_deblois@msn.com. Contents of the calendar are continuously updated.]

January 10, 2008

NASIG Executive Board
Board Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 11-16, 2008

American Library Association (ALA)
Midwinter Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/midwinter/2008/home.htm>

February 2008

Western Chapters of the Medical Library Association (MLA)
Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, Nevada
<http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/jointmeetings.htm>

March 25-29, 2008

Public Library Association (PLA)
12th National Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota
<http://www.placonference.org/>

May 16-21, 2008

Medical Library Association (MLA)
Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois
<http://www.mlanet.org/am/meetings.html>

June 4, 2008

NASIG Executive Board
Board Meeting
Phoenix, Arizona

June 5-8, 2008

NASIG
23rd Annual Conference
Phoenix, Arizona
<http://nasignews.wordpress.com/2007/01/22/221-nasig-conference-site-selection/>

June 15-18, 2008

Special Library Association (SLA)
Annual Conference
Seattle, Washington
<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/index.cfm>

June 26-July 2, 2008

American Library Association (ALA)
Annual Conference
Anaheim, California
<http://www.ala.org/ala/confservices/upcoming/upcomingconferences.htm>

October 20-22, 2008

Internet Librarian
Monterey, California
<http://www.infoday.com/conferences.shtml>

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