President’s Corner
Bob Boissy, NASIG President

Hello my fellow NASIG members. I sense some excitement in the ranks. We have had record numbers of you put your name forward for positions on the Board, and I love that. As the premier professional organization in our specialty, we have a lot of leading to do. For those of you currently serving on committees, please orient yourselves to the activities on our calendar on the NASIG web site, and as the coxswain would say “Stroke, stroke, stroke!” for the Buffalo Conference around the corner in June.

I think a word here about the recent board meeting is appropriate. We decided to meet in Washington DC because many of us did not have Seattle and ALA Mid-Winter on our travel schedules (myself excluded). I think the choice of Washington DC was a good one, as we had Member-at-Large Chris Brady’s Patrick Henry Library at the Department of Justice as our meeting spot. What a pleasure to be able to meet at one of the country’s premier law libraries. Inspired by the setting, we tackled the topics of the day, two of which I would like to highlight. Firstly, we read through plans for upcoming events by the Continuing Education Committee (CEC). Our new emphasis on webinars for both members and the information community at large is timely and also a great professional opportunity for all of us to benefit from the range of expertise of our membership, and to contribute as well. If you have an idea for a webinar you could lead or join, please share it with our CEC. We will strive to keep these webinars reasonably priced for our members. But even at fair
and reasonable rates, these events have been good income producers for us, and do help underwrite other worthy NASIG initiatives, like our annual conference and technology supporting our communications to the world. Our long time member, Bob Persing, will be leading a NASIG webinar in February on developments with Open Source Library Systems; sign up! Secondly, I would like to let you know that your Board worked hard on a set of detailed recommendations by your Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) for updating and revising the NASIG web site. We think the result will be a site that is easier to navigate, easier to maintain, and generally more efficient. Thanks go to the ECC for their careful work. Stand by for more on this topic.

A few professional notes for you. If you have not been following recent NISO activities, I urge you to go to their site and do a quick survey and update for yourself. Besides the Presentation and Identification of e-Journals (PIE-J) Recommended Practice and the Shared EResource Understanding (SERU), there is the initial report of the Open Discovery Initiative (ODI) to take in. All three of these items are highly relevant for NASIG members, and there are others as well. NASIG is increasingly allied with Todd Carpenter’s group at NISO, with many NASIG members contributing. This, again, is an example of our leadership role in the community.

Finally, a few notes about the Buffalo conference. I would ask all NASIG members to keep up with Susan Davis Bartl as she posts to both Facebook and the NASIG website about all the things coming together for Buffalo. Karen Davidson and her program planning committee promise to keep us professionally busy during the day. Susan also has some great stuff available for us after hours, including museums, music, great food, and once again, baseball! I think you will be enlightened by the planned presentations from our distinguished visions speakers, Bryan Alexander, Siva Vaidhyanathan, and Megan Oakleaf. You are encouraged to learn more about them at the following sites.

For Bryan: 
http://www.nitle.org/about/bios/alexander.php and his YouTube videos

For Siva: 

For Megan: http://meganoakleaf.info/ and http://my.ischool.syr.edu/Profiles/Preview/moakleaf

As a final personal note, let me say that I lost a bet on the New England Patriots vs. Baltimore Ravens football game and now owe Joyce Tenney a recitation of a stanza from Poe’s The Raven, and a gift not yet purchased. Well, anyway, on to Buffalo!

NASIG Annual Conference Registration opens early February. Sign up early for lowest rates!

Call for Volunteers
Joyce Tenney, Vice-President/President-Elect

Please consider volunteering for a NASIG committee!

The link to the Volunteer Application can be found in the center of the page at http://www.nasig.org/about_committees.cfm. Below that is a list of all committees, descriptions of each committee can be found when you link to them.

Please remember that we are still 100% a volunteer organization. ALL of the work that we accomplish each year is carried out by members who volunteer to serve on committees and the volunteers you elect to serve as members of the executive board. One of the duties of the vice president/president-elect is to solicit committee volunteers, and then to assign volunteers to committees. So, it is my pleasure to send this call today. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information (tenney@umbc.edu).

If you’ve never served on a NASIG committee, or if you have but you took a break, please consider submitting a
volunteer application. It’s a great way to meet other members and to learn more about NASIG!

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Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update
Conference Registration is Now Open!
NASIG’s 28th Annual Conference
June 6th to June 9th 2013
http://www.nasig.org/conference_registration.cfm

NASIG is “the” place to be. It provides a venue for education, stimulating and thought-provoking discussion, new ideas and the best networking opportunities that can be had.” - Char Simser, Coordinator of Library Data and Electronic Publishing, Kansas State University

I’m not into a Disneyland kind of experience. I like the real thing, and Buffalo has the real thing.” - Randy Duchaine, photographer, Spirit Magazine

“You may know it simply as the home of the Buffalo chicken wing, but it harbors all kinds of surprises.” - Frommer’s New York State

NASIG continues its tradition of offering conferences that have strong, engaging programs and numerous opportunities to discuss issues and network in a relaxed environment with colleagues—publishers, vendors, print and e-resources providers and librarians.
There will be three keynote speakers! Opening the conference is Bryan Alexander, senior fellow at the National Institution for Technology in Liberal Education, who will discuss the impact of mobile technologies on libraries and academic institutions. On the second morning, Megan Oakleaf, associate professor of library and information science at Syracuse University, will speak on the “Value of Serials in Academic and Special Libraries” and include an interactive Q & A segment designed to give attendees the chance to share ideas for articulating the value of serials in academic and special libraries. On the final morning of the conference, Siva Vaidhyanathan, Robertson Professor in media studies at the University of Virginia, will engage us in an exploration of Big Data – its opportunities and challenges.

As a conference attendee you will select eight program sessions to attend during the conference. This year’s thirty-five sessions provide an impressive array of topics to consider, which is a delight as well as a challenge:

Are you a cataloger? There are programs for you: “From Record-Bound to Boundless: FRBR, Linked DATA and New Possibilities for Serials,” “Cataloging CJK serials and RDA,” “Linked Data-A Panel on the Current State of Affairs.” And, of course there is the preconference on “RDA & Serials.”

Is collection management part of your assignment? This year’s conference offers sessions on weeding, cancellation analysis, collection development decision making, textbook affordability, aggregated databases, “non-purchased” content, and demand driven acquisition.

Need to enhance your knowledge of licensing and copyright? Attend the preconference “Copyright in Practice,” then check out sessions on open access policies, e-resource licensing fundamentals, and “Using Computing Power to Replace Lawyers.”

Are you in or about to enter the world of scholarly communication? Consider the preconference “Library as Publisher” and the sessions on advocating for scholarly communication, open access policy, and a discussion of a library case study.

Do you have other interests and issues? There are sessions on institutional repositories, approaches to discoverability and design, Technical Services workflows and staffing, LibX—an open source browser, core competencies for new e-resources librarians, and eliminating predictive check-in.

Conference Events

The official conference opening will be on Thursday evening, June 6th. It begins with the conference reception and the Vendor Expo at the Convention Center, immediately across the street from the Hyatt Hotel. This will be followed by an opening session that will feature Mr. Tim Tielman, the current executive director for the Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture. Mr. Tielman has been involved in preservation efforts in Buffalo for more than 25 years, so expect a unique, well-informed, and
memorable talk on the city. After the opening session, a yummy dessert reception and cash bar will be held in the Rendezvous Room at the recently renovated Statler Hotel, which is in walking distance of the Hyatt, the conference hotel. There will be a live band for those in the mood for dancing!

On Friday, after a full day of conference programs, there is a free evening to give attendees an opportunity to sign up for one of the dine-arounds and enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants. Buffalonians are serious about food! There are varieties of restaurants to satisfy almost everyone: Merge (vegetarian), Anchor Bar (birthplace of the Buffalo chicken wing), Chef’s (Italian), Nadia’s Taste of Soul, Polish Villa, Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, and Mango’z Jamaican Restaurant.

After dinner, you can also visit the Albright Knox Art Gallery, one of the city’s finest jewels, which is open on Friday evening (http://www.albrightknox.org/). The gallery’s modern and contemporary collection includes works by Vince Van Gogh, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Jackson Pollock, Freda Kahlo, and Pablo Picasso. Smaller galleries may also have special events for “First Friday.”

Baseball enthusiasts can “go to the game” to watch the Buffalo Bisons, the farm team for the Toronto Blue Jays, take on the Lehigh Valley IronPigs at Coca-Cola field and watch the fireworks after the game (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coca-Cola_Field). The ballpark is downtown and within walking distance of the Hyatt Hotel. Group tickets are available for purchase on the conference registration form.

The conference dinner is Saturday evening and will be held in the Buffalo Transportation-Pierce Arrow Museum (http://www.pierce-arrow.com/). Evening gowns and tuxedos are optional. 😊 At the museum, you will enjoy a variety of foods from Buffalo’s ethnic communities while you view the luxury cars built by Pierce-Arrow, an American automobile manufacturer from 1901-1938 that was based in Buffalo, and a variety of other antique automobiles and related paraphernalia. On both Friday and Saturday evenings a late night social will be held in the Hyatt Hotel, starting at 9:00 pm.

Why wait? It is time to register for the 2013 NASIG conference! Come early or stay after so that you have time to explore more of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier.

Buffalo, NY – Average June Temperature 75°
http://www.nasig.org/conference_city_info.cfm

PPC Update

The Program Planning Committee is looking forward to seeing you in Buffalo. We are excited about the program for the upcoming conference. The topics are varied and are relevant to today’s information professionals. We are offering three pre-conferences, so be sure to check them out and register early.

This year the Program Planning Committee has made some changes to the Poster Sessions. Instead of having the traditional posters displayed over a certain time period with the presenters scheduled for a 20 minute interval; we are having a “Great Ideas Showcase” scheduled for 1 hour on Friday afternoon. Participants will submit proposals for their ideas and then PPC will evaluate and select proposals. The presenters will have options of how they present. They can have a table top poster display, a lap top with a presentation or screen shots, handouts, etc. The presenters can interact with attendees showcasing their projects, ideas, research, etc. The call for the Great Ideas Showcase will go out February 25, 2013 and close March 29, 2013. Proposers will be notified in the beginning of April.

The call for Discussion Group proposals will go out March 18, 2013 and close on April 5, 2013.

Vision Speakers

The NASIG Program Planning Committee is very excited about the vision speakers and the pre-conference line-up for the 2013 Conference.
Megan Oakleaf, Associate Professor of Library and Information Science in the iSchool at Syracuse University.

Title: The Value of Serials in Academic and Special Libraries

Serials comprise the heart of many academic and special library collections, but like libraries in general, their value can be overlooked. Both librarians and vendors share the challenge of defining, demonstrating, and communicating the impact of serials collections. What difference does access to serials make in users' lives? What data do we have that provides evidence of that impact? What data do we need to further demonstrate the value of serials? And how do we communicate the value and impact of serials to users? Join us for a presentation and Q&A session designed to inspire your own ideas for articulating the value of serials in academic and special libraries.

Dr. Bryan Alexander, Senior Fellow at the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE).

Title: Libraries and Mobile Technologies in the Age of the Visible College

How is the mobile revolution transforming libraries? What will library services and librarians look like in the age of a ubiquitously networked civilization? We begin by surveying what changes have already hit: an expanded device universe, the eBook renaissance; the growth of new media ecosystems; nearly-always-on user access; and the initial switch from 'library as place' to 'place as library'. Next we assess how mobility has impacted academia, from teaching to research and student life. Then we explore scenarios of the future, based on an analysis of current trends. Scenarios include: Post-Residential Academe; Open World; Silo World; Alt.Residential.

Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan, Robertson Professor in Media Studies, Chair, Department of Media Studies, University of Virginia

Title: Googlization and the Challenge of Big Data

While the benefits of the scientific and information communities making a bold step toward facilitating Big Data research in the natural and technical sciences are clear, the "human sciences" offer a unique opportunity to fuse the study of the law, policy, and ethics surrounding the collection, preservation, indexing, analysis, and dissemination of data sets. Questions about privacy and intellectual policy implications of Big Data research are complicated and demand input and deliberation among many different types of scholars. Even more interesting, Big Data offers us an opportunity to examine the very nature of knowledge both historically and instrumentally. As universities, foundations, and federal agencies increase funding opportunities for Big Data research, each initiative should be bound to a research project examining the cultural, intellectual, and societal implications of such work.

Pre-Conferences

Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 1:00-5:00
Thursday, June 6, 2013, 8:00-12:00

Les Hawkins, Coordinator of the CONSER program at the Library of Congress; Hien Nguyen, CONSER Specialist at the Library of Congress; Valerie Bross, ERM/Continuing Resources Cataloging, Section team leader at UCLA

Title: RDA & Serials: Transitioning to RDA within a MARC 21 Framework

Over the past two years, CONSER has been developing documentation, discussing best practices, and creating RDA bridge training. This workshop provides a basic overview of RDA instructions for serials and is aimed at experienced AACR2 catalogers making the transition to RDA. The session incorporates hands on exercises with
examples from actual MARC 21 records and updates on PCC RDA implementation as appropriate.

Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 1:00-5:00

Timothy S. Deliyannides, Director, Office of Scholarly Communication and Publishing and Head, Information Technology, University of Pittsburgh

Title: Library as Publisher

Academic libraries are increasingly investing in new efforts to support their research and teaching faculty in the activities they care about most. Learn why becoming a publisher can help meet the most fundamental needs of your research community and at the same time can help transform today’s inflationary cost model for serials. We will explore not only why to become a publisher but exactly how to achieve it, step by step, including careful selection of publishing partners, choosing the right platform for manuscript submission and editorial workflow management, one-time processes to launch a new journal, conducting peer reviews, maintaining academic quality, and measuring impact. We’ll also cover the broader range of publishing activities where libraries can have an impact, including open access monographs, general institutional repositories and subject-based author self-archiving repositories. We will close with a review of tools, services, and communities of support to nurture the new library publishing venture.

Thursday, June 6, 2013, 8:00-12:00

Kevin Smith, Scholarly Communications Officer, Duke University

Title: Copyright in Practice: A Participatory Workshop

Copyright presentations often focus on “the rules” without sufficient attention to practical decision-making. Yet because application of the law so often depends on specific facts and circumstances, this approach can leave a big gap for actual library practice. This workshop will focus on situations and how to make specific decisions; discussion of the rules and principles of copyright law will, it is hoped, emerge from those applications. Although common situations will be discussed in order to provide a comprehensive look at copyright decision making, participants are encouraged to bring real-life problems for the group to consider and discuss.

Great Ideas Showcase Proposals – NASIG 2013

The NASIG Program Planning Committee (PPC) invites Great Ideas Showcase proposals for the 28th North American Serials Interest Group conference in Buffalo, NY, June 6-9, 2013. The theme of the conference is “Art of Information, Architecture of Knowledge.”

The first-ever Great Ideas Showcase (formerly Poster Sessions) will be held on Friday, June 7, 2013, 2:25-3:25 p.m. Presenters must be available to discuss their showcases during that time.

The Great Ideas Showcase will provide an opportunity to share innovative ideas, new workflows, and new applications of technology in an interactive and informal setting. Great Ideas can be demonstrated in a variety of ways – posters, laptops, tablets, e-readers, etc. Participants will be given a table to showcase their idea as attendees mingle amongst the tables. If requested a table top poster display board will be provided. Proposals may present a report of a research study, an analysis of a practical problem-solving effort, or a description of an innovative program that may be of interest to the serials community. Proposals should name any particular products or services that are integral to the content of the showcase. However, as a matter of NASIG policy, showcases should not be used as a venue to promote or attack any product, service, or institution.

To propose a Great Idea, please use the online form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013NASIGShowcase

Proposals must be received by 5pm PDT on Friday, March 29, 2013. Members of the Program Planning
Committee will evaluate abstracts, and presenters will be notified at the beginning of April 2013.

Inquiries may be sent to the NASIG PPC Chair and Vice-Chair, Karen Davidson and Kelli Getz at prog-plan@nasig.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Buffalo!

Profiles

June Garner  
Kathryn Wesley

I met June Garner when I started working in a staff position at Mississippi State University in 1992. A few years later, I went to library school, focused on serials, and then got my current job as a serials cataloger at Clemson University. Naturally, I joined NASIG right off the bat, and started going to conferences. June and I got reacquainted at the conferences and, starting with San Antonio 2 in 2001, we've been roommates almost every year since. Sadly, that tradition ends this year, because June retired in January. So this profile is dedicated to my good friend and longtime NASIG roomie.

Most of us in librarianship and scholarly communication don’t grow up thinking that’s what we want to do with our lives, but June was an exception. Her ambition to become a librarian began in elementary school, when a “wonderful public librarian” gave June her first library “job,” allowing her to check books in and out. This first mentor also talked to her about books and fostered her love of reading. June was hooked. She pursued her interest by volunteering as a student assistant at her middle and high school libraries. Upon graduation, she got her first honest-to-goodness library job at a public library 45 miles away. This was, she notes, a “big deal in the late 70s.” (Remember the oil embargo?)

June went on to undergraduate studies at Purdue. She majored in education, but only because there was a program for school librarians. She never doubted that an MLS was in her future. She went on to graduate school at Michigan, planning to work in public libraries. After taking the core curriculum, June fell in love with cataloging. She says, “I had an excellent professor who knew the then newly-published AACR2 by memory. I relished the challenges to catalog the most obscure items she had for us in cataloging lab. All of the rules made sense and I felt very comfortable with all of those rules guiding me along. My reference classes, on the other hand, were a struggle to get through.” So cataloging it would be. She was still planning on a career in public libraries, but her husband got a job at Texas Tech, and the only cataloging job she could find was at the law school library. At TTU, she cataloged everything, including loose-leaf services and serials. When June and her husband moved on to Mississippi State, there was a serials cataloging position open. She got the job, and once again became enamored. Not just cataloging, but serials cataloging.

NASIG was born when June was at Texas Tech. She joined, but was involved with the American Association of Law Librarians, so didn’t really participate. When she moved to MSU in 1987, her supervisor told her how great the conferences were. June also had a research interest in serial pricing issues at the time and, she says, “NASIG was THE conference to attend.” She was a little tentative about volunteering for committee work, but took the plunge, and once again was hooked. Since then, she’s done a lot of volunteering for NASIG, but says her most rewarding role was the first time she co-chaired a committee, which was PPC for Denver in 2006.
I asked June what kept her at Mississippi State for so many years. She says she’s always had great support and mentoring there, plus opportunities to take on responsibilities like major projects early on in her career. These factors also ultimately prepared her to make the transition from rank-and-file cataloger to cataloging coordinator. She elaborated further on some of MSU’s rewards:

It has been exciting to work with younger catalogers and to share in their enthusiasm for the process of cataloging. There are always new projects to plan and staff to train, and that has helped me to stay alert and eager to look ahead for the next assignment to come along. I take pride in the work that the department has accomplished and the role that I have played in the development of a quality OPAC. With all of that, it is difficult to think of changing jobs when all you need is in one place.

A lot has changed with libraries and cataloging since the start of her career, and I asked June to reflect on that. The biggest changes, she says, have involved technology and automation. She explains, “It took us from sharing OCLC terminals, key punch cards, filing cards in the public card catalog, and using little irons to attach spine labels to having powerful desktop computers and having our cataloging typos out there for everyone to see in the OPAC.” But we’ve also seen changes in what we catalog and how: “It certainly is easier/harder to catalog e-resources and government documents when you get records from a MARC record provider.” Finally, she mentions the advent of RDA, but goes on to say she’ll be retiring before that happens. One senses, perhaps, a little bit of glee about that.

And what does June do for fun? She likes to play tennis, read, watch movies, work jigsaw puzzles, and knit. But mostly she loves to travel. And what are some of her favorite places?:

I have been blessed to be able to travel as much as I do. I have to say that Antarctica was fabulous, and a place I thought I would never get to visit. Alaska, Peru, and French Polynesia, though, are also on top of my list as favorite destinations. Greece and Turkey are memorable, as that was the first major trip I took with my husband Rick.

Any bad travel experiences? There must have been one at some time, she says, but it just provides an opportunity to laugh.

Finally, I asked June for her thoughts about retirement. Are her co-workers were biting their nails about her impending departure? And what directions will her life be taking now? She’s a little nervous, but mostly excited. She’s thankful to be young and healthy enough to experience and learn new things. Furthermore, she
says, “It will be fantastic to spend more time with Rick and to stop our weekend commutes (Starkville, MS, to Little Rock, AR, or vice versa for fifteen years).” She thinks her colleagues will miss her, but has confidence in their experience and abilities, and knows they will carry on. And as for the future?:

I have great plans in mind for retirement. Time will tell if I actually accomplish the things on my wish list. I plan to travel (our first trip post-retirement is to Italy) and to learn something new. To paraphrase Mark Twain, I intend to sail away from the safe harbor and explore, dream, and discover. I’d like to try my hand at woodworking and gardening, to take cooking, art, and dance classes, and to volunteer somewhere, maybe at the Clinton Foundation, Heifer International, the Little Rock Zoo, or the local public library.

Sounds like a plan. Sail on, JG. I’ll miss you.

Regina Romano Reynolds
Kathryn Wesley

Regina majored in English and French as an undergraduate, and became interested in serials and librarianship while working as a paraprofessional serials cataloger at Penn State. She says, “The puzzle-like nature of serials appealed to me and the sense of bringing order to the chaos that serials can sometimes provide was very satisfying.” And she had a great mentor at Penn State, Suzanne Pitman (formerly Striedieck), who, Regina says, “… inspired me to think about the bigger picture questions related to organizing information.” She’d previously worked in a small technical library and as an assistant archivist for the Insurance Company of North America. The latter

Regina Romano Reynolds is a well-known figure in the library/serials/scholarly communication world. She’s been a leader at the US ISSN Center (formerly the National Serials Data Program) since 1982, and has been at its helm since 1992. She has published and presented widely, and the petite, vibrant woman with the mass of dark curly hair is a familiar sight at annual NASIG conferences. Regina has received numerous awards and honors in her career, including the Bowker/Ulrich’s Serials Librarianship Award and NASIG’s Marcia Tuttle International Award. But, truth be told, I was moved to do her profile because of the beautiful photographs she regularly posts and comments about on Facebook.
position also gave Regina a taste of museum work in the company museum dedicated to its historical fire and marine insurance business. With experience in a variety of information management environments, Regina headed to the University of Michigan for her MLS, and then on to work for the Library of Congress.

Perhaps because of that early encouragement to think in big picture terms, Regina has long been involved in helping to develop, revise, and test various standards and best practices. A few examples are ISSN-L, the CONSER standard record, RDA, and PIE-J. I asked her what some of the challenges and rewards of this kind of work are. She responded at some length:

One of the biggest challenges is the slow pace of this work. Standards work is almost no one’s “day job,” so the work can drag on and focus can be lost. PIE-J, which is almost ready for publication, has taken over three years and it’s a best practice, not even a standard. Cindy Hepfer, the library co-chair, has done an incredible job of pushing the group forward but group members, including myself, have so many things on our plates that everything takes longer than we’d like. However, input from a diverse group is crucial for the acceptance of standards and best practices, so arriving at consensus is essential. I think the most speedy project I ever worked on—and a very satisfying one—was the development of the CONSER standard record. Diane Boehr from NLM and I co-chaired the CONSER group. We were put on a fast track and that really helped us keep focused. We developed and tested the record—a test that became a model for the RDA test—in a little over 6 months then it took another year before it was implemented. Even so, that was a short time in library years!

The other work that proceeded quickly for an extensive undertaking was the work of the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee. Beacher Wiggins did a superb job of keeping the committee on track and my colleagues on the committee were fantastic to work with. It was enormously satisfying to play a part in helping to lead our community into a transformed bibliographic future.

Another big challenge is the meeting of minds that’s needed. Revision of the ISSN standard (ISO 3297), a revision that resulted in the linking ISSN, involved a very diverse group and a lot of creative compromise. There were times during that long process (2004 – 2007) when it seemed as if there could be no way to reconcile the needs of communities that wanted a single ISSN to represent all medium versions and those that wanted separate ISSN for each medium version. But, out of that foment the Linking ISSN (ISSN-L) was born.

The rewards of standards work are huge. It is a thrill for me to see the results of the work I’ve been involved in: to enjoy seeing how the CONSER standard record formed the basis for the BIBCO standard record and its whole family of standard records; to see how the evidenced-based decision making we developed for the CONSER standard record, that included testing of actual records by a group of libraries, became a model for the RDA test, to see how ISSN-L is being used in the UK’s Keepers Registry and by NLM and others, and will likely have an even bigger role in the linked data environment. And PIE-J—wow! It’s been a dream of mine since online e-journals first appeared and we started assigning ISSN to them—this was in the late 1980’s!—to provide publishers with some library guidance. If PIE-J can help researchers, students,
and librarians avoid banging their heads against the brick wall they now run into when all content published under earlier titles is placed online under the current title, I will be very happy. I’m a great believer in standards and best practices. Standards are essential for interoperability, and in today’s interconnected world—where everything seems to affect everything else—having standards and best practices saves a lot of frustration and work. If the standards and practices are followed, it will take much less preparatory work, and many fewer workarounds to make things interoperate, and they will ultimately interoperate more effectively. Time and effort are saved, better outcomes are achieved, a win-win for everyone!

One of Regina’s upcoming standards-related projects is the revision of ISO 8, Documentation—Presentation of Periodicals, which dates from 1977. Because the serials world has changed enormously since then, I asked if that fact will present any special challenges. She responded:

The interesting thing about ISO standards is that, although they come up for review votes on a regular schedule, the outcome of many votes is to maintain the status quo. If a member country votes to revise, they are expected to give their reasons as well as give serious consideration to nominating someone to participate in the working group to do the revision. Unfortunately, my observation is that not every standard that comes up for review really gets a serious look by all those who vote to maintain them. Also, some standards are not widely known or used, which seems to be the case with ISO 8. NISO had a comparable standard, Z39.1 Format and Arrangement of Periodicals that dates from 1943 and is likely the earliest Z39 standard. Z39.1 was voted to be withdrawn in the 1980s rather than revised when there was no interest in revising it. If we think about it, the “format and arrangement” of print serials has been pretty static for a very long time. When we look at a print issue of Le Journal des Scavans, which began in 1665 and is considered the earliest “modern” academic journal, its format and arrangement make it quite recognizable as a journal and seem very much a piece with contemporary print academic journals.

ISO 8 is mainly concerned with the very basic elements of a journal’s make up. It covers such topics as: titles, issues, numbering, layout, pagination, tables of contents and serialists’ favorite topics: merges, splits, and announcing changes. There is only a brief mention of ISSN. The development in journals publishing that has made revision of ISO 8 essential—at least in my opinion—is the development of e-journals and the ever-growing importance of the ISSN. E-journals can be presented in a bewildering variety of ways and those presentations can change at the whim of the publisher or designer. Guidance for publishers and platform providers is essential if researchers, reference librarians, and particularly serials catalogers are to retain their sanity. Of course I’m joking about sanity, but PIE-J has been heartily embraced by reference librarians and serials catalogers. I think that a lot of the basic information in ISO 8 can remain or just be updated —right now it’s a very short standard. PIE-J contains a lot of the missing pieces: guidance about e-journals and ISSN, so I’d hope to start by merging the two documents and then assessing what needs updating and what needs to be added. ISO 8 has a broader scope and is a formal standard so doubtless there will still be a lot of drafting, editing, and negotiation. As an international standard, there will also be worldwide practices and concerns—which can vary considerably—to take into account.

Unfortunately, ISO 8 has run into the same kind of difficulties that plagued Z39.1: the need to gather a working group—this time an international group—that contains representatives from the affected communities, i.e., not just librarians, who are eager to participate, but representatives from publishers, platform providers, journal aggregators, digitizers and the like. I hope the working group does get formed and that we can build on PIE-J so that the key concepts in PIE-J can have the force of a standard and become international.

Meanwhile, things remain interesting back at Regina’s day job. The demand for new ISSN (which she says is both plural and singular) is exploding. Regina says, “Up until a year or two ago, ISSN requests were received singly or in pairs: one ISSN for a print version and one ISSN for the online version. More recently, ISSN requests are being received in batches that can contain
as many as one hundred or even two hundred titles, and ISSN might be needed for both print and online versions.” What’s contributing to this trend? One factor is the rapid growth of “open access journals by start-up publishers, some of whom are planning large numbers of journals at once and some of whom may be using the less-than-ethical practices that Jeffrey Beall has described as characteristic of what he calls ‘predatory open access publishers.’ This new phenomenon has challenged the staff of the US ISSN Center and provided a new window on the world of publishing.” Another factor Regina cites is a change in ISSN rules regarding digitized reproductions, e.g., JSTOR titles. These titles are now treated the same as other separate formats and require separate ISSN. Regina says they are currently working to assign ISSN to JSTOR titles without a separate e-ISSN. And there are large-scale repository projects in the works:

New archiving and digitizing projects are another potential source that might require huge numbers of ISSN. The US ISSN Center has been in discussions with the Center for Research Libraries about the possibility of their developing a grant-funded project to have ISSN assigned to titles arising from two CRL repository projects. One project of particular interest for ISSN purposes is their IMLS-funded project to build a newspaper preservation registry since it includes as many as 200,000 newspapers, many of which are part of the Library of Congress’s Chronicling America project. The other potential project concerns titles in CRL’s Print Archive Preservation Registry. These registry projects demonstrated to CRL the crucial need for ISSN. Discussions have also taken place with Peter Burnhill, director of The Keepers Registry, a UK-based registry of “who’s looking after what” e-journals that will include HathiTrust titles, another enormous group of serials that would involve assigning ISSN to both print and online versions. Looking ahead to the ongoing digitization of print serials, the US ISSN Center, and ISSN centers around the world, can anticipate a deluge of titles needing ISSN. How can ISSN centers meet this need?

Regina acknowledges meeting these new demands will be a challenge. Are there plans to automate all or part of the ISSN assignment process? Regina says efforts in this area are afoot:

One strategy that has been used already by some ISSN centers, such as the French and Italian ISSN Centers, is termed “semi-automated ISSN assignment.” It is interesting that you should ask about these large-scale projects because, together with our ProQuest employee, Erik Bergstrom, I’ve been working on a plan to test this semi-automated process at the US ISSN Center. We are fortunate to be part of CONSER because the semi-automated ISSN assignment process relies on the existence of solid metadata records that can be enhanced in a batch mode with ISSN elements, such as a key title derived from the uniform title or cataloging title. We hope to do a pilot project that will add ISSN to 200 CONSER records in the next few months. I think I should first notify the lucky CONSER library of their “guinea pig” status before revealing their name here. I believe that some form of batch processing using existing metadata records and enhanced use of automation is the only way to meet future ISSN needs for large numbers of ISSN. This kind of batch process might co-exist with traditional manual processing—perhaps with partner institutions creating the basic catalog record—for brand new titles and titles for which no good catalog record exists.

In addition to the growing need for large numbers of new ISSN, other big changes are coming down the pipeline. What will the role of ISSN be in the evolving bibliographic environment of linked data and Bibframe? Regina responds:

I’m very excited about the potential of the ISSN in the linked data environment! Linked data relies on identifiers for making links and the ISSN Register (the data base that underlies the ISSN Portal product) will soon contain over 1.7 million ISSN and metadata records. I certainly recognize that number of ISSN is not all that will be needed in the new environment but I’m encouraged by the increasing number of ISSN centers that are undertaking retrospective ISSN assignment projects. I can envision a future time when a single ISSN can be the key to opening up a world of data. As Tim Berners-Lee has stated, “With linked data, when you have some of it, you can find other, related data.”
So, one ISSN could lead to the entire title history of a journal, including its earlier and later titles, related titles, and so much more. One set of links could lead to other titles by the same publisher; another to other journals on the same subject; yet another to articles within a particular issue of the journal, and from there you could find other articles by authors represented in that issue, other information about the authors, and so on practically infinitely. One ISSN could conceivably lead you to purchase a painting by the author of an article! That might happen if the ISSN led to the journal home page, which was linked to the author’s article which was in turn linked to the personal web page of that author—who is also an artist.

I also see a huge potential for the ISSN in a future environment where we’ve been able to “free the bound elements,” which is the title of a video that I made while I was part of the US RDA Test Coordinating Committee to illustrate visually the power of freeing the metadata elements we now provide bound into our catalog records to combine and re-combine in new ways. The ISSN can help connect these elements when they are in new combinations and track the elements back to the serial to which they belong.

I’ve recently been asked to work with the Bibframe group that is modeling serials. What an exciting challenge because as serialists know, the only thing that’s predictable about serials is that they are unpredictable! Even before my first meeting with the group, one member joked that he was afraid that I would bring up an example that would “break the model.” Although that has not happened so far, the first example I mentioned did take the better part of three hours, including multiple diagrams and revisions of diagrams, to even begin to represent its behavior. I’m also part of the ISSN Review Group, a group that’s looking at ISSN in relation to an object-oriented version of FRBR, FRBR-OO. Did I already say it’s an exciting time to be working with serials and ISSN?

But even the most exciting work isn’t everything. As noted above, despite Regina’s role as a mover and shaker in the world of serials, etc., it was the beautiful photographs she posts on Facebook along with insightful, reflective comments that drew me to profile her. So how did she get into serious photography? And does she have her camera with her at all times? Because I often love the shots she captures on the way to work or just walking around Washington. And, as her Facebook friends learned recently, her first gallery showing is coming up! How exciting is that? Regina explains:

Yes, I’m still pinching myself to make sure I’m not dreaming about the gallery showing—it’s something I never even dreamed of. And, I have to say I owe it all to the Library of Congress joining Flickr in mid-2007. By early 2008 my curiosity had become piqued both about Flickr and about user tagging. I joined Flickr one weekend just to see what it was like and soon became hooked. One of the most appealing aspects of Flickr was that I found it a very supportive community, very welcoming to a newcomer and novice photographer. I have since become good friends with a number of Flickr members, including visiting a woman friend in Biarritz, France last April, a very rewarding experience.

Through Flickr, I was exposed (you could say) to a great variety of photographic styles and techniques. I tried to emulate those approaches, subjects, and styles that I liked and then adapt them to suit myself. I began taking photos almost every day, carrying my camera everywhere I went and even stopping on the way to work to capture a view, a flower, a person walking with an umbrella. Interestingly, I did not even realize my photography had improved after a year or two until I started getting requests to use my photos. For example, one of my photos of Washington’s cherry blossoms was used by the Japanese Embassy to advertise an embassy lecture about how the trees came to DC. Prints of a photo I took of St. Peter’s dome when I visited the Vatican in 2009 were given away—with my “blessing” —as part of a premium to new subscribers. Even so, when I received an invitation to submit photos to the exhibits committee of a local Bethesda, Maryland, gallery as part of their program of mini-shows for emerging artists, I was taken completely by surprise.

I’m not into the technical or equipment aspects of photography so I’m perfectly content with one glorified point and shoot Canon camera that allows
me to use manual settings but does not have interchangeable lenses. I also use a low-end photo processing program. I think of my photography as “chasing beauty,” and “creating art without the mess” (I used to dabble in watercolors which can be messy) so I don’t really feel any need to have the latest and greatest cameras or software. In fact, I’ve managed to take some surprisingly satisfying photos with my smart phone.

And what else does Regina do for fun? Her answer involves family and travel, both near and far. She says:

I enjoy following the adventures of my daughter, Elizabeth Reynolds Losin, and her husband, Neil Losin, whether by telephone, visits, or on Facebook. They both received their PhDs in June from UCLA. Elizabeth is a postdoctoral researcher in neuroscience at UC Boulder working in the emerging specialty of cultural neuroscience. I spend many interesting hours serving as a sounding board for her experiments and articles, occasionally providing some input or editing. Neil is using his PhD in evolutionary biology to create science documentaries in exotic locations such as the Rwenzori Mountains of Uganda. Neil and his business partner from Days Edge Productions recently summited and filmed disappearing equatorial glaciers on five 16,000 foot peaks with funding from the first Dos Equis “Stay Thirsty Grant.” I suppose that compared to those adventures, my love of walking seems pretty tame but it’s something I enjoy a lot, whether in Washington or on my travels around the world. I’m fortunate to be able to walk to work but even on weekends I take off in all directions to admire the Victorian architecture of my Capitol Hill neighborhood (with or without camera in hand), or walk to Washington landmarks and museums. When I travel for ISSN meetings, I take leave after the meeting to just wander around, looking at my surroundings and meeting people. I often don’t even bother to follow what’s in my guidebook but rather enjoy the excitement of discovering what might be around the next corner. I especially love to walk on beaches early in the morning so I’ll take side trips in order to place my feet in some sand that is new to me, for example on my April visit to Biarritz and on a future visit to Bournemouth. That reminds me, I also seem to collect places around the world that begin with B. So far I’ve been to Budapest, Brussels, Bruges, Bangkok, Beijing, Biarritz, Berlin, the Bahamas, and Buenos Aires. I’ll be going to Bournemouth, UK, in April, speaking about PIE-J at UKSG (the federal budget willing), in Buffalo this June for NASIG, and Bucharest in October for the ISSN directors meeting! I guess you could sum this all up by saying that I really enjoy the things that I do—my work included—and feel very fortunate to do so many things that I enjoy.

And I’ll add that those of us who work with serials, ISSN, and other aspects of the bibliographic information environment are fortunate that she does. As are her photographophile Facebook friends!
Columns

Citations: Required Reading by NASIG Members
Kurt Blythe, Column Editor

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NASIG members have been busy this winter producing scholarship and presenting this winter! Scan the following for what might suit your interests:


**Margaret (Meg) Butler** and **Trina Holloway**, “Unleashing the Leader in You: Our AALL Leadership Academy Experience,” *AALL Spectrum* (February 2013).


I [Kurt Blythe] recently presented a poster at the 2012 Charleston Conference on November 9th.


**Title Changes**
Kurt Blythe, Column Editor

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

We only have one title change this quarter, but it’s a rather impressive one!

**Connie Foster** is now Dean of University Libraries at Western Kentucky University, having served as interim since March 2011. A candidate in the search process, Connie was tapped to continue in a permanent role, effective Dec. 1, 2012.

On behalf of Title Changes, congratulations to Connie!
Candidates for the 2013 Election Announced

The following individuals are slated to appear on the ballot for the upcoming NASIG election:

**Vice President/President-Elect**
Lisa Blackwell, Chamberlain College of Nursing
Carol Ann Borchert, University of South Florida
Steve Kelley, Wake Forrest University

**Treasurer Elect**
Leigh Ann DePope, Salisbury University
Beverly Geckle, Middle Tennessee State University

**Member-at-Large (3 to be elected)**
Clint Chamberlain, University of Texas at Arlington
Linda Smith Griffin, Louisiana State Libraries
Michael Hanson, Lafayette College
Sandy Hurd, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.
Jessica Ireland, Radford University
Wendy Robertson, University of Iowa
Sarah Sutton, Emporia State University
Sarah Tusa, Lamar University
Peter Whiting, University of Southern Indiana

The Call for Petition Candidates will be posted tomorrow, February 5, 2013. Voting will begin via electronic ballot made available to current NASIG members starting Monday, February 25. Online voting will end Monday, March 11.

If you have any questions about the upcoming election, please contact either N&E Chair Christine Radcliff (Christine.Radcliff@tamuk.edu) or N&E Vice Chair Trina Nolen (Trina.Nolen@lamar.edu).

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New NASIG Conference Proceedings Editor Named

**Allyson Zellner, NASIG Board Member-At-Large**

I am pleased to announce that Kay Johnson will be joining the team of *NASIG Proceedings* Editors in February 2013, serving a two year term. With this appointment, the continuity of this important team is assured. Kay is Head of Collection and Technical Services at Radford University, and comes to the editor’s work with valuable writing, editorial and NASIG committee experience. We welcome her, and extend our great appreciation to all those who applied for the position.

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In Memory of Danny Jones

Long-time NASIG member Danny Jones passed away on January 18, 2013. Danny served as co-chair of the Conference Planning Committee for NASIG’s 6th conference at Trinity University in San Antonio in 1991. He also served on the Executive Board. He was formerly a medical librarian at the Texas Biomedical Institute, UT Health Science Center, and the University of South Alabama, worked for Harrassowitz and served in the Peace Corps in Malaysia.

In her posting on NASIG-L, Susan Davis said, “Danny was a warm and welcoming person and his gentle spirit will be greatly missed.”

NASIG members who knew Danny are encouraged to post their thoughts and memories on the NASIG Facebook page.
Attending

Executive Board:
Bob Boissy, President
Steve Shadle, Past-President
Joyce Tenney, Vice President/President-Elect
Shana McDanold, Secretary
Jennifer Arnold, Secretary

Members at Large:
Chris Brady
Patrick Carr
Stephen Clark
Tim Hagan
Selden Lamoureux
Allyson Zellner

Ex Officio:
Angela Dresselhaus

Boissy called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

1.0 Review of the Recent Webinar (Shadle, Clark)

Shadle recently gave a webinar titled "Publisher Metadata in Library Systems and How It Helps the User". The consensus based on feedback from attendees (positive reviews) and the CEC is that it was successful. Shadle noted that the webinar was for publishers and content providers, not librarians, and it covered what is largely considered "low hanging fruit" when it comes to metadata.

Arnold reported that revenue from the webinar is around $1,000. The discount for NASIG members has been well received, and keeping price low was a plus. There were approximately 30 attendees, about 5 of which were vendor/content providers.

Clark reported that for the spring the CEC is planning on two webinars. In mid-Feb. they will have a webinar covering KualiOLE and in early May the topic will be visualization tools for statistics.

2.0 Pre-conference Presenters Memorandum of Understanding (Carr, Lamoureux)

Carr explained that the basic issue is that we have different terms than previously. There have been many changes and confusion the past few years regarding the required registration quota and several questions related to multiple speakers.

Lamoureux suggested that everyone needs to sign the MOU in some way. There should be one contact person for each pre-conference, and any additional presenters sign the MOU via an addendum sheet.

The Board agreed to have one MOU document per pre-conference that all presenters sign. The MOU will be sent to the primary contact. It is the responsibility of the primary contact to collect the signatures from the other presenters and return the completed MOU to the PPC. There were two edits regarding the wording and the quote in the MOU:

- Change the wording regarding submission of A/V requirements to "approximately 4 months"
- Establish 5 as the minimum number of registrations required for a pre-conference to be held

Tenney and Arnold asked about the pre-conference registration rate. The Board agreed to keep the rates the same for the full day and half-day registration until the early-bird registration closes, and then increase the price by $50.

3.0 Use of RegOnline for Membership and ArcStone Implications (Shadle, Tenney, all)

Arnold reported on using RegOnline for the recent webinar. Payments were made through Authorize
(which worked seamlessly with RegOnline) and there were no problems with the registrations. The terminology used in RegOnline did create some confusion and that will be corrected (CEC has the clarification needed). Only one person asked for a refund due to issues.

Arnold explained that we could possibly run membership status through RegOnline, but that hasn't been tested and would need to explore how to link RegOnline and the membership database. D&D will need to work with a high-level tech person at RegOnline to make that connection.

There were some accidental double payments that were easily resolved. Arnold noted that the fees for registration via RegOnline on top of the fees for running the payments through Authorize do add up as you increase the number of registrations.

Arnold agreed that it is good for D&D to continue to explore RegOnline. Mary Bailey is the current D&D chair and knows ArcStone well since she was registrar in the past.

Shadle pointed out that we need to determine what functions are tied to the membership database in addition to registration.

Boissy asked what will make life easier for our volunteers.

RegOnline for WebEx – keep using it? Issue: having to check against membership database manually currently

**ACTION ITEM:** Continue to use ArcStone for conference registration for this year. (Zellner)

**ACTION ITEM:** Mary Bailey will work with RegOnline to explore how RegOnline would work with our membership database and report for Board in March. (Arnold)

**ACTION ITEM:** Continue to use RegOnline for webinars (Arnold, Clark)

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### 4.0 Conference Logo Discussion (Zellner)

Zellner summarized the recent discussion on the Board list regarding the proposed conference logo. The consensus from the Board is to not use Bflo, but spell out Buffalo. Otherwise, the banner is preferred. She has communicated the feedback to the CPC.

### 5.0 Newsletter Appointments (Dresselhaus)

Dresselhaus reports that the applications look fine. It was noted that she has the freedom to appoint the editor in chief-in-training and the profiles editor.

She reported she needs copy-editors and submissions reviewers, and will pull names from the volunteer pool Tenney maintains.

It was confirmed that the conference editor is Betsy Gardner.

### 6.0 NASIG’s Relationship with ER&L and Other Public Relations

The Board discussed various rumors around NASIG and ER&L such as the merger as the two groups. One solution is to focus on publicity for the conference to dispel rumors and the need to get information out by the set deadlines.

**ACTION ITEM:** CPC liaison will remind CPC to consult working calendar regarding deadlines (Zellner)

### 7.0 Progress Report on Vendors/Exhibitors for Buffalo (Shadle)

Shadle reports he is just now starting and has 3 requests for information to follow up on.

An update on his progress will be added to the January Board meeting as an agenda item.
8.0 Update on the Buffalo Conference Program in General (Carr)

Carr reported that the PPC is on schedule. The roster of speakers has been approved, and the vision speakers are confirmed.

The Board agreed to start publicity based on the confirmed vision speakers and sessions immediately.

**ACTION ITEM:** CPC and PPC need to post information info to the website; the PPC should post roster and vision speaker information; liaisons will remind committees to fill in website ASAP (by Jan. 4, 2013) so publicity can begin (Zellner/Carr)

The focus of the publicity should be around the current program, pre-conferences and vision speakers. Registration rates/information will confirmed at the January Board meeting. Other areas of the website that can be populated now include Travel, Hotel, Tours, and Explore Buffalo.

9.0 Timing of Registration, Promotion and Other Details for the Conference (All)

Registration will open in early-mid February. Registration rates will be determined at the January Board meeting.

10.0 Agenda Items for the January Board Meeting (All)

Suggested Agenda items from the Board included:

Discussion of the Automation survey results

Shadle will create a list of functions in terms of our needs related to web services and add in the critical pieces for operational needs. We need to identify where we are currently. Mary Baily could find out how many of the functions could be done in RegOnline, which may not be helpful as it's really a registration/event management system and not a membership database. There is a question about how to make a distributed environment work (currently ArcStone combines many functions that could be distributed) and a follow up question if we need a Task Force to continue to research/explore our options.

**ACTION ITEM:** Shadle will send to Mary Baily a list of 10 key pieces to research what RegOnline can do.

**ACTION ITEM:** Shadle will distill survey results down to key pieces and report back to the Board.

Brady is looking for a location for the January Board meeting in Washington DC.

Boissy will put out the call for January meeting.

The Board was updated on the current site selection status for the 2015 conference.

Minutes submitted by:
Shana McDanold
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board

**NASIG Board Meeting**
**January 15, 2013**

**Place:** Patrick Henry Commons, Department of Justice
601 D Street NW (corner of 6th and D)
Washington, DC

**Attending**

Executive Board:
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Patrick Carr
Stephen Clark
Tim Hagan
Selden Lamoureux
Allyson Zellner

Ex Officio:
Angela Dresselhaus

Guests (via phone conference):
Karen Davidson and Kelli Getz, PPC co-chairs
Susan Davis Bartl and Cindy Hepfer, CPC co-chairs
Anne McKee, Conference Coordinator

1.0 Welcome (from our Hosts and from Boissy)

Boissy called the meeting to order at 8:31am.

Dennis Feldt, Director of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Libraries, welcomed us to the library.

2.0 Secretary’s Report (McDanold)

2.1 Approval of October Buffalo Meeting and December Phone Call minutes

The minutes are in process.

2.2 Action Item Updates

The list of action items will be sent to the Board via email for review and notes.

One action item was raised by Shadle. It is unclear what additional charges the Convention Center may bill us for the Vendor Expo for the electrical access, Wi-Fi access, and the pipe and draping for the tables.

**ACTION ITEM:** Shadle will follow up with CPC on additional charges from the Convention Center for electrical for Vendor Expo; clarify costs aren’t prohibitive.

Boissy put out the general reminder for everyone on the Board to publicize the NASIG Conference at every opportunity.

3.0 Treasurer’s Report (Arnold)

The checking account has a high balance due to several deposit checks for the Conference Planning Committee that haven’t been cashed yet by the vendors.

The Board reviewed the 2013 proposed budget. Arnold noted that the Sponsorships have been placed on a separate line in the 2013 budget sheets.

**VOTE:** Boissy made a motion to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Clark. All voted in favor.

Arnold brought to the Board’s attention the last page of the report, which detailed webinar revenue statistics. The webinars have been a significant source of revenue thus far.

Arnold participated in a conference call with Katy Ginanni and Michael Arthur to discuss ArcStone registrar issues and was able to clarify most issues and answer most questions. Ginanni and Arthur have started entering program info. Arnold requested that a change be made to the refund policy to make it clear that emergencies will be evaluated on a case by case basis and to remove the statement about “family” in the policy.

Arnold will work to ensure that training from one registrar to the next continues consistently.

4.0 Consent Agenda (All)

Archives
Awards & Recognitions
Bylaws
Database & Directory – examining RegOnline
Evaluation & Assessment
Financial Development
Mentoring
Nominations & Elections
Publications & Public Relations – Student Outreach
The following items are to be discussed elsewhere in the agenda: CPC, CEC, ECC, MDC, Newsletter, Proceedings, and PPC.

Several reports had questions for the Board.

Publications and Public Relations is currently working on listservs. Eleanor Cook is collecting state library groups that are interested in receiving flyers. They are also currently undergoing a review of their webpages, updating as needed. They will reorganize the publication content to reflect the structure of the Core Competencies.

**ACTION ITEM:** PubPR needs to do some website clean-up, including updating contact info (Boissy)

It was noted that the Website liaison is no longer in existence.

The Archivist report discussed how they are addressing photo archiving. The Board is unsure about what they mean in the report by Yahoo and wondered if they mean to use Flickr. The Archivist asked the Board if they can move the photos currently in ArcStone to Flickr, and maintain a Flickr Pro account, which has an annual fee. The Board approved moving everything from ArcStone to Flickr, and will discuss weeding of the photos at a later date. They also requested that more links need to be made from the website directly to Flickr. Also that the photo historian needs to be added to the Flickr page, moving the responsibility for the Flickr account from the ECC to the photo historian.

**ACTION ITEM:** McDanold will follow up with the Archivist regarding the photo move from ArcStone to Flickr and the necessary edits to the webpage and Flickr page.

**VOTE:** Boissy made a motion to consent the remaining agenda, seconded by Lamoureux. All voted in favor.

5.0 Sponsorship Update (Shadle)

Shadle currently is behind schedule, and has nothing new to report. EBSCO interested in sponsoring the Horizon Award again.

Shadle will put together a Buffalo Conference Center fact sheet regarding the vendor expo to be sent to exhibitors. Each exhibitor will have a 10x10 booth, and the Expo will be co-located with the opening session and a dedicated reception.

Shadle asked the board to send him any "new" markets for vendors such as ILSs or ERMs that have not exhibited in the past. He will also look at finding some regional vendors.

6.0 Core Competencies Final (Lamoureux)

Lamoureux communicated to the board that the group is struggling with the issue of structure, as in how to set up levels/organize the competencies. The Core Competencies group has explored a variation on the MAGERT approach, looking at entry level core versus specialist skills, but the issue remains that the levels and the established "core" do not relate directly. There are also issues regarding the uniqueness of a library environment and needs and the impact on what may be core for that individual institution. There are "zones of expertise" within the core competencies depending on the responsibilities of the specific positions and people.

Lamoureux suggested that they clarify with introductory statement instead of using levels, but will in addition try to tag entry level competencies at the minimum. The Core Competencies are mainly for an outside of NASIG audience and what they need is a solid introduction explaining the competencies as well as a clear statement about entry level requirements.

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The group reviewed ALA’s core competencies page, and found the long list confusing.

The Board discussed a timeline for finishing up the work on the Competencies. A postable version/draft by June
Board meeting was requested, with the idea of completing one piece by the Conference for discussion/presentation. The preferred piece is the intro with spheres of competencies. The Board has a goal to post the documentation on ALA website with NASIG branding.

The Board agreed that a functional structure makes sense but “levels” of competencies (MAGERT model) do not. It was acknowledged that the competencies are a work in progress, and other things are dependent on having a postable version so it is critical to include a date/version number.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lamoureux will take back to Core Competencies group a request for and introduction that identifies spheres of competencies and also identify entry level competencies with the goal of having a draft to be posted to the website by the June 2013 Conference.

**7.0 Adding Nonmembers to Listserv (All)**

The CPC sent a request to add a non-NASIG member to their committee. After discussion, the Board agreed that to be a committee member, you must be a NASIG member.

The next question was whether to add volunteers to committee listservs since committee lists are closed lists and may include sensitive information. Normally non-members are not added to committee listservs, but they can be added at the discretion of committee chair in conjunction with their Board liaison if the person will be a resource for the committee. All committee lists will be purged/cleaned on annual basis.

It was agreed that an individual must be a NASIG member to get the same benefits afforded to the committee members. Volunteers will not receive the benefits and rights as the committee members. Additionally, non-members (volunteers) will not be given website permissions.

**ACTION ITEM:** McDanold will draft formal statement regarding adding volunteers to committee listservs (but not as full committee members) for distribution to committees to be voted on by Board

**8.0 CEC Webinars and Rates: Free, $10, $25, $75. CEC Status (Clark)**

The Board discussed the rates for the webinars. It was noted that the lower rates were for the testing of the RegOnline system. The Board agreed to revert to the rates from the first webinar, and noted that CEC members do attend for free.

Clark provided us an update on the next webinar. It will be held Feb. 23, 2012, from 3-4pm Eastern Time. The topic will be KualiOLE and the presenters are Bob Persing from the University of Pennsylvania and Kristin Wilson from NCState.

There are two other webinars being planned: one for May, and a second for the Fall which will be the responsibility of the next CEC.

**9.0 CPC and PPC Phone-In (Susan Davis Bartl, Cindy Hepfer, Zellner, Karen Davidson, Kelli Getz)**

The CPC presented the Board with an update first. They are having some issues with getting the contract signed for the Statler Museum. They are currently waiting for the catering services to review with their lawyers if the requested changes to the contract are acceptable. Tenney will contact McKee regarding the contract. For the other event venue (the Transportation Museum), the CPC is waiting for the official invoice. The deposit check has been sent, there is no contract for the venue.

The CPC is waiting for the new menus from the hotel and convention center before finalizing them.

Shadle asked if the vendor expo at the convention center will incur additional costs. Bartl has no additional information from the Convention Center.
**ACTION ITEM:** Shadle will follow up with CPC on additional charges from the Convention Center for electrical for Vendor Expo; clarify costs aren’t prohibitive.

The CPC continued with the following updates for the Board:

- They are currently looking for a speaker on Buffalo related topics for the opening session.
- They have a possible swing band (committee member’s brother has one) for the dessert reception musical act.
- The Committee is generally going well; they have a conference call scheduled for later in the week.
- They are waiting on the registration rate information to update the website and they will be adding local information before registration opens on Feb. 8, 2013.
- Baseball tickets will be available for purchase via the registration website; tickets will be $11 each. It was agreed that rounding the $10.50 up to $11 is preferred than dealing with change.

Attendees for the pre-conference site visit in May will include the PPC co-chair, the CPC co-chairs, the designated A/V coordinator, and either Anne McKee or Board liaison (Tenney will replace Zellner as the CPC Board liaison).

Boissy confirmed that he has issued the invitation to UKSG to send a representative from their organization to the conference.

Finally, the Board confirmed that yes, the CPC can add volunteers to email listserv for planning purposes, but that the volunteers will receive no additional permissions or benefits.

**VOTE:** Boissy made a motion approve everything except the box handling fee (there will be a contingency vote when this information from Convention Center is known), including the factored in $20,000 contingency budget. Lamoureux seconded. All voted in favor with the one contingency vote to be held when the cost for the box handling fee is known.

The PPC provided the Board their update.

- The Vision speakers have all been confirmed. They are currently gathering the titles and abstracts from the vision speakers.
- All presenters have been confirmed.
- They are still waiting on a few memorandums of understanding (MOUs) from pre-conference presenters.
- The Conference schedule has been posted to the NASIG website with assistance from Anna Creech.
- Solicitations for the Great Ideas Showcase will be sent out the end of February. Bartl and Hepfer will confirm for PPC what options can be offered to participants (e.g. will there be free standing poster boards, table top presentation options, can laptops be included, etc.)
- The informal discussion groups’ information will be sent out closer to the conference. Anyone can lead a discussion group, including Board members, as they are listed as optional and there are no restrictions on who can list a discussion topic.

The Board discussed pre-conference presenter benefits and exceptions to be evaluated on a case by case basis.

**VOTE:** Clark made a motion to approve to extend the pre-conference presenter benefits to the third presenter for the RDA cataloging preconference. Shadle seconded. All voted in favor.

The PPC is hoping to pull in some of our Canadian members due to proximity to Canada. Carr is speaking at end of January in Canada and agreed to plug the NASIG conference at his talk.

There was a procedural question related to the Program slate for the Board. It was explained that last year the Board provided comments on each program, using SurveyMonkey internally for discussion among Board members. The SurveyMonkey feedback was compiled
and sent to the PPC for consideration. This year the Board did review and approve the slate this year, but did not provide the same level of feedback. In the future, the Board should consider using SurveyMonkey in our piece of the review process to provide more feedback to the PPC.

**ACTION ITEM:** Add to the NASIG working calendar for the Board to have the PPC Board liaison to suggest an internal survey (SurveyMonkey) to review the PPC slate for approval or at the very least suggest an agenda item for a phone call in November to review.

The Registration rates were determined as follows:

- Early bird registration for pre-conferences will also be bumped up to full rate at same time as regular registration.
- All discounted rates (paraprofessional; half-price; CPC members, etc.) are to be consolidated into one category/rate of $200
- Early bird: $375 for members; $200 discount
- Non-members: $500
- Pre-conference early bird: ½ day $90; full day $180
- Non-early bird preconference: ½ day $115; full day $230
- Non-early bird registration: $425; $200 discount (doesn’t change)
- The Early bird cut off will be one week before the pre-conference on-site meeting with the hotel and final walk-through (May 3)

**VOTE:** Boissy made a motion to approve the registration rates listed above. Clark seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board and PPC discussed publicity options for the conference. The following ideas were suggested:

- For the vision speakers: post the PPC slate on website; provide links to vision speaker past presentations if possible
- Include the conference logo when possible
- Facebook
- Listserv blast messages: PubPR distributes these
- Encourage members (especially Board and CPC and PPC members) to plug the NASIG Conference at other conferences/talks and at the end/beginning of the webinars
- UKSG: Boissy sends information to the contact there (Bartl agreed to send to publicity announcements to Boissy with note to please submit to UKSG)
- **NISO Newsline**
- Twitter
- Brochures/flyers will be discussed with PubPR
- Sign-on services popups: Brady will research OCLC Message of the Day options to submit/include NASIG Conference information
- The CPC will ask vision speakers to publicize their own talk on their own blogs.

**ACTION ITEM:** PPC will encourage speakers/presenters to advertise their NASIG session on their personal blogs/accounts; a standard message from PPC to speakers/presenters asking them to post info about their upcoming NASIG session to your blog/website/etc. will be crafted for future use and added to the PPC manual. (Carr)

It was clarified that PubPR is responsible for sending out all external communications to listservs, and that CPC and PPC prepare the messages for PubPR to disseminate.

10.0 **NASIG Newsletter (Dresselhaus)**

There is a new type of profile (nonNASIG) for internal and external positions.

There will be an editor-in-training starting this spring.

Dresselhaus also noted that the Newsletter editor, as an ex-officio of the Board, can pull reports from the Board space.

11.0 **NASIG Proceedings (Zellner, Boissy)**

The call for a new editor has been put out. The second call has an extended deadline.
There were no additional questions, and everything has been submitted to Taylor and Francis for publication. Zellner is working on compiling the list of who receives the complementary copies.

There was discussion of using a repository to gather presentations (eprints or elists). If allowable, presenters can deposit the slides and handouts from their presentations. NASIG would need to create guidelines for repository submissions. At this point, NASIG is not prepared to take on supporting a repository for non-NASIG created/affiliated work. NASIG work such as webinars, conference proceedings, and publications is currently archived and would not be included in the presentation repository.

12.0 Site Selection (Tenney, Boissy)

The Board reviewed the current site selection status for the 2015 conference.

13.0 Technology Needs, in General. (Shadle, Hagan, All)

Shadle and Hagan reported on the technology needs identified from the survey. Most of the automation needs have their functionality driven off of membership database. These include: conference registration, membership registration, a historical record, the directory function, blast email message to all members email if needed, the financial/invoice management (Arnold noted that our credit card system is Authorized and can work with any system)). It would be nice for outside services to be able to “ping” membership database for validation purposes as needed, but that is not currently possible.

Database and Directory is exploring RegOnline. The membership database keeps committee status/membership as well as active/inactive/contact info for each member. The question is what other options are out there for a membership database that will fulfill our needs and allow services to ping the database as needed.

It was suggested to do a search for “Not for profit association management systems”. The first hit was: http://www.idealware.org/articles/fgt_ams.php

It was noted that committee work doesn’t have to be tied to membership database system, but that it does need to be interactively connected to the membership database and the website permissions for the work.

We need to identify the functions that need interactive connection with membership database. If a function does not need that, explore distributing those aspects/services to other independent services/providers.

If we went with a different website service, it doesn’t have to be dependent on membership database the way ArcStone is. Editing and access permissions can be managed independently. To an extent, website management will be independent and manual no matter what. The issue is rather the communication between groups/committees to update things accordingly so members can access and do what they need to do.

The Board concluded that the membership database is our core element, and the website, listservs, archives, etc. are all add-ons that utilize the information in that database as needed.

It was identified that the social networking pieces such as Flickr, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, our blog, etc. need to be more widely utilized by committees. There was discussion about the need for a social networking policy, and how to encourage members to promote their own accomplishments on the NASIG pages. One option is to have Kurt Blythe post them as he receives them.

**ACTION ITEM:** We will wait for feedback from D&D, and ask D&D to start investigating alternatives with the understanding that nothing will migrate or begin migrating until after conference (Arnold)
**ACTION ITEM:** Ask ECC to investigate other listserv options and ask ECC to contact BeeNet for new quote/offer. (Hagan)

**14.0 Live Review and Critique of the NASIG Website (All)**

The following discussion referenced a document/report from ECC titled: Proposal for RESOURCES section of NASIG website.

*Menu bar:

The Board preferred the first option listed for menu links:
- Home
- About
- Membership
- Conference
- Publications
- Continuing Education

The Board agreed to leave Contact in the Navigation Bar, and made the suggestion to remove Home and just use the Logo as the home link instead.

The Board approved dropping NASIG from the "About" menu item and from the "Membership" link.

The Board approved removing “Annual” from the Conference menu link.

*Center column:

The Board would like to see the following:
- Add a persistent link to upcoming current conference on top (preferably the conference logo to link to the conference webpage)
- Divide remaining portion of the column into two parts: top reserved for NASIG events (or NASIG sponsored events), and the bottom for other events of interest to our members
- Below conference link have the upcoming events list as it is currently

* “What’s New” time limit:

The Board would prefer to make it a “widget” that’s fed from the blog. Can we replace “What’s New” with a RSS feed from the blog?

**ACTION ITEM:** Investigate changes to “What’s New” column and center column and report back to the Board (Hagan)

*The RESOURCES section will become Continuing Education.

The Board agreed to rename menu bar item from Resources to Continuing Education.

Within the Continuing Education pages, maintain the following pages:
- Webinars
- Reference Resources (it was noted they need to be updated)
- UKSG (but keep link to UKSG homepage rather than an internal page)
- Core Competencies (link to webpage)

The Board suggested moving FORMS to the “quicklinks” under Jobs rather than deleting it.

The Board agreed to remove:
- Speakers & consultants
- Other organizations (not maintained)
- Shaping the serials (replace with core competencies)
- Resources for authors

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask PubPR to review Publications page (move NASIGuides to landing page so they’re more prominent). As part of this: Remove Bilingual Focus group, list Conference Proceedings first – then NASIGuides – then Newsletter. (Boissy)

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask ECC to investigate providing list of past Conference Proceedings to non-members (just a list of citations or a blurb on Publications page) (Hagan)
**ACTION ITEM:** Ask CEC to provide a proposal to Tenney for committee membership size to accommodate increased webinar and website duties (Clark)

The Board reviewed questions from the ECC.

The action item regarding advertisements (solicit newsletter/website ads) will be transferred to the FDC’s responsibility (Shadle)

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask the FDC to review their charge and as a future agenda item to update the charge (Shadle)

In the ECC report, it was noted to change: There are 580 active subscribers to NASIG-L to There are 538 active subscribers to NASIG-L.

**NASIGuides:**

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask PubPR to review NASIGuides and update contact information (Boissy)

**ACTION ITEM:** All board liaisons need to ask their committees to review their public committee pages and suggest updates (or email ECC with changes, but the committee’s Chair should be able to edit their own committee page).

http://www.nasig.org/about_committees.cfm

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask the ECC to update the Financial Plan (Hagan). Tenney will check for a copy of the Financial Plan, and will ask the Archivist if needed.

**Annual Reports:**

Hagan will advise the ECC of situation regarding individual linking for individual reports pages, and to use the link to Annual Reports page. There is a link to a general page for each year, but not to individual committees directly. Dresselhaus noted that there is no single issue of the newsletter that publishes all the reports. Based on that information, they can’t change current practice of linking to a general page.

**Conference Archives:**

The Board recommended to NOT edit past conference pages and to continue to archive the entire conference webpages. The current CPC and PPC frequently references and uses the previous conference webpages as templates and references for the current conference pages.

**Proceedings**

The Board agreed that moving forward, we would like to digitize the entire content of each *Proceedings*, as per PIE-J recommendations.

**ACTION ITEM:** Zellner will ask *Proceedings* editor to discuss with T&F to digitize the entire content as per PIE-J going forward.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask the ECC that for all *Proceedings* links, link to the publicly viewable *Proceedings* page under the Publications menu rather than the members-only access. (Hagan)

**Newsletter**

**ACTION ITEM:** Wait to make any changes, as these will happen during *Newsletter* training in June (Dresselhaus)

**Documents on the server**

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask the ECC to draft a message with instructions for the committees on the placement of new documents for all Board liaisons to remind their committees. (Hagan)

**Brainstorming and Town Halls and Site Selection**

The Board wants ECC to confirm with Archives that they have the information; especially for 2004 documents, and provided Archives has the information, it can be retired from the website.
**Membership Survey, Bilingual Focus Group report**

The Board agreed archive. The ECC should verify Archives has a copy then remove the reports from the website.

15.0 Review of Relationship with UKSG (All)

NASIG has received one applicant for UKSG exchange. Applications are still open until Feb. 1, 2013.

Boissy noted that UKSG has extended the application period on their end of the exchange to encourage applicants.

UKSG does want content regarding NASIG activities. NASIG needs to send links with webinar information once it’s public to encourage participation from our UKSG counterparts. Newsletter needs to send reports from the NASIG conference to UKSG.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ask PubPR to distribute content to UKSG (Boissy)

16.0 Membership Development (Brady, All)

PubPR is sending brochures to conferences/state organizations to promote NASIG.

**ACTION ITEM:** MDC needs to become more active, working more closely with Student Outreach and PubPR for proactive promotion and brainstorming some active campaign ideas (Brady)

CPC 2014 will need to coordinate a possible job fair at the Fort Worth conference. Tenney will notify CPC and PPC co-chairs when appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Shana McDanold
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board
Treasurer’s Report
Jennifer Arnold, Treasurer

Mid-Winter Board Meeting
January 15, 2013

Balance Sheet

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2012 Committee Expenditures (January-December Budget)
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**Additional Notes:**
2012 represents the first year that NASIG has received revenue from offering Webinars
- The first webinar earned $3805.00 in revenue
  “Publisher Metadata in Library Systems and How it Helps the User” earned $1,175.00 in revenue. Fees (registration and credit card processing) paid to RegOnline totaled $155.48. Total revenue minus fees: $1019.52
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### Committee Updates

#### Archivist

Submitted by: Peter Whiting

**Members**

- Peter Whiting, archivist (University of Southern Indiana)
- Paula Sullenger, archivist-in-training (Auburn University)
- Deberah England, photo historian (Wright State University)
- Shana McDanold, board liaison (Georgetown University)

**Continuing Activities**

Ongoing collection of archival material for the archives.

**Completed Activities**

- Reviewed and made recommendations for updating the archivist policy manual.
- Deberah England worked with ECC on administration of the NASIG Flickr Group. The Photo Historian was added as a group administrator and is now the official moderator for the group. Char Simser also serves as a moderator. The Archives list ([archives@list.nasig.org](mailto:archives@list.nasig.org)), instead of the ECC, is now the designated recipient for all Flickr group communications.
- Deberah England reviewed, selected, and downloaded photos from the 2012 NASIG conference uploaded to the Flickr group. Of note, this year there were few postings.

- Deberah England emailed NASIG members who in the past had posted their conference photos to the Flickr group and had not done so for the 2012 conference. Inquired if they would be willing to post their photos to the Flickr group or share them with the Photo Historian. None responded.

- Peter Whiting emailed Anna Creech asking if she would consider sharing the photos she took of the award winners with me. (After the opening night session, Steve mentioned Anna would take the award winners’ photographs so I went out in the lobby and photographed the All-Timers. Anna Creech provided the photos to Deberah England.

- Members of the NASIG Archives met on a conference call with Chris Pom, Assistant Archivist, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign to discuss digital photos. The University of Illinois can accept photos and make them accessible.

**Budget**

Two web conferences on November 2, 2012 (general archives meeting) and November 13, 2012 (meeting with the University of Illinois archivist).

**Actions Required by Board and Questions for Board**

- How much space do we have on the NASIG web page for photos? Are we at our limit?
- Deberah would like to remove photos that do not really give a sense of the conference. Essentially they are personal photos. For an example there is a photo of a plate of appetizers! Looks good, but is it
really appropriate for the NASIG web page. She would transfer those photos to the Yahoo account for archival purposes and then at a future date we could discard. With those photos removed she can add more photos going forward.

- Here is a link to the web site with the NASIG photos http://www.nasig.org/conference_photos.cfm
- If Deberah can transfer the photos from the NASIG web site to the Yahoo account she will need to work with ECC to remove the photos. ECC will probably have to give her permission since she will select and transferring the photos.

Submitted on: January 2013

Awards and Recognition

Submitted by: Sandy Folsom

Members
Sandy Folsom, chair (Central Michigan University)
Leigh Ann DePope, vice-chair (Salisbury University)
Lisa Furubotten, Mexican student grant liaison (Texas A & M University)
Ann Ercelawn, member (Vanderbilt University)
René Erlandson, member (University of Nebraska, Omaha)
Mary Grenci, member (University of Oregon)
Megan Kilb, member (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Betty Landesman, member (University of Baltimore)
Dana Whitmire, member (UT Health Science Center at San Antonio)
Vacant, member
Selden Lamoureux, board liaison (unaffiliated)

Continuing Activities

The Chair and Vice-Chair are fielding inquiries from award applicants. Applications are beginning to come in. The submission deadline for the Merriman Award is February 1. The deadline for all other awards is February 20. A second round of awards publicity will begin in the next week.

Completed Activities

Since the October report, the committee has focused on publicizing the 2013 awards. The awards announcement, web pages, and application forms were updated. The awards announcement was posted on the NASIG Newsletter and the NASIG Facebook wall. The NASIG publicist sent the announcement to several listservs. In an attempt to spread the word, committee members posted the announcement via social media and through other informal contacts.

Ann Ercelawn and Mary Grenci finished updating the LIS contact information list from last year. Committee members were assigned a portion of this list and were responsible for sending out awards publicity to the schools in their sections. 57 library schools in North America were contacted. The Chair coordinated with Carolyn Alderson of USKG on essay topic, timeline, publicity, and other issues pertinent to the Merriman Award.

Budget

No budget expenditures to date.

Questions for Board

Not a question but a reminder. If any award sponsorships are finalized, please notify the Awards and Recognition Chair so the publicity can be updated.

Recommendations to Board

No recommendations at this time.

Submitted on: January 9, 2013
Bylaws

Submitted by: Elizabeth McDonald

Members
Elizabeth McDonald, chair (University of Memphis)
Vacant, vice chair
Carol Fricken, member (University of Akron)
Sharon Scott, member (University of California, Riverside)
Susan Wishnetsky, member (Northwestern University)
Leigh Ann DePope, member (Salisbury University)

Continuing Activities

The Bylaws committee is waiting for further guidelines from the board.

Completed Activities

None.

Budget

None requested.

Questions for the Board

The vice chair position is still open.

Submitted on: January 11, 2013

Conference Planning

Submitted by: Susan Davis and Cindy Hepfer

Members
Susan Davis, co-chair (State University of New York, Buffalo)
Cindy Hepfer, co-chair (State University of New York, Buffalo)
Michael Arthur, registrar (University of Central Florida)
Katy Ginanni, registrar-in-training (Western Carolina University)
Lisabeth Becker, member (Roswell Park Cancer Institute)
Jill Church, member (D'Youville College)
Nancy Cunningham, member (Roswell Park Cancer Institute)
Jennifer Frys, member (State University of New York, Buffalo)
Kevin Furniss, member (Tulane University)
Kathryn Johns-Masten, member (SUNY Oswego)
Teresa Malinowski, member (California State University, Fullerton)
Marie Peterson, member (State University of New York, Buffalo)
Janet Pingitore, member (EBSCO Information Services)
Ted Sherman, member (D'Youville College)
Micheline Westfall, member (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)
Allyson Zellner, board liaison (EBSCO Industries, Inc.)
Anne McKee, conference coordinator (Greater Western Library Alliance)

Continuing Activities

- Working with offsite evening venues. One is still in contract negotiations with Anne; we are finalizing the menu with the other. Menus for meals/breaks/receptions during the conference being developed; particularly in light of the required food and beverage spending amounts in the contracts.
- Exploring speakers for the opening session on Thursday evening. We have several possible candidates.
- Looking into musical acts for the offsite evening events. Possibilities: a swing band (we have a connection) on Thursday.
- Ted and Jill are working on updating the conference website. Ted is exploring a widget to link NASIG’s Facebook page to the conference page. We expect to have the “information forthcoming” changed to “registration rates will be posted in January” any day. Other local information sections: Travel, Hotel, Tours, and Explore Buffalo will be next in line to populate.
- Login info for Café Press has been requested from the NASIG Treasurer. Teresa Malinowski has volunteered to be the Café Press liaison.
- The registrar, Michael Arthur, and registrar-in-training, Katy Ginanni, have begun to work on the
Completed Activities

- Submitted article for the December issue of the NASIG Newsletter.
- Conference logo submitted to the Board Dec. 18th. Logo has now been approved.
- Held a committee meeting on December 17 with some in person attendance and others via phone. Will use NASIG’s conference calling service in 2013. We tried to save a few dollars but UB’s conference calling service has a limited number of connections.
- Google Docs/Drive region set up for 2013 committee. Members asked to share Google login emails so the region could be shared.
- The registrars recently assisted CEC by creating registration for a CEC Webinar in a service called RegOnline. The Board wanted to test RegOnline for possible use for the annual conference. Although RegOnline turned out to be easy enough to set up and use, it will not interact with NASIG’s member database. Since the Board is not yet ready to also move our database from ArcStone, it was determined that RegOnline will be used for webinars, but we will use ArcStone for registration for the Buffalo conference.
- Discussed registration hours for the conference and expanded the time on Thursday. Will finalize schedule closer to the conference.
- Hyatt Hotel and Buffalo Convention Center contacts have been sent the final program schedule to ensure appropriate meeting space is reserved.
- 100 tickets have been reserved for the BISONS baseball game on Friday, June 7.

Questions for Board

Is NASIG membership required for CPC committee appointment? If not, may a “volunteer” be added to the committee’s email list?

Submitted on: January 3, 2013

Conference Proceedings

Submitted by Sharon Dyas-Correia and Sara Bahnmaier

Members
Sharon Dyas-Correia, (University of Toronto)
Sara Bahnmaier, (University of Michigan)

Continuing Activities

The editors will soon begin compiling a list for Taylor & Francis to distribute complimentary copies and generating thank you emails to authors and others.

After the publisher typesets the issue, the editors will need to proof the papers.

Other activities for the editors over the next month or so include reviewing the Editor’s Manual, Author Guidelines, and Working Calendar.

The Board Liaison has distributed a call for applications for the next incoming editor. That editor will need to be selected within the next month or two.

Completed Activities

We have finished editing work on all Proceedings reports.

We have submitted all papers, copyright forms, the Introduction, remaining front matter, and back matter to Taylor & Francis via the CATS manuscript system.
Budget

Although Sara and Sharon have been able to use long distance telephone calling, we hope the line item about conference calling in the budget will be kept next year because not everyone’s employer will permit long distance calling or the use of Skype.

Submitted on: December 18, 2012

Continuing Education

Submitted by: Lori Duggan

Members
Lori Duggan, chair (Indiana University)
Todd Enoch, vice-chair (University of North Texas)
Melissa Cardenas-Dow, member (University of Redlands)
Linda Dausch, member (Chicago Public Library)
Jane Skoric, member (Santa Clara University)
Paula Sullenger, member (Auburn University)
Stephen Clark, board liaison (College of William and Mary)

Continuing Activities

Working with the ECC Liaison on CEC-PPR Proposal for promoting the contribution of NASIG membership in continuing education programs [See Appendix A]

Webinar Activities In-Progress

- Developing FAQ on NASIG webinars based on questions that were received on inaugural webinar in May and Second webinar in December 2012
- Developing webinar program for mid-February 2013 on Kuali OLE project; secured speaker Bob Persing, and 2nd speaker TBD (from OLE E-Resources Spec team)
- Program to be developed for early-May 2013; potential speaker, Lisa Kirk, University of Nevada Reno – Visualization Tools for Statistics
- Program to be developed for September 2013; potential topic, Discovery Services

Completed Activities

Great Lakes E-Resources Summit 2012 sponsorship proposal forwarded to Board for approval

Webinar Activities Completed

- Established primary CEC volunteers for WebEx administration (Todd Enoch and Linda Dausch)
- Prepared Tips for NASIG Webinar Presenters [See Appendix B]
- Developed PowerPoint Template for NASIG Webinar Presenters
- Worked w/ NASIG registrars on RegOnline software for December Webinar; Registration software for webinars moving forward TBD.
- Completed December webinar: Publisher Metadata in Library Systems and How It Helps the User, presented by Steven Shadle; Recorded webinar distributed to registrants

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Submitted on: December 19, 2012
Appendix A

NASIG CEC-PPR Proposal

Submitted by: Kelli Getz, 5/26/2010

During the months of April and May, the Continuing Education Committee and the Publications and Public Relations Committee worked together to come up with better ways to promote the contributions of NASIG’s membership in continuing education programs. This then led to a discussion of ways that NASIG could promote both upcoming and recently given presentations that our membership gives at local, state, regional, and national conferences in addition to making these continuing education contributions accessible to the NASIG membership.

Call-Outs and Receiving the Information from Individuals

We feel that the simplest way to send out a call requesting information on upcoming presentations and article publications is via email, such as the call outs for inclusion in the *NASIG Newsletter* are done currently. It will be easy for NASIG to send out the request, and it will be easy for members to respond with their information attached to the email. Both CEC and PPR agree that the emails should be sent out every three to four months.

Additionally, we know that NASIG presenters are asked to turn in their PowerPoint slides before the conference because USB flash drives with those presentations are given out at the annual conference. We spoke with the individual in charge of gathering the PowerPoint presentations, and he felt that email was an easy way for him to contact the individuals and to collect their information, so we believe that based on his recommendation, this method would also work for our purposes.

Also, other ideas for getting the word out include promoting via the NASIG blog and via social networking sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn. However, we aren’t 100% sure as to who has control over such accounts or how they are maintained, so these would be supplements to the central email system.

Distributing the Information to the Membership

The information that is collected should be included in the *NASIG Newsletter* to be sure that the full membership will be reached. Then, the CEC will keep a current list on their webpage of the upcoming presentations/articles. Once the presentation has occurred or article published, the CEC could then contact the presenter/author for any “extras” such as presentation slides, recordings, and/or handouts. Once these “extras” are received by CEC, they will then be posted on the NASIG website in the Resources section (or a similar space that is dedicated for NASIG members-only).

Archiving the Information

An interesting idea came up on archiving the information. We discussed several ideas about creating a repository to store the data. As we all know, technology changes rapidly. Storing the information in a NASIG repository would help to provide a stable environment (or a more stable environment) than just posting the items to the Resources section of the website. The documents in the repository would then be linked to the Publications or Resources site. Newly added items could be listed and linked to in the NASIG newsletter.

One particular repository that was recommended was E-LIS, or E-Prints in Library and Information Science, located at [http://eprints.rclis.org/](http://eprints.rclis.org/). We decided against uploading the documents into an institutional repository since some libraries do not have institutional repositories. If the NASIG Board approves of the repository idea, then further research into repositories will be conducted.
Appendix B

Tips for NASIG Webinar Presenters

PREPARATION

- Allow 1-2 months for planning and preparation
- Select topic and identify learning objectives. ID top 3 things to learn. Keep it simple.
- Identify and contact speakers
- Schedule and ensure marketing of event
- Create outline and show a version of it to your audience
- Create a descriptive and engaging webinar title
- Build content

Bite-size learning objectives—10-15 minutes of coverage per objective. 1-1.5 hour total length is ideal.

- Consider Creative Commons licensed images
- Pay attention to beginnings and endings
- Practice set-up with the software/equipment/location you will be using

Especially important if you will be transitioning between slides, desktop sharing, and other tools.

- Practice complete run-through of presentation with a couple of live viewers
- Preload content before presentation

Set up your browser windows to any sites you may be using. Load pages into tabs and arrange in order for easy click through

DURING THE PRESENTATION

- Have 2 computers running
  One with which to present and the other with which to monitor audience view, sound, etc.
- Create an interactive learning environment
  Involve participants. Ask questions. Ask for feedback. Use chat, polling.
- Maintain high energy level
  Do you need coffee?
- Stay calm
  Things can go wrong but you can recover.

SOURCES


Database and Directory

Submitted by: Mary Bailey

Members

Mary Bailey, chair (Kansas State University)
Alice Rhoades, vice chair (Rice University)
Andrea Imre, member (Southern Illinois University Carbondale)
Jessica Ireland, member (Radford University)
Jennifer Arnold, board liaison

Activities

All committee members have now had practice using the ArcStone software which NASIG utilizes to manage the membership database and directory. This fall, the committee performed some database cleanup, reviewing all current members’ records, as well as keeping current with the routine business of invoicing members for their dues payments and updating member records.

The committee will be investigating RegOnline to see if it can be used in conjunction with ArcStone for future event registration.

Membership

Current active membership as of January 4, 2013 is 575 members.

Submitted on: January 8, 2013
Electronic Communications

Submitted by: Sarah Gardner & Char Simser

Members
Sarah Gardner, co-chair (University of California, Davis)
Char Simser, co-chair (Kansas State University)
Kathryn Wesley, vice co-chair (Clemson University)
Carol Ann Borchert, vice co-chair (University of South Florida)
Meg Mering, member (University of Nebraska)
Smita Joshipura, member (Arizona State University)
Chris Bulock, member (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)
Tim Hagan, board liaison (Northwestern University)

Continuing Activities

Listserv activities are primarily the duty of list managers Sarah and Carol Ann though all members are trained and serve as back-ups. Maintenance & upkeep, including monitoring spam filters daily, continues. No listserv outages have been reported.

Web services are primarily the duty of webspinners Kathryn and Char, with back-up provided by the rest of the committee.

Blogs, etc. are primarily the duty of webspinners Meg, Chris, and Smita (backups: Kathryn and Char). Posts for the NASIG Blog are gathered and reformatted if needed from NASIG-L, blasts, NASIG committees and individuals. Jobs information for the Jobs Blog is received via submission form or gathered from other lists.

Meg provided recommendations about tags & categories for the NASIG Blog; the committee reviewed and provided additional comments

Documentation will be updated; tag clean up (including adding tags to numerous untagged entries) will begin in January

A new look was implemented on the NASIG Blog, http://nasig.wordpress.com, in early January, which provides more “real estate” (i.e., it’s wider) for the text of items posted. The top menu was updated to add a page entitled “Learn about NASIG” menu with sub-pages, which include short descriptions (of Awards, Member Benefits, & more) that link to the main website. Additional pages and/or sub-pages could be added in the future.

Status of Action Items from the Board

ACTION ITEM: Hagan will ask ECC to make recommendations for the entire Resources section in terms of what to call it and what to include there.
- Proposal submitted for the January board meeting.

Older items

ACTION ITEM: Hagan will ask ECC to work with ArcStone on getting organizational dues added to the invoice form.
- NO UPDATE SINCE OCTOBER REPORT. Char reviewed the current invoicing process with D&D chair Bailey and contacted treasurer Jennifer Arnold to clarify this request.

ACTION ITEM: Hagan and Clark will talk to ECC and CEC about working together on the Archiving Information section of the CEC-PPR proposal.
- NO UPDATE SINCE OCTOBER REPORT. Char is the liaison to CEC and PPR. She provided them several options in an email in August; awaiting their feedback

ACTION ITEM: Hagan will ask ECC to explore where we could add advertisements into the NASIG website without ArcStone intervention, and pass that information to FDC.
- NO UPDATE SINCE OCTOBER REPORT. ECC provided information to the Board about the placement of ads in 2011.

Completed Activities

- Members’ training completed on website and blog-related duties
• Uploaded all awards materials for A&R; moved and relinked currently used documents to A&R private web space; removed outdated content
• Continued a website review to update or remove outdated contact, fix broken links, etc. (See questions for Board below.)
• Discovered that 2 sets of live pages existed related to past award winners: ECC determined that this page, http://www.nasig.org/about_awards_pastwin.cfm, should serve as the only page for that information. It is linked both from the main Awards page, http://www.nasig.org/about_awards.cfm, and from two links on the “About NASIG/NASIG History section,” http://www.nasig.org/about_history_more.cfm
• NASIG listservs and @nasig.org lists for Evaluation & Assessment were updated to reflect new and past committee members; associated committee pages & website permissions were updated in January.

With/For CPC:
• Created the baseball survey
• Provided basic information about event set up to the registrar
• Provided 2012 logo and committee information to the Proceedings editors
• Worked with the registrar and CEC regarding registration & member authentication for the December webinar
• Updated other web pages as requested by the Board and/or other committee chairs/members
• Documentation related to updating billing/invoicing forms was added to the ECC Wiki

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Statistical Information

• NASIG has 26 listservs
• NASIG has 26 active @nasig.org email addresses
• There are 580 active subscribers to NASIG-L

Website statistics since our last report (from Google Analytics):

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• 4,028 unique visitors to NASIG website (2012 total: 15,645)
• 6,579 total visits (2012 total: 30,257)
• 28,800 page views (2012 total: 131,535)
• 44.79% returning visitors; 55.21% new visitors (2012 total: 50.82% returning; 49.18% new)
NASIG Blog visitors: 2,328
- Jan-Dec 2012: 8,097 visitors, up from 7700 the previous year

Jobs Blog visitors: 6,509
- Jan-Dec 2012: 28,009 visitors, up from 19,863 the previous year

Slideshare visitors: 18,069, 417 downloads

Questions & Recommendations for the Board’s Consideration

Resources section: see the separate proposal

- **NASIGuides:**
  ECC recommends that Publications/PR review these annually; for example, Serial Holdings, [http://www.nasig.org/publications_serialsholdings.cfm](http://www.nasig.org/publications_serialsholdings.cfm), has phone & email of the author, who is now retired.

**QUESTION:** Should the contact info be removed & replaced and/or should Pub/PR’s email be added as contact?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pub/PR should include their contact information on all NASIGuides regardless.

- **Committee Pages:**
  [http://www.nasig.org/about_committees.cfm](http://www.nasig.org/about_committees.cfm)
  Many public committee pages link to *Newsletter* profiles that are more than 8 years old (some dating to 1994). These seem dated.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Board liaisons should ask committees to review and make recommendations for disposition of the profiles.

- **Committee Chairs Manual:**
  The Appendix--some URLs are noted & linked; other times only the text is linked. If intended for printing, all should be noted. Please advise.

2005 Financial Plan - ECC cannot locate this page/document. If it should be listed & linked, do we have a copy of it elsewhere?

If recommendations regarding the Resources page are approved, a number of links will need to be revised.

- **Committee Annual Reports Webpage:**
  [http://www.nasig.org/about_committees_annualreport.cfm](http://www.nasig.org/about_committees_annualreport.cfm)
  This page is time consuming to update due to the clunkiness of tables format using Arcstone’s software. The majority of annual reports appear in the May issue of the *Newsletter* (or December for Evaluation & Assessment’s conference evaluation)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Individual links to each report should be removed and generic information be provided, pointing to the *Newsletter* website.

- **Conference Archives:**
  [http://www.nasig.org/conference_archives.cfm](http://www.nasig.org/conference_archives.cfm)
  This site has served as the archive for NASIG conference programs. Since moving to ArcStone in 2006, ECC has archived each conference site - all pages - requiring significant time and relinking. (FYI, ECC does not currently check links on archived travel, hotel, explore, etc., pages. Over time, more of these are likely to lead to dead links.)

**RECOMMENDATION:** In consultation with current & past CPC & PPC chairs, ECC recommends that only the following pages be archived:

1) The program information
2) Sponsor information
3) Conference logo

The updated archival pages would point to the program page, e.g., [http://www.nasig.org/2012_conference_program.cfm](http://www.nasig.org/2012_conference_program.cfm) that would include the logo and a link to the sponsor information

- The table/menu at the top of archived pages would be removed
- Sample pages for the entire conference site can reside in CPC’s private web space for them to refer to
- The structure of the current conference pages would not be changed, except as needed to accommodate different types of information
**QUESTION:** ECC noticed that pages for 2006-present point to the archive of the entire site for the particular year. However, the links for 1992-2005 point to the actual Conference Proceedings (our ‘old’ setup, not to the Taylor & Francis links. The T&F links are already linked from the Conference Proceedings link on the sidebar.) The links to the old Proceedings links do require login, but we’d like the Board’s guidance about whether to remove the links.

**NOTE:** T&F Proceedings lack the front matter that is included in the print version. Login to view this example: http://www.nasig.org/conference_proceedings/2005.cfm. Is this something the Board wishes to take to T&F?

- **NASIG History - Annual Conferences Pages:**
  http://www.nasig.org/about_history_conferences.cfm

**QUESTION:** There are some links to Proceedings like those noted in the previous bullet. Should they be removed or point to the T&F site?

- **Newsletter - Editorial Board Position Descriptions:**
  http://www.nasig.org/about_committees_newsletterposition.cfm

**RECOMMENDATION:** ECC notes that this page was created on the wrong template; before updating the page, we’d like Newsletter staff to review the content and determine if additions or changes are needed.

- **Documents on the Server**
  ECC requests that Board Liaisons remind their committees of the new file structure for committee documents that exist both in public web space and on their committees’ private spaces. Please place new documents in the directories set up for the specific committee/task force/board

  ECC will begin a systematic review of documents on the server in 2013 with a goal of recommending disposition of and/or moving and relinking documents within the new committee directory structure.

- **Webpage Disposition:**

  **RECOMMENDATION:** After reviewing web content, ECC suggests the following content be retired:
  1) Brainstorming Sessions, 2004-2007 (under Annual Conference) -- Content is included in the Newsletter, except for 2004. That can be copied & sent to the Archivist if we don’t already have it there.
  2) Town Halls, 2004-2005 -- Content is included in the Newsletter, except for 2004. That can be copied & sent to the Archivist if we don’t already have it there
  3) Site Selection (under Annual Conference) -- the FAQ and Survey are from 2007 - do we continue to have these same complaints? Does Archives have or need copies of this information?
  4) Membership Survey
    http://www.nasig.org/members_survey.cfm -- This appears in the My Membership sidebar after login. The survey is 10 years old.
  5) Bilingual Focus Group Report
    (Appears in the Publications menu) -- dated 2001, members only
    http://www.nasig.org/publications_bilingualreport.cfm

**Evaluation & Assessment**

Submitted by: Barbara McArthur

**Members**
Barbara McArthur chair, (Texas Tech University)  
Sarah (Sally) Glasser, vice-chair (Hofstra University)  
Bridget Euliano, (Duquesne University)  
June Garner, (Mississippi State University)  
Maria Hatfield, (WT COX Subscriptions)  
Smita Joshipura, (Arizona State University)  
Jennifer Leffler, (University of Northern Colorado)  
Virginia Rumph, (Butler University)  
Patrick Carr, board liaison (East Carolina University)

**Continuing Activities**

None
Completed Activities

The year began with the addition of two new committee members, Bridget Euliano and June Garner. In February we were tasked by the Executive Board with setting up small survey to poll members about a slight change in membership dues. This survey was created and a link sent back to the Executive Board.

In April, the committee began editing the Annual Conference survey with help from the Program Planning Committee. The survey was once again created in SurveyMonkey with changes made to reflect the new conference program format.

The conference evaluation was created and provided online a week prior to the conference. Additional questions were requested after that time and those were added a couple of days before the conference started. Reminders were sent out periodically after the conference ended to encourage participation. As an incentive to participate, a free conference registration was awarded by a random drawing and the winner was announced in the NASIG Newsletter. The confidential report of the conference evaluation results was sent to the Executive Board in August and an abridged version of the report was submitted for publication in the NASIG Newsletter at the same time. The Committee received ten requests for individual conference evaluation results which were sent out in July.

Edits were made to the Committee Manual to help clarify the timing of activities and the duties of certain committee members. Suggestions by ECC Chairs and the NASIG Board were reviewed and used to strengthen the document.

As requested by the NASIG Board, a list of committee “needs and wants” in terms of the computer system and its functionality was sent to and submitted by the Board Liaison.

Budget

None

Submitted on: January 8, 2013

Financial Development

No report.

Membership Development

Submitted by: Steve Kelley

Members
Steve Kelley, chair (Wake Forest University)
Pat Adams, vice-chair (Swets)
Janet Arcand, member (Iowa State University)
Steve Fallon, member (DeGruyter)
Trina Holloway, member (Georgia State University)
Chris Brady, board liaison (U.S. Dept. of Justice Libraries)

Continuing Activities

The committee continues to contact non-renewed members, giving them personalized instructions on how to renew their membership. The committee also sends welcome letters to new members who have joined or re-joined NASIG.

Completed Activities

A total of 48 non-renewed members were contacted by the committee since the September update report.

We have also contacted seven members who joined or re-joined NASIG since September. Feedback from the recipients of the letters has continued to be positive. The committee would recommend that this practice be made a permanent part of the MDC’s charge.
Budget

Nothing has been added to the 2013 budget request that was submitted on September 27, 2012.

Submitted on: January 9, 2013

Mentoring Group

No report.

Newsletter

Submitted by: Angela Dresselhaus

Members
Angela Dresselhaus, editor-in-chief (The University of Montana)
Kate Moore, incoming editor-in-chief, PDF editor (Indiana University Southeast)
Sharon Dyas-Correia, profile editor (University of Toronto Libraries)
Wm. Joseph Thomas, profile editor (East Carolina University)
Kathryn Wesley, profile editor (Clemson)
Kurt Blythe, columns editor (University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill)
Betsy Gardiner, conference editor (EBSCO Information Services)
Rachel A. Erb, submissions editor (Colorado State University Libraries)
Joseph Dresselhaus, copy editor (Missoula Public Library)
Ning Han, calendar editor, (Concordia University, Portland Oregon)
Bob Boissy, board liaison (Springer Science + Business Media, LLC)

Continuing Activities

• Calendar events sent to ECC
• March 2013 issue in production

Completed Activities

• December issue published
• Positions filled
  o Kate Moore, incoming editor-in-chief (Indiana University Southeast)
  o Sharon Dyas-Correia, profile editor (University of Toronto Libraries)
  o Wm. Joseph Thomas, profile editor (East Carolina University)
  o Betsy Gardiner, conference editor (EBSCO Information Services)
  o Rachel A. Erb, submissions editor (Colorado State University Libraries)
  o Joseph Dresselhaus, copy editor (Missoula Public Library)

Budget

No requests at this time. Annual budget request was submitted to the NASIG treasurer.

Submitted on: January 2, 2013

Nominations & Elections

Submitted by: Christine Radcliff

Members
Christine Radcliff, chair (Texas A&M University – Kingsville)
Trina Nolen, vice-chair (Lamar University)
Mark Henley, member (University of North Texas)
Suzanne Thomas, member (University of Pittsburgh)
Jana Brubaker, member (Northern Illinois University)
Rochelle Ballard, member (Princeton University)
Danielle Williams, member (University of Evansville)
Steve Shadle, board liaison (University of Washington)

Continuing Activities

January 2013
The committee is currently checking candidate references. The reference process is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 18. Another conference call will be scheduled to formalize the final rankings and set the slate for the ballot. Nominees will then be contacted.
and notified whether they have been slated on the ballot or not. The slate is set to be finalized and announced to the Board as a courtesy by Jan. 28.

February 2013
The slate of candidates is scheduled to be announced to the general NASIG membership on Jan. 30. On Jan. 31, a Call for Petition Candidates will be sent out. Standard nominee profiles will be due from the slated candidates on Feb. 15, and petitions with supporting documentation will be due from petition candidates by Feb. 18. The ballot will then be finalized and made available electronically to the membership on Feb. 25. Online voting will end 10 working days after the election starts, putting that date at Mar. 11.

Completed Activities

October 2012
A reminder email blast was sent out to the NASIG membership reminding them to submit nominations before the October 15th deadline. Eleven individuals were nominated for Vice President/President-Elect, eight for Treasurer, and thirty six for Member At Large. Five of the individuals nominated for Vice President/President-Elect were also nominated for Member At Large, and one individual nominated for Member At Large was also nominated for Treasurer. A conference call took place on Oct. 16 to discuss the next steps of the process. The committee members then contacted each person nominated to determine their willingness to run for the position(s) for which they were nominated.

November 2012
After the committee contacted everyone who was nominated, three individuals agreed to be considered for the ballot for the office of Vice President/President-Elect, two for Treasurer, and eighteen for Member At Large. The nominees all submitted their profile information to the committee by the Nov. 19 deadline. One nominee for Treasurer was also nominated for Member At Large, and that nominee stated their interest for either position, knowing that they would only be slated for one of the positions if they made it onto the ballot.

December 2012
The committee held another conference call to go over the nominees’ profile information and discuss the reference process. In the past, several individuals were asked to be references for sometimes up to 5 or 6 nominees. Therefore, in order to give those references advanced notice the N&E Chair and Vice Chair contacted the individuals and let them know how many references they were listed for, so that when committee members contacted them it would not be too overwhelming.

Budget
The N&E budget was submitted before the deadline. The budget allows for three conference calls.
Submitted on: January 2, 2013

Program Planning

Submitted by: Karen Davidson

Members
Karen Davidson, chair (Mississippi State University)
Kelli Getz, vice-chair (University of Houston)
Kathy Brannon, member (Ingram-Coutts Information Services)
Anna Creech, member (University of Richmond)
Diana Reed, member (University of Louisville)
Violeta Llik, member (Texas A & M University)
Buddy Pennington, member (University of Missouri-Kansas City)
Mary Ann Jones, member (Mississippi State University)
Sandy Hurd, member (Innovative Interfaces)
Morag Boyd, member (Ohio State University)
Mike Markwith, member (WT Cox Subscriptions)
Michael Hanson, ex-officio (Lafayette College)
Patrick Carr, board liaison (East Carolina University)
Continuing Activities

1) Pre-Conference Presenters

Les Hawkins, Hien Nguyen, Valerie Bross have confirmed that they will do an 8 hour workshop on RDA split between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Kevin Smith has confirmed he will do a 4 hour copyright workshop on Thursday June 6, from 8:00-12:00, and Timothy Deliyannides has confirmed that he will do a 4 hour workshop on library publishing. He might have another colleague present with him since his original co-presenter is unable to present. Kevin Smith has signed an MOU; Valerie Bross has signed an MOU. Les Hawkins and Hien Nguyen are looking into an MOU from the Library of Congress. They will get back to me on that. I have not gotten an MOU signed by Deliyannides yet.

2) Speaker Letters

Speaker Acceptance letters have gone out and we have been notified that all have accepted except two presenters. One is out of town until after January 1st, and the other one is waiting to hear from a co-presenter.

3) Committee Liaison Assignments

Committee members will choose/be assigned 3-4 presenters to assist up until the conference to assure necessary information is gathered and communication is maintained.

4) Program information

Anna Creech is working with the new program software and will get information on the Web site by the week of January 7, 2013.

5) Great Ideas Showcase

Solicitations will go out at the end of February. The Great Ideas Showcase has taken the place of the Poster Sessions and will be given an hour for presenters to talk about their projects. If we get numerous responses, a sub-committee will be appointed to handle the details.

6) Informal Discussion Groups

Solicitation for Informal Discussion Groups will go out in March

Completed Activities

1) Vision Speakers

Bryan Alexander, Siva Vaidhyanathan, and Megan Oakleaf are confirmed Vision speakers and have signed the MOU’s.

2) Slating the Program

The program proposals were distributed to the committee for ratings and comments. A conference call was held November 12, 2012 to evaluate the proposals. A slate of 35 programs was presented to the Board on November 29 and approved December 5.

In January, the PPC chairs will be matching all programs with a PPC member to serve as liaison. PPC members will be working with 3-4 programs.

3) Confirming and Declining Proposals

Once the tentative slate was accepted, the co-chairs approached the primary contact for each proposal. As of December 19, 2012, 33 of the 35 contacts had confirmed. One was out of town until after January 1st and the other is waiting to see if she can get a co-presenter. A list of proposals to be declined has been provided to the NASIG Secretary and also sent to CEC for their consideration as continuing education pieces.

3) Program times

Program times were altered slightly to accommodate for longer break times and also to accommodate the hour for the Great Ideas Showcase.
Budget

1) Session Speaker Expenses

In keeping with reimbursement policy, we have offered half registration waivers to up to three presenters per session. As of December 20, we have 60 slated speakers who were offered half waivers. This rough estimate includes all anticipated speakers, including those who typically decline compensation. Speakers are asked to confirm their use of the waivers when the liaisons make contact in January, and at that time we will update the reimbursement and speaker costs and update as needed as the conference approaches.

2) Executive report

3) Preconference Speaker Expenses

In keeping with reimbursement policy, up to two preconference speakers per session are offered two nights of lodging and a half registration waiver. As preconference speakers are increasingly being drawn from outside the NASIG community and would not otherwise attend the conference and in accordance with the Board’s direction from last year we exercised the option of negotiating alternative compensation with the Library as publisher Preconference Speaker.

Submitted on: December 20, 2012

Publications/Public Relations

Submitted by Bob Persing

Members
Bob Persing, chair (Univ. of PA)
Jennifer Bazeley, Publicist (Miami University)
Char Simser, publicist-in-training (Kansas State University)
Jeannie Castro, member (Univ. of Houston)
Amanda Price, member (Mississippi State)
Eleanor Cook, member (East Carolina)
Bob Boissy, board liaison (Springer)

Continuing Activities

• Jennifer has been sending out announcements generated by CPC to the various subscribed listservs.
• We have been asked to create a list of state library association meetings to which our flyers might be sent; we’re going to ask the membership at large to send us suggestions from their states, and we’ll collate them into a master list.

Completed Activities

• We added the 2013 NASIG conference to the conference calendar on the SSP website.
• We did a call for volunteers to be the next publicist. Four people expressed interest, and Char Simser was selected.

Budget

No money expended

Submitted on: January 11, 2013

Core Competencies Task Force

Submitted by: Sarah Sutton

Members
Sarah Sutton, chair (Emporia State University)
Eugenia Beh, member (Texas A&M University)
Steve Black, member (College of Saint Rose)
Susan Davis, member (State University of New York, Buffalo)
Sanjeet Mann, member (University of Redlands)
Cynthia Porter, member (A.T. Still University)
Selden Lamoureux, board liaison (SDLinforms)

Continuing Activities

In late November, 2012, Sarah reviewed the transcript that TF member Steve Black recorded and transcribed from the brainstorming session at the 2012 Annual Conference. She identified four main themes that pervaded that conversation, the strongest of which was
“I’ll never be an expert at all this.” Sarah suggested that the TF (1) consider the recommendation that the CCs be organized based on levels, perhaps similar to those used in MAGERT’s Map, GIS and Cataloging/Metadata Librarian Core Competencies, which was brought up in the brainstorming session and (2) write an introductory statement to each section of the CCs. She further developed a tentative timeline for completing these revisions to the CCs.

In email discussions during December, the TF determined that the timeline Sarah had suggested was too aggressive and would be impossible to meet. The TF also discussed the idea of using levels to help those who might consult the CCs to identify which of the competencies are relevant to them, their employees, teams, and/or institutions (thus relieving the “I’ll never be an expert at all this” issue to some extent). We did not reach a consensus on whether to apply levels or to simply address in an introductory statement how institutional differences (size, organization, patrons served, etc.) might affect the relative importance of individual competencies.

We have not made any progress on competencies for serials librarians.

Completed Activities

None.

Budget

None.

Questions for Board

What is the Board’s opinion on the question of whether to organize the CCs using a set of levels that take into account institutional differences or to address the effects of institutional differences through an introductory statement?

Submitted on: January 10, 2013
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