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25th Anniversary Task Force

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Task Force Charge

The task force was charged with planning a 25th Anniversary celebration “to honor the past, to portray what NASIG means to its members today and to record the event for posterity.”

E-Commemorative on the NASIG Website

The task force is working to update the NASIG history created by the 20th Anniversary Committee. Data in numerous categories, including board rosters, committees, budget history, etc., covering 2005-2009 have been gathered. The NASIG Chronology and the

essays on the history of NASIG’s vision and planning efforts and on NASIG issues and trends have been drafted. Beth Ashmore and Char Simser, members of the Electronic Communications Committee, have provided technical support and advice. The task force will work with them to upload the information to NASIG website.

Conference Events to Celebrate and Honor the 25th Anniversary

The task force is in the final planning stages for activities at the conference in Palm Springs. The primary event is the gala dinner celebration to be held on Saturday evening. It will include a short welcoming program, dinner, and entertainment—an audience participation NASIG quiz—followed by music, dancing and no-host bar. A commemorative coaster with the anniversary logo was designed and ordered. A script for the quiz has been drafted. Decisions regarding the contents for the print commemorative pamphlet have been made and contributors are being contacted. Plans are to distribute the pamphlet and the coaster at the gala dinner. Discussions about festive table decorations are underway.

Nearing completion is the PowerPoint photo presentation, comprised of photos from past conferences supplied by NASIG members. It will be shown during the conference opening session and gala dinner. Using the videos recorded at the Asheville conference, a video presentation is being created that will be part of the welcoming program at the gala

dinner. Also in the final planning stage are two poster sessions, one featuring photos and commentary from past NASIG presidents, the second focusing on NASIG history. After the conference, the presentations will be added to the NASIG website. The task force has worked closely with Mike Markwith and Cory Tucker, co-chairs of the Conference Planning Committee, and Jill Emery to plan these activities.

Process to Continuously Record NASIG History

The task force will continue its efforts to capture NASIG history at the Palm Springs conference by scheduling videotaping sessions and identifying one or more members to serve as photographers.

Recommendations to the Board

Aggressive, well-defined strategies to annually update data and history on the NASIG site are highly recommended. One possible strategy would be to expand the responsibilities of the NASIG archivist position and at the same time consider creating a committee or assistants to the archivist. The appointment of an official photographer for each conference should be considered and a basic list of photos to be taken at the conference should be developed.