The 2019 NASIG Conference is less than a month away and promises to be another excellent event. The Conference Planning Committee (CPC) has worked diligently this year to ensure the conference experience and accommodations meet your expectations and the Program Planning Committee (PPC) has an excellent lineup of pre-conferences, vision speakers, and general sessions that cover a wide range of topics from data mining to diversity. You should expect to be comfortable, entertained, and well educated by the end of our time together in Pittsburgh! Our conference comes together each year as a result of countless hours of volunteer service and this effort is to be commended. The NASIG Board is grateful for each and every volunteer who helps ensure our conferences run smoothly and our organization continues to thrive. Thank You!

In April, NASIG announced our next two conference locations, Spokane Washington and Madison Wisconsin. The Site Selection Committee focused on choosing hotels in downtown locations that provide a wide range of dining options, entertainment, and cultural points of interest for conference attendees. We are especially happy to get to a western location to better serve our membership in the western states.

Looking ahead, if the Pittsburgh location is as well received as we think it will be, Site Selection will work towards formalizing a conference rotation between Pittsburgh, Spokane, Madison, and Atlanta. Moving to a rotation will allow NASIG to realize cost savings associated with site selection travel, fall board meeting travel, and multi-year contracts with hotels. We also...
hope that returning to known hotels will reduce the burden on the CPC and the conference coordinator. Finally, we hope that a regular conference location will help keep your costs low and simplify logistics associated with conference travel.

The NASIG Board also sees a conference rotation as a way to generate efficiencies that will enable us to offer a fully online option for the NASIG Conference. Streaming the entire conference presents both financial and logistical challenges that the board believes will be reduced by forming long-term relationships with audio/visual providers. Our goal is to offer an extensive streaming package for the 2020 conference to broaden the reach of our conference speakers. We look forward to our 2020 conference in Spokane.

In closing, this is the time of year when we start to see the finish line, and the payoff of a year of hard work is about to be realized. When we are together in about a month, take time to enjoy all the effort that has gone into creating the conference and sustaining the organization. Find a CPC or PPC member and thank them for their contributions. While you’re at it, take a moment to thank the newly elected members of the NASIG executive board for their willingness to serve. We can’t wait to wrap up another fantastic conference and begin planning for 2020!

### Articles

#### 2019 Election Results

The Nominations & Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2019 election. Those elected to office are as follows:

**Vice President/President Elect:**
Betsy Appleton, Tarlton Law Library, The University of Texas at Austin

**Treasurer:**
Cris Ferguson, Murray State University

**Members-At-Large:**
Keondra Bailey, Duke University/North Carolina Central University
Michael Fernandez, Yale University
Shannon Keller, New York Public Library

On behalf of the Nominations & Elections Committee, we would like to extend warm congratulations to the elected candidates, as well as sincere thanks to all of the candidates who were willing to stand for office.

#### Nominations & Elections Committee 2018/19

Stephanie J. Adams, Chair
Madeline Kelly, Vice-Chair
Bethany Greene
Rowena Griem
Smita Joshipura
Virginia Martin
Sue Wiegand

#### NASIG Conference Mentoring Program

Xiaoyan Song, NASIG Mentoring Group Chair

NASIG’s Mentoring Group is again sponsoring a Conference Mentoring Program to personally welcome first-time conference attendees, highlight membership benefits, and create networking opportunities. This program will match experienced NASIG conference attendees with new conference attendees.

There is only one requirement to be a mentee and that is to attendance at the 34th Annual NASIG Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Whereas to be a mentor, you need to have attended a previous NASIG conference, be willing to make prior contact with your mentee well before the conference, and be willing to meet with your mentee at the conference. Of course,
we hope you will also check on your mentee periodically throughout the conference.

We invite all mentees and mentors to the First-timers Reception on Friday, June 8th. This is a great time to meet up with your mentor or mentee for the first time and get acquainted in a casual setting.

The deadline for applications will be Friday, May 3, 2019. After all applications are received, we will contact you with the name of your partner. This program has been very successful for several years and we look forward to your participation this year!

Click here to sign up to be a mentor or mentee.

Please feel free to contact me or any committee member for additional information about the mentoring program.

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Essay for the 2019 NASIG Horizon Award
Kristy White, Duquesne University

The city of Pittsburgh, where I live and work, is sometimes called the “City of Bridges.” Located at the connecting point of three rivers, there are 446 bridges in Pittsburgh and, as anyone who lives here knows, movement between places in Pittsburgh, especially around its downtown, usually requires that one cross at least one bridge. Bridges unite and connect, but also mark places which are different: we only need to connect what is not already connected by nature. Thus, the bridge indicates difference and distinction, even as it also joins things that are ultimately meant to be united.

Just like the physical bridges I see daily, the conference metaphor of “Building Bridges” indicates the need for greater connection within the information community, a connection which must occur on many levels. Due to the ever-expanding world of information technology as well as the many distinct locations, as it were, from which this expansion happens, there is always a further need for information professional like me to build bridges of mutual understanding, across the vast network of information technology. Bridges also must be built among information professionals themselves, in order to be successful in creating strong and closely coordinated relationships and collaborations that advance those partnerships. Like any successful project, successful bridge building begins with a firm foundation and grows with a cooperative and balanced support system.

Attending this conference would allow me to build bridges at both levels. On the one hand, it would allow me to gain the knowledge, information, and insight needed for my own professional growth and help me to understand and master the many areas of expansion and innovation in information services. On the other, it would also permit me to shape and build connections with other information professionals, supporting my
further goal to become interconnected and established in the information profession by encouraging the exchange of information and experiences among colleagues. The need for effective relationships and collaborative connections is demonstrated daily in listservs and consortial working groups. Our broad reach through email communication, for example, oftentimes helps to solve a plethora of issues we all face, bridging us together in collaborative and effective results for the whole community/network.

Straightforward, practical discussion amongst information professionals together in a learned environment creates an avenue of discussion that may not been feasible or possible elsewhere.

Because a librarian’s role doesn’t end on the front line, bridging the gap between different service areas of the information profession is of the utmost importance. Librarians need to be bridge builders, strengthening relationships and bonds among librarians, from acquisitions to access points. Their working relationships with each other play a vital role in their ability to resolve problems and to encourage innovation.

Upcoming Conference News

CPC Update
Denise Novak and Pat Roncevich,
CPC Co-Chairs

Well folks, the Conference Planning Committee is nearing the home stretch, and it won’t be too long until we see all of you in Pittsburgh. We’ve been busy planning dine-arounds and putting together interesting lists of things to do while you’re here. Last week Pat and I attended a “tasting” at the Omni William Penn in advance of planning menus for the conference. I think you will be pleased.

The weather should be beautiful in early June so you can unpack your summer clothes and bring them with you. You’re going to want to walk around Pittsburgh and maybe take in a Pirates game or wander down to the Three Rivers Arts Festival along the river. Don’t forget, Pittsburgh has three rivers so you can wander around all of them. Do pack an umbrella as June showers are common.

We think you’re really going to enjoy our opening speaker, Charlene Foggie-Barnett, who is the curator of the Teenie Harris photograph collection at the Carnegie Museum of Art. Charles “Teenie” Harris (1908–1998) photographed Pittsburgh’s African American community circa 1935–1975. His archive of nearly 80,000 images is one of the most detailed and intimate records of the black urban experience known today.

The Program Planning Committee has been working hard putting together a great program with interesting vision, concurrent and poster sessions. You will not be disappointed!
Early bird registration ends on May 10, 2019, so you still have time to register for the conference. Preconferences start on Tuesday, June 4, and the regular conference begins on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Make sure to join your colleagues in Pittsburgh at the Omni William Penn Hotel for a great NASIG conference June 5–8, 2019.

Be sure to check the conference website often as we continue to add new information weekly.

PPC Update
Maria Collins, PPC Chair

The conference is just a month away, and the Program Planning Committee (PPC) has a few updates to share about preconferences and user/discussion group meetings.

Preconference registration is still open, and this year we have 5 great offerings. Click through the registration link on the website if you are interested in signing up.

Text Mining 101
Dr. Sarah Sutton, Emporia State University School of Library and Information Science
June 4, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
$200

Supporting text mining research requires an understanding of the process of text mining in order for librarians to assist researchers to use library resources as sources text mining data, to license electronic resources in way that makes provisions for such uses, and to manage and/or provide access to text mining tools among other activities. Because text mining is a relatively new method for research, few librarians have had an introduction to and/or training needed to accomplish these tasks. In this preconference workshop I will introduce participants to the basics of text mining including defining terms, identifying library resources that may serve as data sources for text mining, and introducing the tools and processes used for text mining, for instance the HathiTrust’s text analysis algorithms and Python scripting.

Library Leadership Your Way
Dr. Jason Martin, Middle Tennessee State University
June 4, 2019, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
$100

This preconference is intended to be a practical guide for anyone interested in library leadership. Attendees will learn about leadership, become better leaders, and develop their own leadership practices. This preconference will allow attendees to engage with the subject of leadership in a meaningful way, by thinking and reflecting on various ideas of leadership and how they might use those ideas in their leadership lives. The point of this preconference is not to explain how to lead, but for attendees to discover why they want to lead, how they can best lead, and what their unique leadership practice looks like. Attendees will be asked to think about what leadership means to them, learn overall principles of how to effectively lead themselves and others, be exposed to major leadership theories and philosophies, and finally to revisit their initial ideas about leadership. By the end of the preconference, attendees will have developed their own definition of and approach to leadership, understand the basics of major leadership theories and philosophies, and have a leadership practice and plan in place they can use in their everyday leadership lives. This preconference is intended for library leaders at all levels – from department head to dean/director, for librarians interested in becoming library leaders, and for informal library leaders as well.

Contract Construction: Creating an Effective Licensing Toolkit in an Academic Library Setting
Stephanie Hess, Binghamton University
Megan Kilb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
June 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
$100

This session will offer a blueprint for crafting a clear picture of licensing priorities for your library and
home institution and for developing an orderly negotiation process to ensure each agreement is properly reviewed and handled. Beginning with a brief overview of standard licensing terms for e-resources, we will discuss how to draw up your own checklists and draft legal provisions customized to successfully fulfill the information needs of your library’s users, while adhering to your institution’s local legal requirements. We will also identify practical methods for reviewing contracts to identify the issues in clauses that are most often challenging or problematic.

**BIBFRAME Basics: A Crash Course**
Dennis Christman, Duke University
June 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
$100

Interested in learning about BIBFRAME and how it works? This workshop will go over the basics of what BIBFRAME is, how it was developed, and ongoing BIBFRAME initiatives; then cover the underlying technologies in just enough detail to really understand how BIBFRAME works differently from what we do today, including graph data structures, ontologies, and RDF. Finally, we’ll look at the Library of Congress developed BIBFRAME editor and get some hands-on practice creating and editing a variety of resources. Attendees should plan on bringing a laptop to get the most of their experience.

**The Future of Scholarly Communications**
Lisa Hinchliffe, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
June 5, 2019, 1:00 -5:00 p.m.
$100

Structured as an interactive workshop, this preconference will explore possible futures of scholarly communications and publishing and implications for access, collections, and preservation. Drawing on trends analysis and potential scenarios that have been developed by publishers, library associations, etc., participants will explore what may be possible, plausible, feasible, and/or desirable as well as what seems impossible about these futures.

Though no conclusions will be reached about “the future” of scholarly communications, this exploration of “the futures” of scholarly communications will enable participants to think critically and creatively about their organizations, the impact of change and trends, and strategic positioning going forward.

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**e-book Subject Collections**
from Duke University Press

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NASIG will host 4 discussion/user group sessions on Wednesday, June 5 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

These groups are open for all attendees. Please come by and join your colleagues in conversation.

**User/Discussion Group Meeting -Now Streaming:**
**Mediated vs. Unmediated and Other Dilemmas**
Facilitator: Heather Crozier, Ohio Northern University

Many libraries using popular PDA programs for streaming video experienced a significant surge in popularity and spending in the past year and are looking into various alternatives, including mediated purchasing and the increase in workload that accompanies it. This group will provide an opportunity for an in-person conversation allowing us...
to share best practices, alternative options, and other discussion related to streaming video.

User/Discussion Group Meeting -OpenAthens and Issues in Authentication and Access
Facilitator: Donna Bennett, Georgia College and State University

In addition to the discussion topic of OpenAthens, this group might also discuss issues about authentication and access in general, which might be provider neutral, and include procedures for offering access to walk-in users, user experience, usage data collection, privacy, dual factor authentication, working with campus IT, etc. Even if a library doesn’t use OpenAthens, but uses EZProxy or a different system, they might also contribute to and benefit from this conversation.

User/Discussion Group Meeting -Systems & Interlibrary Loan Librarian Discussion
Facilitator: Jean Charlot, Delaware State University

Topic: Student success and the Intersection of Interlibrary Loan/Resource Sharing, Electronic Resources and Discovery Tools.

Discussion during his session might focus on the following:

1. How Interlibrary Loan/Resource Sharing and Discovery works to provide access to materials
2. Collaboration --university community awareness of library services for additional research needs
3. Positive or negative experiences with these services.

User/Discussion Group Meeting - A Collaborative Approach to Driving User Awareness
Facilitator: Sara Rotjan, AIP Publishing

How do your faculty and students learn about the resources that are available to them and what scholarly content they have access to? During this session we’ll share the results of a recent survey focusing on the challenges around driving user awareness. And we’ll have an open discussion around how to effectively promote your digital resources. Come prepared to explore ways that librarians and publishers can collaborate on the common challenge of driving awareness.

2019 Award Winners

The NASIG Awards & Recognition committee is pleased to announce the 2019 award winners:

Birdie MacLennan Award:
- Sally Glasser, Hofstra University

Diversity & Inclusion Award (sponsored by HARRASSOWITZ):
- Natalia Juarez, Tarleton State University

First-Timer Award:
- Nelson Santana, Bronx Community College, The City University of New York
- Hannah Pearson, Cleveland State University

Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship:
- Andrea Conboy, Simmons University

Horizon Award (sponsored by EBSCO):
- Kristy White, Duquesne University

John Riddick Student Grant:
- Angel Su, University of Toronto
- Soojeong Lee Herring, Kent State University

Mexican Student Grant Award:
- Fatima Alejandra Morado Castillo, Universidad Autonoma de San Luis Potosi
• Janet Falcon Hernandez, Escuela Nacional de Biblioteconomia y Archivonomia

Paraprofessional Specialist Award:

• Karen Spence, Portland Community College
• Pamela S. King, The Citadel

Rose Robischon Scholarship:

• Nancy Kaida, Northwest Vista College

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

Profiles

Profile of Dr. Philip Schreur, Associate University Librarian for Technical and Access Services at Stanford University and Vision Speaker at the 34th Annual NASIG Conference
Christian Burris, Profiles Editor

Did your background in music help you transition into librarianship?

Music was an immense help! First was music’s focus on languages. I needed to study German, French, Italian, Latin, and Greek to complete my PhD, and the ability to work with those languages has helped me throughout my career. I also began my library career as a music cataloger. The complexities of music uniform titles and cataloging of sound recordings was a true trial by fire. After that, everything seemed simple. System developers often love, or should I say fear, music people as well. Music discovery is so complex that it is usually what will break a system, so if you know music, you get lots of opportunities for IT development projects.

Your experience includes working for a provider of services to libraries. What was your biggest takeaway from that work?

My biggest take away was setting and adhering to deadlines. Library projects can tend to linger or never be completed, but vendors have hard deadlines with financial penalties for lack of adherence to contract specifications. It’s a healthy approach to project work.

You’ve had the chance to develop ontologies and taxonomies for said provider. Could you describe some of your contributions?

Hmm, this was a complicated area! I had to develop a broad, science taxonomy for the journal Science, a medical taxonomy for journals such as the BMJ journals, and social sciences taxonomies for SAGE. I had to learn how to separate the skills needed to logically organize knowledge from actual subject knowledge.

What were some of your challenges in transforming your library’s Cataloging Department into the Metadata Department?

It’s actually all in the name. Cataloging has a bad rep and I could see support for us dwindling. Many
universities rely on outsourced metadata now. But everyone loves metadata. By changing the name of the department, we became an integral part of all new library developments and the Metadata Department has actually grown. I think the most challenging aspect was convincing the catalogers they already had the skills for this new environment. In fact, what they do has never been more essential. However, they need to think about the skills they have in a broad sense—subject analysis, organization, identifier management—and not so much on the particular ways they accomplish that work today. That part of the job will always be evolving.

*What are some emerging metadata standards that libraries should watch for?*

SHACL and ShEx will be important for constraining and shaping RDF graphs. I’d also closely watch developments in the International Imagine Interoperability Framework (IIIF) for the discovery, access, and annotation of image-based resources.

*Where do you see the relationship between linked data and libraries over the next ten years?*

10 years!? I’m not even sure linked data will be around in 10 years, LOL. However, it is currently the language of the Semantic Web, and to survive, libraries must take their place there. Libraries have essential skills in the organization of knowledge and the understanding of relationships between entities, skills the Web is in desperate need of. It’s an ideal match in many ways. But just as in the transition of my Catalog Department to Metadata Department, libraries must be willing to execute those principles with skills that are relevant to the new Web environment, or be relegated to the semantics of the catalog card.

**Columns**

**Standards Corner: COUNTER R5 is Here, and NISO News**

Jennifer Combs, Standards Committee Chair

Serialists of all stripes may want to take a little extra time soon or move up the calendar a bit for gathering usage reports from many vendors. As noted by the Standards Committee’s COUNTER Representative, Melissa Belvadi, in a recent NASIG listserv email, although some vendors and publishers will have an overlap phase for COUNTER R4 and R5, others will have already stopped providing COUNTER R4 reports by April 2019, rather than previously anticipated May 2019 ending. The clock will also be ticking on legacy information for older months. The email highlighted a variety of scenarios happening with different vendors, so members will want to pay particular attention to vendors’ COUNTER-related messages.

Belvadi also shared a link to her COUNTER 5/SUSHI 5 vendor supporting information list (for over 20 vendors as of mid-April) and encourages continuing additions to the document.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JhSbFOBcIC67H9ybz47gh4h8u3o3uGX4NF492yDPM9Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JhSbFOBcIC67H9ybz47gh4h8u3o3uGX4NF492yDPM9Q/edit?usp=sharing)

In other Standards news, NISO has merged with NFAIS (National Federation of Advanced Information Services) earlier in the year. The NASIG Standards Committee continues its voting member status with the new organization, and recently had a committee first in contributing the names of two NASIG members to the nominee pool for a new NISO working group.
2020 & 2021 NASIG Conference Locations

The NASIG Site Selection Committee is very excited and pleased to announce the conference locations and dates for 2020 and 2021!

The committee determined early on that we wanted to look to the Midwest and Western regions for the next two conferences, and we also wanted to keep our option open in doing so. RFPs were sent out to 26 cities with reasonable airport access that were also not in states on the California travel ban list. The committee reviewed the responses from all locations, factored in as many of the site selection criteria as possible, and narrowed down the selection to one city for each region.

After a site visit to both locations, it was clear to the committee that these would be excellent choices for NASIG. Both of the selected hotels were in the heart of their respective cities, with plenty of dining and entertainment options nearby. Both hotels offered competitive room rates in the range NASIG attendees have come to expect. Both hotels had more than adequate meeting space and enough sleeping rooms for our conference size, with some room for anticipated growth.

So, where are they? When are they?

The 2020 conference will be held at The Davenport Grand in Spokane, Washington, on June 8-12, and the 2021 conference will be held at The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor’s Club in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 17-21. If you are interested in serving on the conference planning committees for either location, please indicate that on the volunteer form.

Here’s what Spokane has to say about itself:

Making the most of your time in greater Spokane is hassle-free and it’s easy to enjoy everything our great city has waiting to share with you. Without traffic to slow you down it’s simple to connect to our regional experiences. From the urban core to our family-owned farms, to banks of lakes and rivers, and up into the mountains there is so much to explore. And the best part is Spokane is so convenient that you don’t have to choose.

Culinary adventures await you after your meeting! Within a few minutes walk of The Davenport Grand there are dozens of bold and daring restaurants with inspired chefs waiting to welcome you with a relaxing meal. Sip local wine or cheers a pint of Spokane Style craft beer while you discuss the latest innovations and best practices in your field with co-workers and new colleagues. When you meet in Spokane you don’t have to search to find the post-conference snack you’ve been craving since lunch, and you don’t have to wade through traffic to get there, it’s there right outside the doors.

Searching for something to bring home with you? After your conference, you have time to explore local shops and boutiques and coveted national retailers. No grabbing something at the airport because you didn’t have time to find the shopping district. The shops are minutes from the conference. They’re so close you could even get some retail therapy in during the session lunch break. It’s all located in Spokane’s walkable downtown core – which the convention center district is a part of.

Sometimes you just need to unwind with a brisk post-conference walk, or get your blood pumping with a quick run. Within minutes of your last session of the day you can change into your gear and hit the trail while you take in breath taking views of the majestic Spokane River gorge. Scenic views and a 100-acre park are adjacent to the convention center district. Rent a stand-up paddle board and explore the river, or plan an after-session group rafting trip with your colleagues, the river is not only right outside your
door, but you can take those adventures without leaving downtown Spokane.

When you meet in Spokane you get your time back. You can take that run, explore the shops and grab a great meal prepared by an award-winning chef all in one evening. When you meet in Spokane there’s a whole new session waiting for you when the conference lights dim, only in this session you explore the gracious city that’s welcomed you in.

And Madison’s not too shy about its features, either:

One of Madison's many claims to fame is that it plays host to the nation's largest producers-only farmers’ market. Farm-to-table fare continues to be a top trend nationwide, and you'll often see our local chefs shopping the market for seasonal and sustainable offerings that are prepared and served that same day at our restaurants, from fine dining destinations to corner food carts.

Greater Madison is microbrew country, and there are ample opportunities to sample it all, from award-winning ales to savory seasonals. But our craft culture doesn't stop with beers. You may not think of ours as a grape-growing region, but we are home to two award-winning wineries as well as distilleries where spirits and liqueurs are handcrafted in small batches using Wisconsin-grown ingredients. Many of our breweries, wineries and spirits purveyors offer tasting rooms and tours, in addition to making their products available in fine restaurants and stores around the country and online.

The greater Madison area is a mecca for recreational opportunities because we offer four seasons of fun! Whether you enjoy winter sports such as skiing or skating, love to be on the lakes (or in them!) for everything from sailing to swimming, you can explore the outdoors year-round in Madison. Fun fact: we boast about having more bikes than cars, and with more than 120 miles of scenic biking and hiking trails to explore, it’s no wonder we were ranked #4 in Best Cycling Towns by USA Today Travel.

Madison is home to several colleges and universities, but is perhaps best known for UW-Madison, a world-class, public research university that has been recognized for everything from research and rankings to Game Day experiences. Our destination's focus on higher education makes Madison a progressive center of activity, at UW-Madison and Madison College downtown, as well as at Edgewood College in Madison's Monroe Street neighborhood.

Famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright spent his childhood years in nearby Spring Green and returned to live in the area when he was at the height of his international fame. Greater Madison makes the most of its architectural heritage by offering many opportunities to discover Mr. Wright at special sites, from the Monona Terrace® Community and Convention Center to Taliesin, Frank Lloyd Wright’s famous home, studio, theater, farm and burial site.

The 2018-19 Site Selection Committee hope you put these dates on your calendar today and plan to attend the 2020 and 2021 NASIG conferences!

Anna Creech
Angela Dresselhaus
Kristen Wilson

New Proceedings Editor Appointed
Kirsten Wilson, Vice President/President-Elect

I am pleased to announce that Sara Bahnmaier will be joining the NASIG Proceedings Editors this summer and that Paul Moeller will continue for another term as the production editor. The current membership of the team follows.

Sara Bahnmaier, Editor (University of Michigan) 19/21
Cecilia Genereux, Production Assistant (University of Minnesota Twin Cities) 18/20
Courtney McAllister, Editor (Yale Law) 18/20
Paul Moeller, Production Editor (University of Colorado Boulder)
Executive Board Minutes

NASIG Winter Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

Executive Board:
Angela Dresselhaus, President
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Lori Duggan, Ex Officio

Guests:
Maria Collins, PPC Chair
Wendy Robertson, PPC Vice-Chair
Anna Creech, Conference Coordinator
Denise Novak, CPC Co-Chair
Pat Roncevich, CPC Co-Chair

Welcome (Dresselhaus)

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am Eastern.

CPC/PPC Report (Collins, Creech, Novak, Robertson, Roncevich)

Charlene Foggie-Barnett is the proposed opening night local speaker for the conference. She is the Teenie Harris Archive Specialist at the Carnegie Museum of Art. She does a lot of speaking about the Teenie Harris collection and its relationship to the city and the city’s history. She is happy to tailor her talk to those aspects of the archive and the city that we are most interested in including how the archive tries to document Pittsburgh’s African American community to tell their story both at the archive but also by supporting other artistic endeavors that use the archive. She will have photographs in her presentation, but she is also willing to bring exhibition prints, including those that detail the techniques that Teenie Harris developed to photograph people with dark-skin because the standard photographic developing techniques at the time were insufficient. She said that she wouldn’t charge us because it is a part of her outreach work for the archive but we can give her an honorarium. The board asked for an outline of her talk two weeks prior to the conference. CPC chairs, Pat Roncevich and Denise Novak, are also going to visit the archive to see a rough draft of the presentation and help tailor it to the NASIG audience’s interests. CPC asked when they can begin publicizing the opening speaker and the board told them they can begin sending messages through Eugenia Beh for the blog and then they can be sent out via social media and email blasts.

PPC noted that there were a few proposals that were similar enough that they thought the presenters could combine their sessions. Once PPC has heard back from the presenters to see who would like to combine, they will share with the board the final list of presentations for review and to look for a balance of topics and speakers. There were also enough proposals that could fit into the snapshot sessions that PPC does not believe they will need to do a second call for snapshot sessions. They will do a call for poster sessions and the student showcase. The student showcase proposals will be handed off to Student Outreach for selection. So far there are two proposed preconferences: Sarah Sutton, Text-mining 101; Stephanie Huss, Licensing 101. Stephanie is also interested in looking for a co-presenter so if the board has anyone in mind, let PPC know. PPC is hoping to add two or three more preconferences for a total of four or five. PPC asked for clarification on how many presenters in a concurrent session are eligible for the $100 registration discount.
The board clarified that the policy states that under normal circumstances, a maximum of three (3) speakers per session will receive this discount. PPC invited the board to look at the accepted proposals and make suggestions for threads or topic areas that can be highlighted in Sched as well as any potential biases against vendor or product-oriented sessions that we might want to correct for. CPC mentioned that the hotel provides a service called Omnilink that might be used in conjunction with Sched if it provides additional assistance in helping attendees find where programs are located. PPC said that once the program is set in Sched they can export the content and share it with the Omnilink system.

**NASIG Strategic Plan (Dresselhaus)**

The board reviewed the 2017-2021 strategic plan.

**Strategic direction #1: NASIG will revitalize its marketing approach to reflect its new mission and vision.**
The board will review the elevator pitch document along with the marketing plan from Non-Profit Help in advance of the February meeting to see what actions we can take to move forward with both of these efforts. The social media presence is increasing with our Twitter followers over 1,000. Eugenia Beh will take a look at the plan and see what information might need to be included as we prepare for the call for a new marketing and social media coordinator. The volunteer form also includes an area where volunteers can specify if they are interested in helping with marketing and social media.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will distribute the marketing plan and elevator pitch documents to the board and put this discussion on the agenda for the February meeting.

The board discussed how we might measure some of the critical success indicators specified in the strategic plan. Suggestions included asking the Evaluation & Assessment committee to perform some assessment of these indicators as well as asking the incoming VP to head up the assessment efforts because it would help them to become familiar with the strategic direction of the organization.

**Strategic direction #2: NASIG will expand student outreach and mentoring.**

The student mentoring program is in its second year although we have not extended this to professionals. We have also begun offering students the opportunity to serve on committees and the new volunteer form includes a checkbox to specify if you are a student. Student Outreach asked if a student might be able to serve on the board as well. The board discussed this possibility and while it could be very impactful for the student it might be expensive, difficult to elect/appoint, and difficult to schedule. Student Outreach has updated the list of ambassadors and encouraged face-to-face meetings with students, but we do not have any numbers on how many have actually happened. The board agreed that we have made good progress on this direction, but that more could be done with onsite visits from NASIG members near library schools as well as partnering with ALA student chapters to provide programming.

**Strategic direction #3: NASIG will find the optimum balance between paid staff and volunteer work**

Tom Osina from Non-Profit Help provides services for audio visual contracts for conferences and arrangements for award winners. The board discussed reviewing this arrangement to determine if this is the best use of our paid staff or if there might be other areas of our work that would be better suited to a paid staff position. This may be especially true if we rotate between conference sites and begin to use the same hotels’ in-house AV and streaming services year after year.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will find our current contract with Non-Profit Help and add to the March meeting meeting agenda a review of this contract and the services we have received.
Continuing Education is specifically mentioned in the strategic plan as being a place where paid staff may be needed. The board discussed if this is still an area where paid staff might be put to good use. Other areas suggested for potential paid staff were web maintenance and design and marketing and social media.

The board discussed the creation of committee toolkits to improve the training and support of committee members as a project for next year. The board also discussed the prospect of Evaluation & Assessment putting together a rotating calendar for evaluating each committee every five years. The board discussed if this was something best done by Evaluation & Assessment or if it happens more organically within the committees themselves and leads to more tweaks in committee charges rather than major revisions of committee duties and practices. Potentially, Evaluation and Assessment could lead the committees in the process of self-evaluating as well as providing an outside perspective and collecting data from current and past committee members on potential improvements. It could also help to ensure that chairs are able to delegate work and don’t end up doing all the work themselves. Since there are inter-dependencies between some committees, we will need to schedule any reviews of these committees together in the evaluation rotation. Board liaisons could also help with this work by doing exit interviews with outgoing chairs.

Strategic direction #4: NASIG will be involved in creating new content to add to the body of scholarly work.

The board discussed that future conference dates will be during the work week making the conference presentations more attractive for streaming/virtual attendance. There was not much programming on publishing or management in the programs for this year, but, potentially these topics could be picked up in preconferences. Maria Hatfield will send PPC her contact at the Center for Creative Leadership as a possible future presenter. If we are looking for programming on the topics outlined in the strategic plan we are going to need to be more specific in our calls for proposals or target specific speakers on these topics directly. The board will contact PPC to talk about setting aside a 30-minute slot at the end of the second day for hot topics that may be breaking as the conference begins. The session would not require much other than a flip chart for people to sign up at on the first and second day, although no one signing up is a risk. The continuing board will want to discuss with next year’s PPC, CPC, and CEC how this strategic direction might take shape for next year, including whether or not there are any opportunities for regional events like the continuing education workshops that used to be offered at Mississippi State University or in conjunction with other regional conferences like the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSI) or NC Serials.

Strategic direction #5: NASIG will work to enhance benefits to all members, with a particular emphasis on members from the commercial sector.

The board discussed how NASIG needs to improve its relationship with the vendor community and how a task force of vendor and library members could gain insight into the vendor perspective. A call for a task force would also signal that the organization wants to serve vendors better and that we need their help to figure out how. The task force could include the fundraising coordinator and would run for a limited time with the end result being recommendations on what NASIG can do to increase vendor participation in the organization.

ACTION ITEM: Angela Dresselhaus will start a document to come up with a charge based on this strategic direction. Maria Hatfield has volunteered to chair the task force.

ACTION ITEM: Kristen Wilson will also use her existing call for volunteers to find people who might be a good fit for the task force. There will also be a follow-up volunteer call in March that can include a targeted call to vendors.

ACTION ITEM: Beth Ashmore will put assessment and record keeping of the strategic plan on March board
Treasurer’s Report (Ireland)

NASIG has $22,000 in checking, $30,000 in savings and $275,000 in investments. Before the conference we will have to move funds out of investments, but it can wait until we get our credit application back from the hotel so we do not take too much out of investments and risk losing any more money than we have to. Treasurer, Jessica Ireland is currently working on the credit application, but she also needs CPC’s budget. Steve Shadle will get the revised budget sent to the board list. In addition to the credit application with the hotel, we are also working on getting a tax exemption with the state of Pennsylvania which could help us keep from paying sales and occupancy tax. Getting the tax exemption requires a lot of paperwork. Registration is being prepared with the new conference rates and will open before the programs are set. The hotel registration link will also need to be ready before registration can open because it will need to go out with registration confirmation emails. The board discussed when to set the early bird registration deadline and agreed that April 30, 2019 would be the last day of early bird registration. The hope is that we would have the majority of attendees registered one month before the conference which would allow us to have accurate headcounts in the weeks before the conference.

Secretary’s Report (Ashmore)

Beth Ashmore reminded board member’s to vote in the doodle poll to approve the meeting minutes from the December 20th board conference call and to provide feedback on the NASIG profile for Library and Book Trade Annual 2019. The board then updated ongoing action items.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm Eastern.

Minutes submitted by:
Beth Ashmore
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board
the logos of award sponsors should be added to the awards page as well.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will ask the communications committee to put the company logos on the awards they sponsor.

### Committee reports

- **Awards & Recognition:** Ted Westervelt reported that the funding arrangements for the Merriman winner were initially unclear, but the committee has determined that the winner makes their arrangements and gets reimbursed by NASIG. The committee is also unsure who should be contacting Melanie at LPC to let them know that we still want to work together but that we are unable to contribute to the cross-pollinator scholarship this year. The board said that since committee chair Jennifer Leffler has already been in contact with LPC about this partnership, she can let them know that we are unable to move forward with it this year.

- **Communications:** Steve Oberg reported that Communications is busy with requests, including the request to add the Code of Conduct to the Quick Links on the home page. The committee debated how many quick links there should be and are looking at some ways to condense those links. Rachel Miles needed to step aside as co-chair temporarily and Matt Jabaily vice co-chair has stepped in to be the interim co-chair for the web position.

- **Continuing Education:** Lisa Martincik reported that the committee has broken up into groups working on revising the core competencies and the Wikipedia update. Unfortunately, we lost the recordings of two webinars due to a lapse in our WebEx subscription. The committee is implementing more robust retention policies and looking at possibly moving to a service that provides a greater retention period. The committee also asked if there were any incentives we could offer to get the presenters to present again. The board suggested potentially offering Amazon gift cards for speakers to re-present their content. Lisa Martincik will take this idea back to CEC and if they are interested Jessica Ireland can facilitate the gift cards. Beth Ashmore will also work with Lisa Martincik and the committee to investigate if Zoom’s webinars feature could replace WebEx. The committee is also securing future speakers for webinars, including a standards-based program in conjunction with the Standards Committee on COUNTER.

- **Digital Preservation Task Force:** Ted Westervelt reported that the task force is working on a full report of their survey results and they have proposed a presentation for the conference in Pittsburgh.

- **Marketing and Social Media:** Eugenia Beh reported that she is in the process of doing posts about the upcoming conference and working on the position description for her position.

**ACTION ITEM:** Steve Oberg will look for any documentation that was created when Eugenia Beh came onboard as Marketing and Social Media Coordinator.

- **Evaluation & Assessment:** Karen Davidson reported that Esta Tovstiani is the new chair for 2019. She is verifying committee membership and choosing a vice chair and web liaison. The committee is looking for feedback from the board, CPC, PPC, for additional questions or changes to the conference survey. They also hope to do their own review in the spring and look for any other assessment projects NASIG might need. The committee will meet in the next month.

- **Membership Services:** Jessica Ireland reported that the committee is working on bring a friend campaign for the 2019 conference. The committee asked about the all-timers being listed as lifetime
members, but they are getting complimentary memberships and requested that we either need a new category or call them complimentary. The board asked the committee to clarify why calling them lifetime members is a problem as NASIG essentially paid the $1,000 for them that would normally be required to be a lifetime member. The total members is 556, but this could be due to members not having renewed for 2019 yet or members waiting for the conference to renew. The board discussed if the organizational membership had gone up and if it was more libraries or vendors with multiple memberships.

• Mentoring – Marsha Seamans reported that the group is gearing up for planning the first-timers reception and are getting ready to have their first online meeting.

• Student Outreach: Marsha Seamans reported that committee chair Danielle Williams is following up with how many onsite visits ambassadors have done. The committee is sending out monthly questions with NASIG mentees and mentors. The committee also recommended that a student be added as a non-voting member to the board to give students more of a voice and a chance to vote on their representative to the board. Student membership on committees is already happening and they are voting members on those committees. It could be difficult to get students elected to the board and the costs associated with having another board member as well as the difficulty in scheduling around a student’s schedule. The board discussed how students would be identified and vetted to participate on the board and whether an ex-officio role might be suitable since those positions can be appointed rather than elected.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will create an action item for the board to revisit this idea in the future.

• Newsletter: Lori Duggan reported that the December issue has been published. Preparations are underway for the March issue. Downloads and readership are slightly up from last year. The conference editor position is vacant so a call for a new conference editor is being prepared. Lori Duggan will work with Paul Moeller and Kristen Wilson to make sure there is no confusion between this position and the conference proceedings editors positions.

• Nominations & Elections: Steve Shadle reported that the committee reopened the call for Vice President. Committee chair, Stephanie Adams reported that they have had 8 submissions that they need to follow-up on but were pleased with the nominations they have received. The revised calendar has those applications due at the end of the month. The committee asked the board if they can revise the experience requirement to be recommendation rather than a requirement as it is written as such in some of the committee material. The board agreed that this is appropriate, particularly if a candidate has leadership experiences in other organizations. The committee also asked if the NASIG reference requirements could be revised to include one non-NASIG reference. The board agreed that this might be appropriate for member at large positions, but VP, Secretary and Treasurer nominees still need to have two NASIG references. The committee would like to include a diversity statement in email blasts and calls for nominations. The board agreed that this would be appropriate and asked the committee to consult with the diversity committee on language which the board could review.

• Proceedings: Kristen Wilson reported that the committee is making good progress on reviewing the manuscripts. She also asked the status of discussions with the 2018 speaker who did not want to sign license to publish and Angela Dresselhaus said that the talks were ongoing.

• Standards: Maria Hatfield reported that the committee had questions about needing to review
their charge again in February even though they have just completed that process. The board agreed that they do not need to go through that process again and they can submit their revised charge.

- Web-Based Infrastructure Implementation Task Force: Lisa Martincik reported that the committee wanted to know how the board would like to pay for the new Wild Apricot platform. The board suggested we commit to two years and see what kind of discount we can get since we would not be able to migrate again in that time frame even if we wanted to. Task force chair Paoshan Yue will contact Jessica Ireland to set that up. The committee also wanted to know which other committees they should be working with on the migration. The board suggested for event management the committee will need to work with the registrar and CEC, but they will likely need to work with all of the committees eventually. The committee also asked if there would be help from a library school intern on the migration. Unfortunately, the prospective intern is no longer available. If the committee needs more help, they can let Kristen Wilson know and she can identify more volunteers.

Parking Lot issues

Conference Rate for CPC & other staff rates

The compensation documentation says that CPC members receive a waiver for half the full conference registration, but, in the past we have usually done a flat $200 discount. It is only a $17 difference, but it seems like we should do what is listed on the website. The board agreed to charge CPC members $217 for a full conference registration. Kristen Wilson pointed out that the NASIG Compensation and Reimbursement Policy Annual Conference and Continuing Education Events still has the old reimbursement information for concurrent session speakers and should be changed to a $100 discount for session speakers. Angela Dresselhaus notified the Communications Committee and they updated the site. The board also agreed that the Registrar and Registrar-in-Training need to be added to the list of free registration which already includes award winners, vision speakers, UKSG Chair, CPC co-chairs and PPC co-chairs. The board also agreed that we need to be sure that PPC members know the compensation rates for pre-conference speakers.

NASIG Website Update

Angela Dresselhaus asked the board to look at old items on the center section of the NASIG website to determine which could be removed to make room for newer information in advance of conference registration. The NASIG statement on current events, and the announcements for the new student mentoring program and the NASIG statement on inclusion can come down. The board agreed that the marketing and social media coordinator and the communication committee should collaborate on maintaining this area with the most up-to-date information. The board also discussed updating the language about the link to the Jobs blog and the other news section. IFLA has been added to our list of partners, but we may need to look at how we list our partners as this list continues to grow. Angela Dresselhaus also encouraged liaisons to remind their committees to contact the Communication Committee when they have new information to be publicized on the site to help the committee stay on top of what is current.

LPC Cross-Pollinator Scholarship

Ted Westervelt reported that LPC needs more direction on what kind of relationship we want to have with them and what we can commit to. The board discussed that at the moment there is nothing we can do with this partnership, but perhaps we can create a template for what we want to achieve when we develop strategic partnerships with other organizations so we don’t lose sight of why we created a partnership with an organization in the first place. This might also help us to focus on how to assess the relationships that we have and manage the relationships going forward.

Committee Chair Toolkit

Maria Hatfield asked if there was any training or documentation that we provide to committee members
about expectations for conduct and contribution. The board discussed that this is generally left to the individual committee chairs to establish, but something more formal could be added to the training for chairs to assist them in setting guidelines and informing committee members that the code of conduct applies to committee work. Committee chairs are generally responsible for working with committee members who may be acting disruptively or not meeting expectations. However, there could be more support for committee chairs on how to manage problems and what steps they can take if they ultimately have to have a person removed from a committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm Eastern.

Minutes submitted by:
Beth Ashmore
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board

NASIG Board Conference Call
February 12, 2019

Executive Board:
Angela Dresselhaus, President
Steve Oberg, Past-President
Kristen Wilson, Vice President/President-Elect
Beth Ashmore, Secretary
Jessica Ireland, Treasurer

Members at Large:
Karen Davidson
Maria Hatfield
Lisa Martincik
Marsha Seamans
Steve Shadle
Ted Westervelt

Eugenia Beh, Ex Officio

Regrets:
Lori Duggan, Ex Officio

Welcome (Dresselhaus)

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm Eastern.

Marketing Update (Beh)

Eugenia Beh is catching up on conference and general NASIG marketing. The awards & recognition committee needed to extend their deadline because they had not received enough applications. The announcement was sent and the deadline is tomorrow. A&R has already reported that they have received more applications.

Secretary’s Report & Action Item Update (Ashmore)

The vote to upgrade the NASIG blog WordPress account to no ads closes today. The April board conference call needs to be rescheduled. Beth Ashmore will send a doodle poll to the board listserv to set an April conference call date.

Treasurer’s Report & Conference Registration Update (Ireland)

Jessica Ireland received the $16,000 check from Taylor & Francis for the NASIG proceedings. Membership services has sent a proposal for a Bring-a-Friend program for NASIG 2019. Invoices are being sent to conference sponsors.

NASIG Strategic Plan - Review marketing plan and elevator pitch (All)

The web infrastructure implementation task force asked the board about whether or not the Wild Apricot click-through license terms are acceptable. The board agreed that the terms are standard for software licensing.

VOTE: Steve Oberg moved to accept the terms and sign up for a two-year subscription to Wild Apricot at a cost of $3,264. Steve Shadle seconded. Motion passed with 11 votes in favor.

Lisa Martincik will let the task force know that they can move ahead and Jessica Ireland will assist them in paying Wild Apricot.
The board discussed rewriting the current draft of the elevator pitch into bullet points and making it fit closer to the elevator pitch model outlined in the marketing plan. The board also discussed the inclusion of libraries in the elevator pitch instead of or in addition to the term “information resources” which can seem vague depending on the audience. Steve Oberg provided some history on the deliberate and careful input that led to use of the words “information resource” which came from a task force to develop our current mission and vision statements that he led 3-4 years ago. The board discussed that the elevator pitch does not have to stick to the mission and vision wording exactly but it is worth keeping in mind as we revise the pitch. Angela Dresselhaus asked the board to look over the draft again and make edits.

Committee Updates (All)

- Program Planning: Kristen Wilson reported that the committee is looking for guidance on filling the third vision speaker session. Kristen will send an email to board with the ideas that the committee has been discussing. The board discussed the possibility of giving this slot to the Diversity and Equity committee’s town hall which is in need of a slot. The board agreed that this sounded like a promising idea to provide this session with a no-conflict time slot. Kristen Wilson will put Maria Collins, PPC chair, and Del Williams, Diversity and Equity chair, in touch with each other to discuss how the town hall could be fleshed out for this session.

- Communications: Angela Dresselhaus thanked the communications committee for getting the donations and membership forms updated to include the OA donation options.

Maria Hatfield asked if liaison meetings will start up again in February. Angela Dresselhaus said yes at first by request and for particular committees that have upcoming work.

Adjourn (Dresselhaus)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm Central.

Minutes submitted by:
Beth Ashmore
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board

NASIG Board Conference Call
March 12, 2019

Executive Board:
Angela Dresselhaus, President
Steve Oberg, Past-President
Beth Ashmore, Secretary
Jessica Ireland, Treasurer

Members at Large:
Karen Davidson
Maria Hatfield
Marsha Seamans
Ted Westervelt
Eugenia Beh, Ex Officio
Lori Duggan, Ex Officio

Regrets:
Kristen Wilson, Vice President/President-Elect
Lisa Martincik, Member-at-Large
Steve Shadle, Member-at-Large

Welcome (Dresselhaus)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm Eastern.

Treasurer’s Report & Conference Registration Update (Ireland)

Jessica Ireland reported that the direct bill application was submitted to the Omni William Penn Hotel. We got a credit limit of $86,000 and paid a $50,000 deposit. She has also submitted the tax exempt request with the state of Pennsylvania and we are waiting to hear back from them. Steve Oberg will send Jessica Ireland the
information she needs to pay for the upgraded WordPress account.

**Marketing Update (Beh)**

Eugenia Beh reported that messages regarding petition candidates for the election and an extension for the call for proceedings editors have gone out today. At ER&L, Eugenia Beh and Lisa Martinick talked with some vendors about sponsoring NASIG this year or next year, particularly SAGE as they were presenting on topics of diversity and representation at ER&L. Eugenia Beh will pass the SAGE contact information onto the fundraising coordinator to follow-up on these contacts for conference attendance of SAGE representatives if not conference sponsorship this year and hopefully conference sponsorship next year. The conference program schedule link has been sent out via email blast, listservs, blog posts, and social media. The link to the conference schedule had been briefly taken down but the communications committee has fixed the problem.

**Secretary’s Report & Action Item Update (Ashmore)**

Beth Ashmore reported that a draft document regarding NASIG’s relationships to other organizations and draft procedures for code of conduct incidents reporting were sent to the board for their review and feedback via the listserv. Kristen Wilson provided an update via email prior to the meeting regarding moving SERIALST from LSoft to Simplelists. Kristen Wilson, Beth Ashmore and Communications Committee member Rebecca Tatterson finished our Simplelists trial and it can replicate all the functions of our current software. The one challenge is getting the existing archives migrated. It can be done, but it requires using some PERL scripts to transform data. Beth Ashmore and Kristen Wilson are working to see if we can find someone with the skills to do that. Once we've confirmed that piece, we should be ready to move forward with a recommendation. Beth Ashmore asked the board if it would be possible to use a searchable Google Docs folder of text files as an archive for the list while we work out the archive migration issues with Simplelists.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will call for a motion to move forward with Simplelists proposal via the Board list.

**Fundraising for OA Proceedings (All)**

Angela Dresselhaus reviewed the revisions made to the charge for open initiatives committee.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will call for motions to approve the updated charge via the Board list.

The Bylaws committee reviewed the new membership categories of International Open Access Individual Supporter and Organizational Open Access Supporter and there are no bylaws changes that would be necessary to create these new membership categories. The board discussed who the intended audiences are for these memberships. The International Open Access Individual Supporter is targeted towards international individuals who might want to take advantage of some of the membership benefits of NASIG but are unlikely to come to a conference and be a full member. The Organizational Open Access Supporter is a more complicated concept since we already have the organizational membership option. Angela Dresselhaus suggested that we may want to hold off on moving forward with this category until we meet for the in-person board meeting in June. The Board discussed whether or not it would make sense to tie the membership levels to the tiered sponsorship levels. It might be good to have these be different systems (tiered by number vs. tiered by color) to differentiate from the conference sponsorship. The board also discussed what the membership benefits are for the Organizational Open Access Supporter and whether or not this option would cause us to phase out the current organizational membership. Ted Westervelt asked if this is something we should let the new Open Initiatives Committee look at as part of their initial charge. The Board agreed that this would certainly fall within that committee’s initial charge, but that there may also be benefits to rolling this membership out sooner because there has been some interest from UKSG and possibly other organizations in wanting to support our OA.
efforts this way. In the past we have struggled with determining what organizations take away from these memberships so it may be more successful if we take more time to plan the benefits of this membership to organizations. The Board suggested some revisions to the terminology used to describe the membership, including not using the word donation which would make it difficult for some state institutions that are not allowed to make donations with state funds.

The website donation form, membership renewal form, and Amazon Smile setup have all been created to support open access fundraising. The board discussed doing more marketing for these fundraising efforts including setting up a Facebook fundraising campaign which would require creating a NASIG Facebook page in addition to or instead of the current NASIG Facebook group. The board also discussed looking into other crowdfunding platforms including GoFundMe.

**ACTION ITEM:** Eugenia Beh will work on creating a Facebook page for NASIG in preparation for any NASIG Facebook fundraising.

**Committee Updates (All)**

- **Awards & Recognition:** Ted Westervelt reported that the committee is prepared to give out 15 awards, but the documentation on award winner compensation was not entirely consistent so NASIG may have to pay for some hotel rooms if we need more than what we are comped by the Omni William Penn Hotel. The committee will make sure the necessary changes are made so this is not a problem next year. Ted Westervelt will let committee chair Jennifer Leffler know how we plan to handle the hotel room situation.

- **Bylaws:** Maria Hatfield reported that Vice-Chair Laurie Kaplan will not be attending NASIG this year so if there is a vote at the member’s forum we will need to make arrangements for other committee members to manage the process.

- **Communications:** Steve Oberg reported that Paoshan Yue from the web-based infrastructure implementation task force contacted the communications committee because they are ready to move forward with the Wild Apricot implementation and they wanted to invite the communications committee chairs to lead some of the implementation teams.

- **Conference Planning:** Angela Dresselhaus shared that the committee is working on a budget spreadsheet that shows all income and expenses for the conference in one spot.

- **Digital Preservation Task Force:** Ted Westervelt reported that the task force has had conversations with other organizations and their final report may address strategic partnerships that NASIG should pursue. The task force is also presenting at NASIG and would like to use examples of library data from keeper’s registry. Ted Westervelt will send the board listserv an email about potentially sharing library data from keeper’s registry with the task force for them to use as part of their presentation.

- **Diversity:** Eugenia Beh reported that the committee is working with program planning to plan the vision session town hall.

- **Evaluations & Assessment:** Karen Davidson asked the board if a vice-chair is added to the committee now, would they become chair for calendar year 2020. The board agreed that they would and Angela Dresselhaus offered to review the committee volunteer spreadsheet with Karen Davidson to identify a vice-chair and verify their term.

- **Membership:** Jessica Ireland reported that the current chair Char Simser had to step down because she is working with the web-based infrastructure implementation task force as well and their work is ramping up. Vice-chair Christine Radcliff has taken over as chair. Angela Dresselhaus asked about the status of the Bring a Friend to NASIG campaign.
Jessica Ireland said she will check with the committee.

- Mentoring and Student Outreach: Marsha Seamans reported that she will be finishing the work on the documentation for merging the two committees next week and sharing the document with Kristen Wilson and then the rest of the board for approval.

- Newsletter: Lori Duggan reported that they received no volunteers for the conference editor position on the newsletter committee. She is going to reach out to some people that may be interested if asked and encouraged the board to send her any potential candidates. The committee is publishing individual articles for the March newsletter and once they are all in, they will begin working on the full issue. The committee is also working on content for the May issue as well.

- Nominations & Elections: Steve Shadle shared via email the excellent slate for the upcoming election.

- Proceedings: Kristen Wilson reported via email that the committee is pretty much done with all of last year’s papers. There was one straggler that was received at the end of February and should be wrapped up soon. The call for a new editor only yielded two applicants, and will be extended to March 22. Communications has sent a reminder.

- Program Planning: Kristen Wilson reported via email that the conference schedule is up on Sched and the NASIG website: https://nasig2019.sched.com/. Chair Maria Collins is continuing to firm up a few remaining sessions, including the diversity town hall and the pre-conferences.

Adjourn (Dresselhaus)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm Eastern.

Minutes submitted by:
Beth Ashmore
Secretary, NASIG Executive Board

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**Committee Annual Report and Updates**

**Awards and Recognition Committee**
Submitted by: Jennifer Leffler

**Members**

Jennifer Leffler, chair (University of Northern Colorado)
Jamie Carlstone, vice-chair (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
Lea Currie (University of Kansas)
Susan Elkins (Sam Houston State University)
Rachel Erb (Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative)
Moon Kim (California State University, Fullerton)
Vanessa Mitchell (Library of Congress)
Trina Nolen (Lamar University)
Barbara Ballew (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Libraries)
Tessa Minchew (North Carolina State University)
Dejah Rubel (Ferris State University)
Joe Hinger, ex officio (St. John’s University)
Tom Osina, ex officio (NonProfit Help)
Ted Westervelt, board liaison (Library of Congress)

**Continuing Activities**

Ordering awards for recipients and committee chairs

**Completed Activities**

- Selected 16 award winners from over 40 applications
- Updated the past award winners section of website

**Recommendations to Board**

Work with Awards & Recognition Committee to update language for award winners to the 2020 annual conference to a specific dollar amount. Currently the
language speaks to flights, hotels and meals, which is difficult to manage financially. This update would allow for more transparency for the awardees. The change would also allow for the committee and board to be more upfront about the total number of awards available for 2020.

Submitted on: April 29, 2019

Bylaws Committee
Submitted by: Derrik Hiatt

Members

C. Derrik Hiatt, chair (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)
Laurie Kaplan, vice-chair (ProQuest)
Kate Seago (University of Kentucky)
Sofia Slutskaya (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Stephen Sweeney (St John Vianney Theological Seminary)
Maria Hatfield, board liaison (WT Cox Information Services)

Continuing Activities

None at this time.

Completed Activities

Submitted updates for the document “Recent NASIG Bylaws Changes (2003 to Present),” linked from the Bylaws Committee website (http://www.nasig.org/site_page.cfm?pk_association_webpage_menu=1346&pk_association_webpage=3877)

Action(s) Required by Board

The Executive Board asked the Bylaws Committee to review a list of proposed initiatives to determine whether/what bylaws changes would be needed for the proposals to move forward. The Bylaws Committee reviewed the proposals and agreed that none of them would be prohibited by nor require changes to the bylaws.

Submitted on: May 1, 2019

Communications Committee
Submitted by: Treasa Bane

Members

Rachel Miles, co-chair [Webspinner] (Virginia Tech)
Treasa Bane, co-chair [Listmanager] (University of Wisconsin-Platteville Baraboo)
Matthew Jabaily, vice co-chair (University of Colorado Colorado Springs)
Alexis Linoski, vice co-chair (Georgia Institute of Technology)
Heidy Berthoud (Smithsonian Libraries)
Melissa Cantrell (University of Colorado Boulder)
Lisa Gonzalez (PALNI)
David Macaulay (University of Wyoming)
Melissa Randall (Clemson University)
Rebecca Tatterson (East Carolina University)
Steve Oberg, board liaison (Wheaton College)

Continuing Activities

• Committee members are rotating regular duties (blog, jobs blog, spam filter and SERIALST monitoring, miscellaneous requests from other NASIG committees and checking new issues of the NASIG newsletter and updating links on the Board Minutes page).
• SERIALST Manager approves posts, collects posts for weekly commercial digest, and assists list members with subscription issues.
• Listmanager handles moderation/approval of NASIG-L messages, adding/deleting members, and other list maintenance.
• The Marketing & Social Media Coordinator consults with and sends announcements from committee chairs or the board as requested to external lists.
• The Marketing & Social Media Coordinator schedules tweets and re-tweets of items of interest, including events (with repeated reminders of deadlines), availability of presentations, proceedings, etc.; advertises the Jobs Blog; and scans the Newsletter for individual items to
highlight; posts items of interest to Facebook and/or LinkedIn.

- Committee members are paying greater attention to content on the front page of the website and to proactively update it throughout the NASIG year in consultation with the Marketing & Social Media Coordinator (Eugenia Beh).
- Committee members are troubleshooting and adjusting AMO permissions for individual members.

**Completed Activities**

**Web**

- Added revised Core Competencies for E-Resource Librarians to the webpage.
- Added Open Access Fund button to website.
- Front page updates before conference registration opening.
- Prepared website for E&A elections as well as updated website to reflect changes to elections process and officer and executive board job descriptions.
- Revised, with input from CPC, the conference logo.
- Evaluated the entire NASIG website for all language regarding compensation and rates. (Strategic Goal #1)
- Setup the webpage for NASIG’s Diversity Committee. Linked to Diversity Committee pages on the Chairs and Liaisons webpages. (Strategic Goal #1)

**Listserv**

- Added new board members to ambassadors list in listserv.
- Decision to move SERIALST and Listservs to SimpleList.
- Set up the listserv and email for NASIG’s Diversity Committee.
- Miscellaneous
- Successfully recruited Matthew Jabaily as next year’s co-chair, webspinner.
- Successfully recruited Alexis Linoski to serve as next year’s co-chair, listmanager.
- Lisa Gonzalez continuing for another term; Heidy Berthoud is not.
- Collaboratively made decision to move website platform to membership management software, Wild Apricot.

**Statistical Information**

**NASIG-L**
As of 5/3/2019, there are 819 subscribed members to NASIG-L and 224 unsubscribed members.

**Blog stats**

January 01, 2019 – May 01, 2019

- NASIG Blog views – 5,478
- Jobs Blog views – 3,518

**Twitter**
As of 5/01/2019, @NASIG has 1,205 followers.

**Facebook**
As of 5/01/2019, NASIG on FB has 421 members.

**SERIALST**
2,290 subscribers (as of 5/01/2019)

Submitted on: May 7, 2019

**Conference Proceedings Editors**
Submitted by: Paul Moeller

**Members**

Paul Moeller, production editor (University of Colorado Boulder)
Cecilia Genereux, production assistant (University of Minnesota)
Cindy Shirkey, editor (East Carolina University)
Courtney McAllister, editor (Yale University Law School)
Kristen Wilson, board liaison (Index Data)
Continuing Activities

2019 Proceedings:
• Recorder recruitment
• Setting up Google Drive, Dropbox, and Trello for Proceedings
• Training of new editor
• Updating FAQs
• Updating Proceedings Editors Manual

Completed Activities

2019 Proceedings:
• Filled open position on Proceedings Committee
• Updated speaker/recorder guidelines
• Reviewed PPC MOU agreement

2018 Proceedings:
• Recruited recorders and provided an orientation at the Speaker’s Breakfast
• Updated the template for recorders and presenters
• Updated Proceedings Editors Manual
• Used Dropbox as a collaborative editing tool
• Set up Trello to manage editor workflows
• Set up production deadlines with T&F
• Papers were received, editors assigned, editing completed
• Worked with authors to improve quality of papers
• Compiled/Wrote front and Back Matter
• All materials uploaded into CATS or otherwise provided to T&F

Budget

None

Submitted on: April 29, 2019

Continuing Education Committee
Submitted by: Lori Terrill and Julia Proctor

Members

Lori Terrill, Co-Chair, Committee Coordinator (Black Hills State University)
Julia Proctor, Co-Chair, Webinar Coordinator (Pennsylvania State University)
Stephanie Bandel-Koroll (MTSU Center for Popular Music)
Rachel Becker (Madison College)
Melanie Church (Rockhurst University)
Adele Fitzgerald (St. Joseph’s College New York)
Julia Hess (Ball State University)
Jennifer L. Pate (University of North Alabama)
Xiaoyan Song (North Carolina State University)
Shoko Tokoro (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)
Lisa Martincik, board liaison (University of Iowa)

Continuing Activities

• NASIG Webinar: “Assessing for Digital Library Reuse: Findings from the Measuring Reuse Project” is scheduled for May 9, 2019.
• CEC recommended and the Board approved an outsourcing project to correct the closed captioning on webinar recordings posted to YouTube. A company to do the outsourcing has been recommended to the Board.
• A lapse in the WebEx subscription resulted in the loss of two webinar recordings: “CORAL: One System, Three Perspectives” with Carla Clark, Xiaoyan Song, and Heather Wilson and “Making Complicated Processes Simple: A Look at How MarcEdit 7 is Expanding the User Tool Kit” with Terry Reese. The CORAL webinar will being re-recorded in June and will be posted to YouTube as soon as each in complete. The MarcEdit 7 webinar already has out of date information, so CEC will look into a new webinar on the topic in the fall.
• Reviewing Wikipedia article on NASIG is in progress and we anticipate finishing in May. Updates are needed related to the various core competencies documents.
Completed Activities

- Reviewed and updated Core Competencies for E-Resources Librarians. The new version has been posted to the website.
- Reviewed and determined no updates were needed for Core Competencies for Print Serials Management.
- NASIG Webinar: “Bringing Social Justice Behind the Scenes: Transforming the Work of Technical Services” was held on April 18, 2019 (rescheduled from March).

Submitted on: May 1, 2019

**Membership Services Committee**
Submitted by: Christine Radcliff

Members

Char Simser, co-chair (Kansas State University)
Christine Radcliff, co-chair (Texas A&M University-Kingsville)
Kathryn Wesley (Clemson University)
Heather Barrett (Southern Methodist University)
Nancy Bennett (Carroll University)
Rebecca Culbertson (University of California, San Diego)
Megan Ozeran (Yuba Community College)
Alice Rhoades (Rice University)
Mandi Smith (University of Arkansas)
Bethany Nash (Georgia Gwinnette College)
Jessica Ireland, board liaison (Radford University)

Continuing Activities

- Respond to member login problems and renewal and invoicing questions. Update member organizational affiliations when requested.
- Run new member, non-renewing, and deactivate reports monthly.
- Send new member reports monthly to Communications Committee and Newsletter. Send edited reports (names and emails only) of new members to NISO contacts.
- Send welcome letters to all new members.
- Send non-renewing members a reminder to renew their membership.
- Deactivate members who have not renewed two months past last expiration, and send those reports to Communications for removal from NASIG-L and to the NISO rep.
- Update lapsed member records to ensure they no longer receive broadcast messages.
- Work closely with the treasurer to ensure proper set up of organizational memberships.
- Revise the MSC Manual as needed.

Completed Activities

Updated lapsed member records to ensure they no longer receive broadcast messages. (The new automated process that unticks the login enabled box to deactivate a member who doesn’t renew, does NOT untick the broadcast email box. That part of the process still must be done manually every month.)

Statistical Information

Member numbers as of May 2, 2019

Total – 601
Regular – 427
Organizational - 17
Lifetime – 8
Library school students – 140
Complimentary – 9

Submitted on: May 2, 2019
**Newsletter**
Submitted by: Lori Duggan

**Members**

Lori Duggan, editor-in-chief (Indiana University)
Maria Aghazarian, advertising editor (Swarthmore College)
Kurt Blythe, columns editor (University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill)
Marsh Seamans, conference editor (University of Kentucky)
Stephanie Rosenblatt, copy editor (Cerritos College)
Jessica LaBrie, copy editor (Wellesley College)
Faye O’Reilly, layout editor (Wichita State)
Christian Burris, profiles editor (Wake Forest University)
Gail Julian, submissions editor (Clemson University)
Beth Ashmore, board liaison (Samford University)

**Continuing Activities**

The May 2019 issue is currently in production.

**Completed Activities**

**Published issues**
- May 2018
- September 2018
- December 2018
- March 2019

**Personnel Updates**
- Rachel Erb stepped down as conference editor after the September 2018 issue.
- Marsha Seamans was appointed as the new conference editor in March 2019.

**Statistical Information**

- 123,769 full-text downloads since the Newsletter was hosted on the bepress platform (May 2010-April 2019)
- 7,660 full-text downloads for the past year (May 2018 – April 2019)
- 2,448 full-text downloads since last report (January – April 2019)

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**Top Downloaded Articles by Issue from the Previous Year**

**Top 6 downloaded articles from the May 2018 issue (as of 4/18/19):**

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Total downloads for May 2018 issue: 668

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**Top 6 downloaded articles from the December 2018 issue (as of 4/18/19):**

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Total downloads for December 2018 issue: 603
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Total downloads for March 2019 issue: 317

Submitted on: April 18, 2019

Nominations & Elections Committee
Submitted by: Stephanie Adams

Members

Stephanie Adams, chair (Tennessee Tech University)
Madeline Kelly, vice-chair (Western Washington University)
Bethany Greene Blankemeyer (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)
Rowena Griem (Yale University)
Smita Joshipura (Arizona State University)
Virginia Martin (Duke University)
Sue Wiegand (Saint Mary’s College)
Steve Shadle, board liaison (University of Washington)

Completed Activities

- Committee members contacted all Vice President/President-Elect nominees (from the reopened call) to determine if they were willing to be screened.
- Received profiles from nominees for Vice President/President-Elect via new Google Form.
- The committee chair created an online form (based on the form developed by the 2018/19 chair) using the NASIG Survey Monkey account for all committee members to submit their evaluations of the candidates being screened for NASIG offices.
- Committee members reviewed candidate materials and submitted their evaluations.
- In a February 13th conference call, the committee reviewed their assessments of candidates and determined which candidates to screen for which offices. They also determined for which candidates they would contact references.
- The committee chair created an online form (based on the form developed by the 2018/19 chair) using the NASIG Survey Monkey account through which references could be submitted.
- Three committee members contacted the candidates’ references requesting that they use the online form to submit a reference.
- The committee chair shared the responses to the reference survey with all committee members via Google Drive.

Continuing Activities

- Committee will review any challenges to the election. Challenges may be filed up to May 2, 2019.
- Committee will begin reviewing and revising the Elections Process Overview document, specifically any references to two years of committee experience being a requirement for slating will be changed to a recommendation.
- Committee will add information regarding social media for the call for nominations, call for petition candidates, and opening the electronic ballot to the Nominations & Elections Committee Manual.
- Committee will begin revising the reference requirements listed in the nominee profile form for future election cycles while adhering to Board responses to the January 2019 Committee Report. The 2019/2020 will submit language for Board approval.
- The 2019/2020 committee will address the 2018/2019 committee’s suggestion to develop an inclusion statement for email blasts for future calls for nominations. The Diversity Committee will be consulted for language suggestions.
• In a February 25 conference call, the committee discussed the responses to the reference survey and determined the final slate.

• Two committee members contacted each of the final candidates to confirm their willingness to appear on the ballot.

• Revised and updated the Petition Candidate Profile Form and conducted the call for petition candidates.

• The 2019 election was conducted according to the revised timetable approved by the Board. Election results were announced to the NASIG membership on April 22, 2019.

Elections Overview

The Call for Nominations was announced to membership on October 15, 2018 with a November 5, 2018 deadline. That call produced the following nominations:

• 6 for Vice President/President-Elect
• 5 for Treasurer
• 16 for three Member-At-Large positions

The reopened Call for Nominations for Vice President/President-Elect was announced to membership on January 8, 2019 with a January 16, 2019 deadline. That Call produced 12 nominations.

Call for petition candidates was announced to membership on March 12, 2019. No petition candidates were submitted by the March 27, 2019 deadline.

The final slate consisted of the following number of candidates:

• 4 for Vice President/President-Elect
• 2 for Treasurer
• 7 for three Member-At-Large positions

Statistical Information

Submitted to Board via Google Form

Questions for Board

In response to questions in the Committee’s January 2019 Report about revising the reference requirements for nominees to Board positions, the Board indicated that nominees for Executive Offices (VP/PE, Secretary, and Treasurer) should continue to have two NASIG-related references and MLA nominees should have one. However, must the relationship of the NASIG-related references be so specific (e.g., if you are a current or past NASIG Committee Chair/Co-Chair, two of the references you provide should be the President(s) who appointed you as Chair/Co-Chair and/or the Board Liaison(s) to the specific committee(s)).? The Committee would be happy to propose revised language for Board approval.

Submitted on: May 1, 2019

Standards Committee

Submitted by: Jennifer Combs

Members

Jennifer Combs, chair (Kansas City Public Library)
Fiona McNabb, vice-chair (Computercraft)
Beverly Geckle (Middle Tennessee State University)
Christina Geuther (Kansas State University)
Emily Ray, NISO representative (University of North Florida)
Mark Hemhauser, (University of California, Berkeley)
Matthew Ragucci, (Wiley)
Melissa Belvadi, COUNTER liaison (University of Prince Edward Island)
Pat Kenney, (Wheaton College)
Peter McCracken, NISO representative 2 (Cornell University)
Tessa Minchew, (North Carolina State University)
Maria Hatfield, board liaison (WT Cox Information Services)

Continuing Activities

The Standards Committee continues to cast the official NASIG vote on the monthly NISO ballots we receive as a
benefit of our membership in NISO (http://www.niso.org/standards/ballots). NASIG is currently a member of the following NISO voting pools.

- ANSI/NISO Z39.78 (Library Binding)
- ANSI/NISO Z39.88 (OpenURL Framework)
- ANSI/NISO Z39.43 (Standard Address Number (SAN) for the Publishing Industry)
- ANSI/NISO Z39.84 (Syntax for the Digital Object Identifier)

The NISO voting workflow during 2018-2019 was managed by Emily Ray, with Peter McCracken as the back-up. During this term the committee agreed on and maintained a new workflow which significantly eased the workload need by the Reps for each ballot. As draft documents or other ballot-relevant information become available, they are posted to a shared Google folder organized by the month the ballot vote is due. NISO liaisons request information or expertise from the rest of the committee as needed, and then may also post items of interest or calls for expertise to the NASIG listserv.

As noted in the previous term, the committee continues to be challenged at times by tight turnaround schedules, ballots involving standards outside the committee’s general area of expertise, or lack of knowledge of the proposing committee’s work on a draft or ballot. However, as stewards of the NASIG membership role in NISO, we maintain an informal “policy” of casting a yes or no vote rather than an abstain vote as much as possible.

This committee’s work contributes to the NASIG mission to “[promote] the development and implementation of best practices and standards for the distribution, acquisition and long-term accessibility of information resources in all formats and business models throughout their lifecycle.”

Completed Activities

From January to May, NISO Reps placed 26 Yes/No/Approve votes, marked Abstain on 11 others, and missed 1 vote. The totals for 2018-2019 term are 62 Votes of Yes/No/Approve, 18 Abstain, meaning the Standards Committee has participated in 90 NISO Voting opportunities. Some additional ballots will expire in June, after the writing of this report.

Early in the term, Committee members edited the Committee Charge document, and discussed, approved, and submitted to the Board. Members also accepted additions to the Project COUNTER portion of the Committee Manual. Additionally, the Committee Chair submitted a listing of short term and long-term goals as requested by the NASIG Board.

As COUNTER liaison, committee member Melissa Belvadi attended the COUNTER’s Annual Meeting in April 2019 and submitted a column “Standards Corner: COUNTER 5 Update” for the September 2018 Newsletter. Melissa has also been an active and enthusiastic voice for COUNTER 5, including sharing her vendor her list of vendors’ current COUNTER 5 /SUSHI statuses with the committee and on the NASIG listserv. Committee Chair also submitted brief COUNTER “reminder” columns “Standards Corner: Are You Ready for COUNTER 5?” and “Standards Corner: COUNTER R5 is Here, and NISO News” in the March and May NASIG Newsletters.

Budget

No money was spent from our $200.00 budget.

Action(s) Required by Board

Late in the term the committee verified that for the 2019-2020 term, Fiona McNabb will move into the role of Chair, and we accepted the nomination of member Matthew Ragucci to fill the Vice Chair/Chair Elect position.
Questions for Board

No updates have been passed down this term about a potential relationship with UKSG. If there is more we should be doing in future terms, please let us know.

Recommendations to the Board

None.

Submitted on: May 9, 2019

Digital Preservation Task Force
Submitted by: Shannon Keller

Members

Shannon Keller, chair (New York Public Library)
James Phillpotts, (Oxford University Press)
Wendy Robertson, (University of Iowa)
Heather Staines, (hypothes.is)
Ted Westervelt, board liaison (Library of Congress)

Continuing Activities

Shannon Keller will present “Demystifying Digital Preservation: Recommendations for Organizations, Libraries, and Information Professionals,” at the 34th Annual NASIG Conference on Thursday, June 6 at 10:45am.

Completed Activities

Please see the accompanying survey report.

The survey was open from September 24 through October 26 and received 244 responses. The survey findings were integral to informing the task force’s final recommendations to the board.

Shannon Keller, Heather Staines, and Bob Boissy, presented “Seasons of Change: Digital Preservation in an Ever-Changing Digital Environment,” at the 2018 Charleston Conference. Shannon introduced the aims of the task force and some preliminary results from the survey. Heather highlighted current best practices in digital preservation and Bob discussed challenges from the publisher perspective. The presentation included plenty of time for discussion and some of the themes discussed were outreach, security, and evolving standards.


The committee developed three guides:
- Digital Preservation 101
- Guide to the Keeper’s Registry
- Questions to ask Publishers about Digital Preservation

The guides are available on the NASIG website under the “Publications” tab and the “NASIGuides” page and are also posted to the Digital Preservation Task Force page on the website.

Recommendations to Board

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019 Shannon Keller recommended to the NASIG Executive Board that the digital preservation task force transition into a standing committee.

Unexpectedly, on April 24, 2019 EDINA announced that Jisc would cease funding and operating the Keepers Registry, and that it would go out of service on July 31, 2019. The task force feels strongly that the Keepers Registry is a valuable service and tool. Specifically, a
commitment to promoting and supporting the Keepers Registry is one of the task force’s recommendations. Most pressing for the committee may be work to explore the facilitation of transfer of the service to another organization.

The task force recommends that the standing committee focus its efforts in these areas:

1. **Education and Outreach**

There are great existing tools that information professionals may take advantage of to better understand the current landscape of digital preservation, preservation coverage of scholarly content, and new initiatives in the field.

The three guides, Digital Preservation 101, Guide to the Keepers Registry, and Questions to ask Publishers about Digital Preservation, will require ongoing development and updates as there are developments in the field.

High costs and institutional priorities were listed as the highest barriers to digital preservation via the survey. In many organizations budgets and priorities are determined through administrators and their evaluation of needs. NASIG should targeting education and outreach efforts to build understanding and influence around the importance of these efforts.

2. **Develop a Template or Model Preservation Policy**

By creating a preservation policy template, the burden of developing a policy would be lifted off of members and their institutions, and provide individuals with a tool in educating administrators about the importance of digital preservation.

3. **Collaborate with existing preservation agencies and other professional organization more closely on these issues**

Explore cross-organizational collaboration with Association of University Presses, IFLA, Library Publishing Coalition, UKSG, and others for efforts to raise awareness of and develop tools for reducing the risk of losing vulnerable digital scholarly content.

Collaborate with preservation agencies such as CLOCKSS or Portico to develop workshops, webinars and tools for educating information professionals about digital preservation.

Submitted on: May 1, 2019
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