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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER / *Tina Feick*

In this issue, you will find some very important items - the proposed draft of our new bylaws (along with a copy of the old bylaws), a nominations form for the spring election, announcement of Tuttle's Tour to Scotland, and an update of our fourth annual conference.

Please take time to go over the bylaws; the Bylaws Committee welcomes your recommendations (and corrections). With the proposed bylaws, our goal has been to provide continuity with a vice president/president-elect; to establish two year terms for the Executive Board members, secretary and treasurer; and to create some safety checks throughout the system.

Volunteers

At our third annual conference in June an informal discussion group was held for catalogers. The high attendance along with the positive feedback from the conference evaluations clearly dictates that NASIG should repeat this session.

Other possible discussion groups were listed in the evaluation: automation (by type of system), pricing, problem solving by type of library, and so on. At the upcoming fourth conference at Scripps College, we plan to offer time for informal discussion groups. The Local Arrangements Committee will arrange meeting space and signs will be posted at the conference.

At this time, we need people to lead the discussion groups. Do you want to meet with people who are installing a certain computer system? Do you have a cataloging problem you want to discuss? If so, please write to me making sure to include your name, address, phone number and topic.

One suggestion from the Cataloging Discussion Group was to have a cataloging authority answer questions, especially about rule interpretations. Does anyone want to do this or know someone who might be interested? Questions could be sent to the person in advance.

We welcome your ideas and participation.

I would like to wish all of you a most joyous holiday season.

Tina Feick, President, NASIG; 324 Main Street; Cold Spring, NY 10516; 1-914-265-2304; 1-800-458-3706 (USA); 1-800-458-3707 (Canada); 1-609-629-2500 (New Jersey).

TREASURER'S REPORT / Susan Davis

Renewal notices for 1989 have been mailed. Please contact Sarah Robinson at 1-800-458-3706 or Tina Feick if you have not received your notice. Renewals have been coming in at a good rate. I have already received over 250 as of November 15th. Our final membership count for 1988 was 723. In 1986 we had 447 members, so we have really experienced tremendous growth. Our membership has increased almost as much as some journal prices!

Financially, we are in excellent shape. Our cash balance on October 31st was \$20,498.45. We are in a position to continue and expand our programs in the coming year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Arrangements Committee : Progress Report on the Fourth Annual Conference /Teresa Malinowski, Chair

California Here We Come!!!

The Local Arrangements Committee for the Fourth Annual Conference is hard at work planning NASIG's first meeting on the West Coast. The conference will be held on June 3-6, 1989, at Scripps College located in Claremont, California. Claremont, one of the most picturesque cities in sunny Southern California, is approximately thirty-five miles east of Los Angeles. Scripps College is one of the five Claremont Colleges, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The campus has a garden-like setting with numerous fountains, courtyards, and patios which will be ideal for informal gatherings, networking and relaxation. Dormitories have comfortable lounges, some with pianos. A large number of single rooms will be available.

Committee members and their assignments are: Mark Braden, Occidental College (Publicity); Maria Capp, University of Southern California (Tours & Transportation), Teresa Malinowski, California State University, Fullerton (Registration); Lisa Stevens, University of California, Riverside (Brochure and Dining). The committee is planning to take full advantage of the California weather and local cuisine. In response to comments on the Atlanta conference, tours will be offered on Tuesday, the final day of the conference. NASIG members interested in assisting, please contact me.

Conference brochures and registration forms will be mailed to members in February.

*Teresa Malinowski, Library - Serials, California State University - Fullerton,
P.O. Box 4150, Fullerton, California 92634 (714-773-3713)*

Publications Committee / Mary Beth Clack

A subcommittee of the Publications Committee has been formed to make recommendations to the Executive Board on producing a NASIG membership directory. The Subcommittee is chaired by Judith Rieke, Medical Center Library, Vanderbilt University. Other members are: David Anderson, Health Sciences Library, University of California at Davis; Jean Callaghan, Wheaton College; and Cindy Hepfer, Health Sciences Library, SUNY-Buffalo. The Subcommittee will investigate publication options, associated costs, and data elements in, and preparation of, the database, and will report to the Executive Board in January 1989.

Job Placement Committee

We are attaching another copy of the directions and job placement form for your use. If you have any questions concerning the placement service, please see the September newsletter or contact: Maria Edelman, 3800 Walker Avenue, Greensboro, N.C. 27403.

By-Laws Committee

A copy of the the proposed By-Laws for NASIG and a copy of the current By-Laws are attached to this newsletter. Please read them carefully and send any suggestions or corrections to the Chairperson of the By-Laws Committee, Sylvia Martin, Head, Serials Dept., Vanderbilt University Library, 419 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37240-0007.

Nominations Committee / Kenneth Kirkland

All candidates in the Sept. 1988 election were re-elected. 264 ballots were cast. 238 were "straight ticket," with a vote for each candidate as listed on the ballot. There were 11 write-in ballots, and the rest were "partials," not voting for all candidates.

The totals were:

President: Tina Feick - 261; Roger Presley 1; Diona G. Farkas 1.

Vice President: Roger Presley 261; John Tagler 1; Marcia Tuttle 1.

Secretary: Mary Beth Clack 259.

Treasurer: Susan Davis 260; Rosanna O'Neil 1.

Executive Board:

Leigh Chatterton	252	Sharon Cline	1
Keith Courtney	254	Susan Davis	1
Rosanna O'Neil	250	Brian Keith	1
Bonnie Postlethwaite	251	Nancy H. Rogers	6
Marcia Tuttle	254	Carrie Russell	1
Ann Vidor	255	Karen Tallman	2
Bobbie Carlton	1	John Traeger	1

*Roger
Bonnie*

Suggestions/comments written on ballots:

- "All are doing a great job."
- "Should have biographies even without contest"
- "Moot point"

A form for the use of members who would like to nominate active members of NASIG for one of the offices for 1989/90 is also attached to this newsletter. Please include the working address and phone number (if you know it) of the persons nominated to help facilitate contacting those nominated. The Nominations Form can be detached from the newsletter, folded and stapled and sent to the address on the form. Please take the time to consider the responsibilities of each of the offices as you make your nominations.

Listed below are members of the Nominating Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them.

Kenneth L. Kirkland (Chair), Serials Librarian, De Paul University, 2323 N. Seminary Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 (312-341-8165)

Mary Case, Northwestern University Library, Serials Dept., Evanston, IL 60201 (312-491-7618)

Beverly Geer-Butler, Serials Librarian, George Washington University, Medical Center, Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, 2300 I Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037 (202-994-3684)

Virginia Reed, Northeastern Illinois University Library, Periodicals Dept., 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60625 (312-583-4050 ext. 4473)

Mary Grace Sell, Sales Representative, The Faxon Company, 39120 Argonaut Way, Suite 347, Fremont, CA 94538 (415-651-3756)

Library Science Student Grant Committee /*Ann Vidor*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NASIG CONFERENCE GRANT AWARDS

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is an independent organization bringing together many segments of the serials information chain to study and explore common interests, problems, and ideas. NASIG is currently seeking candidates for grants to attend the summer 1989 annual conference to be held at Scripps College in Claremont, California (near Riverside), June 3-6. Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in this information chain by students who are interested in some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degrees.

GUIDELINES

Scope of Award: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG (for potential inclusion in an issue of *The NASIG Newsletter*). Expenses for travel, registration, meals and lodging will be paid by NASIG. A one year student membership will also be included.

Eligibility: Students currently enrolled in any ALA accredited library school program and who have expressed an interest in serials and/or technical services work are eligible. Applicants must be full or part-time students in degree program status at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be professionally employed at the time of the conference. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants, following standard affirmative action guidelines.

Application Procedure: Applicants should submit an official application form to: Ann B. Vidor, Serials Cataloging Department, Price Gilbert Memorial Library, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332.

Application deadline: March 1, 1989.

Award notification: Award recipients will be notified by April 15, 1989. A maximum of six grants may be awarded for 1989.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Society for Scholarly Publishing Seminar / Vicki Reich

On October 17-19, 1988, the Society for Scholarly Publishing sponsored a seminar on "The Future of Scholarly Publishing: the Changing Roles of Librarians, Publishers, and Researchers and the Support Community in the Dissemination of Knowledge." Amid the beautiful rolling hills of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 20 publishers, 17 librarians and 13 others including academics, editors, and serials agents worked together to gain a perspective and an understanding of each others' goals and concerns. Ann Strong, President of SSP, welcomed the group and expressed her hopes for synergy and a reduction of sparks amongst the participants.

Joe Hewitt, Associate University Librarian for Technical Services, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill helped focus on the groups' attention by posing the objectives of the seminar. These included:

- to address the underlying questions that the problem of journal costs have brought to the surface
- to discuss the technological and organizational infra-structure of the scholarly communication system, including the role of the "electronic journal"
- to consider the sociocultural complexity of the scholarly journal, and the role of the journal in scholarly communication, academic reward and recognition

The seminar was organized around four main speakers, each followed by a three person panel:

1. Librarian's Presentation:

Patricia O. Rice, Serials Acquisitions Librarian, Pennsylvania State University

Panel:

- Barbara Meyers, President, Meyers Consulting Services
- Dan Tonkery, President & CEO, Readmore Publications, Inc.
- J. Dennis O'Connor, Vice Chancellor for Research & Graduate Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2. Publisher's presentation:

Karen Hunter, Vice President & Assistant to the Chairman, Elsevier Science Publishers

Panel:

- Robert L. Houbeck, Jr., Head, Serials Division, University of Michigan Libraries
- Robert K. Peet, Dept. of Biology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Rebecca T. Lenzini, President, CARL Systems, Inc.

3. Intermediary's presentation:

Richard Kaser, Manager, Planning & Communications, STM, Chemical Abstracts Service

Panel:

- Gillian Page, Pageant Publishing
- Henry Schaffer, Associate Provost for Academic Computing, North Carolina State University
- William Robnett, Director, Division of Reader Services, Rice University Library

4. Scholar's presentation:

Robert D. Hatcher, Jr., Editor, *Geological Society of America Bulletin*

Panel:

Beth J. Shapiro, Deputy Librarian, Michigan State University

Richard C. Rowson, Director, Duke University Press

Richard Rowe, President, The Faxon Company

After each session the seminar participants broke into small groups. The major strength of the workshop was that the participants took full advantage of this and other opportunities for informal discussion. Lively conversations began at breakfast and continued well past "normal" bedtimes.

Although the group did not emerge from the seminar with a consensus on all issues, all agreed that we had begun a very important process. A few of the major themes discussed throughout the two and a half days were:

- Journals will continue publication in printed format for the foreseeable future. There were various opinions as to when or if electronic journals would ever be an alternative form of dissemination.
- The peer review process is integral to the sociocultural fiber of the academic community and needs to be incorporated into any electronic journal publication process.
- Information is not free - it is very expensive. The costs of the current scholarly communication system must be redistributed among libraries, scholars, and publishers for the system to remain viable.
- Journals add value to a scholar's work. They provide the context of an entire discipline and the editorial board helps to validate the worth of a scholar's research.
- The escalating costs of information are not solely a "library problem." The current set of circumstances is stressing all pieces of the information loop: librarians, publishers, scholars, vendors.
- Many different responses/solutions to the escalating price of information may emerge within each academic discipline. Different fields have varying systems of communication; the restructuring of traditional formats of communication may exaggerate these differences.
- Journals serve both writers and readers. These needs may not need to be served in the bundled unit called "the journal." We need to focus on our clients.

The local arrangements committee: Joe Hewitt, Associate University Librarian Technical Services; Marcia Tuttle, Head, Serials Department; and Luke Swindler, Social Sciences Bibliographer --all from UNC, did a great job of organizing and running the seminar.

Future plans are to publish the papers of this conference and to hold a follow-up seminar in the spring of 1989 in Southern California.

Vicki Reich is Chief, Serials Department, Stanford University.

Editor's Note: *The NASIG Newsletter* welcomes reports of meetings attended by our members. Please call the editor (215-898-2815) if you are interested in submitting a report. Let's share the news!

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

IFLA Working Group on Newspapers Seminar

As part of the IFLA Annual Conference which will take place in Paris August 20-26, 1989, the IFLA Working Group on Newspapers is arranging a day's seminar on the theme LA PRESSE DE LA LIBERTE on Thursday, August 24 at the Bibliotheque Nationale.

The morning of the programme will consist of a guided tour of the Department of Periodicals of the Bibliotheque Nationale with a small exhibition on the underground and revolutionary newspaper press of different countries and different times.

The afternoon will consist first of all papers on the Spanish Anarchist press, the anti-imperialist press in India, the underground press of 1940-1945 in France, and Daily life of German journalists in exile, with discussions. This will be followed by sessions on the problems this type of newspaper production presents to libraries, with papers on collecting of the material, cataloguing, conservation and provision for users, and discussions aimed at the exchange of experience. Eve Johansson, Secretary of the Working Group, will sum up the conclusions of the day's work.

The languages of the Seminar will be French and English with simultaneous translation available. Printed copies of papers will be available in both languages.

Further information is available from:

Eve Johansson, Secretary
IFLA Working Group on Newspapers
British Library Newspaper Library
Colindale Avenue
London NW9 5HE, United Kingdom
Tel. international 44-1-323-7362

12th Annual Seminar for Librarians

Join colleagues from throughout the U.S. for an intensive, two-week learning experience led by the staff of Oxford's Bodleian Library. The 12th Annual Seminar at Oxford University, England will be held from May 21-June 3, 1989 and is entitled "English Libraries and Librarianship." The seminar is designed to serve librarians interested in the social role and present practices of libraries. Special attention focuses on cross-cultural comparisons and relationships of libraries to a national system.

The University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies sponsors the seminar with graduate or CEU credit available. Accommodations are in Oxford's Rewley House, an adult and continuing education center.

For complete information about the seminar and arrangements, contact:

CLS-Library
1700 Asp, Suite 226
Norman, Oklahoma 73037
telephone (405) 325-1061

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Bar Codes on Kluwer Journals

The Kluwer Academic Publishers Group are experimenting with the use of bar codes on journals. Our aim is to help increase the speed, reliability and economy of processing journals ordered by libraries.

SISAC (Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee) has developed the SISAC Symbol. This is a bar code that is the machine-readable form of the Serial Issue Identifier (SIID), a unique code to identify each issue of a journal. It embodies the ISSN, the issue date, and the issue numbering.

We hope that the introduction of bar codes on the journals of Kluwer Academic Publishers will be welcomed as a first step in the right direction. However, this is a trial phase, and we invite constructive comments concerning the usefulness of the coding, its content, readability, and location.

Kindly address your comments to: *Patrick Wharton, Bar Codes - KAPG Journals, P.O. Box 17, 3300 AA Dordrecht, The Netherlands. (Telephone: (31) 78-334210).*

WHO'S MINDING THE SERIALS?: A SURVEY REPORT / Jan Anderson

Vendors, did you know that 9% of your serials librarian customers originally wanted to be cowboys? Publishers, mind your grammar: 29% of serials librarians started their careers with bachelor's degrees in English. And librarians, be nice to your student workers: 8% of you started your own library careers that way.

NASIG's September newsletter included a questionnaire titled "Who's Minding the Serials?" Ninety-one serials librarians responded, and this is a summary of some of the information they shared. Remember that the sample was small and the study rigorously unscientific. The results are interesting, but don't draw too many conclusions.

I. WHO ARE WE?

1. Sex: Female: 87% Male: 13%
2. Age: 20's: 1% 30's: 47% 40's: 41% 50's: 7% 60's: 4%
3. Average Age: 40 years, 9 months
4. Average Serials Experience: 7 years, 9 months
5. Average Non-Serials Library Experience: 5 years, 9 months
6. Vendor Work Experience: 1% (1 person)
7. Publisher Work Experience: 1% (one person)

II. HOW DID WE GET HERE?

1. Earliest Childhood Career Goal:

Teacher	22%	Writer	5%
Cowboy/cowgirl	9%	Librarian	5%
Nurse	7%		

The 43 careers mentioned also included ice cream salesman, actuarian, pediatrician, and "an ape.")

2. Earliest Adult Career Goal:

Teacher	29%
Librarian	19%
Nurse	6%

The 41 careers named also included dental technician, marine biologist, physicist, Episcopalian priest, and seminary librarian "so I could marry a minister." Can we get these last two together?

3. First Declared College Major:

English	24%	Nursing	2%
History	12%	Library Science	1%
Education	11%		

The 37 majors named also included linguistics, chemistry, interior design, zoology, and French literature.

4. Field of First College Degree:

English	29%	Sociology	7%
History	13%	Psychology	5%
Education	11%	Library Science	3%

The 37 degree fields also included Bible, bacteriology, political science, human development, business administration, and Greek! Thirty-seven fields!! In considering the small percentage in library science, remember this is the first degree earned.

5. First Contact with Librarianship:

Volunteer, clerical, or student work	14%
Personal friend of a librarian	5%
Library science suggested by an advisor or mentor	7%

6. Age at Which You First Wished To Become a Librarian (Average):

Females: 22 Males: 24

II. HOW DO WE LIKE SERIALS?

1. Working Librarians Assigned to Serials Against Their Personal Preferences: 15%

2. Expect or Plan to Stay in Serials Work:
Females: 65% Males: 75%

3. Expect or Plan to Leave Serials:
Females: 9% Males: 17%

4. Undecided As To Whether to Stay or Leave:
Females: 25% Males: 8%

5. All Respondents Combined: Expect or Plan to Stay in Serials For These Reasons:

Have established own niche or territory	68%
Job security by not moving	22%
Good pay and/or benefits	21%
It's an ethical calling	19%
Too old to learn a new job	10%

In addition, 41% of the respondents took the time to write in comments about their enjoyment of the serials field with its challenges, variety, and constant change.

IV. WHERE TO NEXT?

1. Those who expect or plan to leave serials plan to enter:

Library administration	67%
Non-administrative library post	22%
Non-library job	0%

2. Those who are uncertain about staying in Serials say they'd consider changing to:

Non-library job	26%
Library administration	22%
Non-administrative library post	9%

3. All respondents combined: plan or desire to leave serials for:

Higher power or status job	21%
Better pay	16%
Tired of title changes	12%
Bored with serials	9%

In addition, 9% wrote in the comment that they are tired of the constant crises of serials work.

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (a selection):

Other jobs pale in comparison to the challenges of serials librarianship.

I'm a masochist. I simply love, love serials! Like the "challenge" and all that malarky. Also, it's kind of wildly gratifying to know about something that others haven't a clue!

Took my grade 3 class to visit the library, and the job of the librarians looked a lot better than teaching.

I like it! I've been challenged, had growth experiences. Besides, it's a dirty job, and someone has to do it!

Technical services was not discussed in library school, other than cataloging, and that was made to sound boring. SERIALS WAS NOT MENTIONED AT ALL.

I feel serials is an important position, especially for scholarship.

I'm tired of my supervisors not knowing the complexities of serials.

Inadequate recognition of the complexities of serials, therefore lower pay and lower status. no wonder library schools don't teach serials librarianship.

I'm tired of constant crises I can't do much about.

Serials expertise is a rare and valuable asset. It's a shame for anyone with these skills not to use them.

We have job security because there are so few of us.

One disaster after another makes life very exciting in serials. Other library jobs seem dull in comparison now.

Can't escape readily. They pay just enough to not make it worthwhile to start over.

A good serials outfit is a joy forever. I don't think there's a better place to learn how libraries really work than in serials.

Serials is where the action is!!

I'll be in serials until I die or retire (or I get my desk clean!!!).

Those are the highlights. the ninety-one librarians who answered the questionnaire offered some ideas and some food for thought. One suggested a salary comparison survey. Two others suggested someone organize an exchange program for librarians, publishers, and vendors to experience each other's realms. I suggest now that librarians have bared their souls, how about vendors and publishers giving us a little insight, too? One more thought: how about a librarians' dude ranch for all those poor souls who really wanted to be cowboys?

Jan Anderson is Head of Serials, Utah State University.

CHANGE IN FREQUENCY

In order to provide more current information for the NASIG membership, *The NASIG Newsletter*, will become a bimonthly publication in 1989. Issues will appear (hopefully) in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

The NASIG Newsletter (ISSN 0892-1733) is published quarterly for the membership of the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc.

Editor: Lenore Wilkas, Serials Acquisitions Librarian, University of Pennsylvania Libraries.

Deadline for the February newsletter is January 31, 1989. NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP

PROPOSED BYLAWS

Article I. Name.

The name of this group shall be the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. (NASIG).

Article II. Objectives.

The objectives of NASIG shall be:

1. To provide a means for the exchange and dissemination of information in the network of serial publishers, vendors, dealers, distributors, binders, librarians, students and all other groups or individuals with serial interests and concerns.
2. To establish and maintain among the NASIG membership a means of communicating serial interests and concerns.
3. To provide a program of continuing education for members of NASIG and other individuals with serial interests and concerns.
4. To convene an Annual Conference of the membership of NASIG.
5. To publish the proceedings of the Annual Conference, and any other publications as authorized by the Executive Board.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. Membership and rights. Active membership shall consist of individuals who remit annual dues, and shall carry with it the right to vote, to hold office and to share in the benefits afforded by the objectives of NASIG.

Section 2. Dues and fiscal year. Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1st through December 31st, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by a mail ballot. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision.

Article IV. Executive Officers.

Section 1. Titles. The executive officers of NASIG shall include a president, a vice president/president-elect, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. Eligibility. Any member of NASIG shall be eligible for election to an executive office, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Duties. The duties of the executive officers shall be as specified in the parliamentary authority adopted by NASIG, except as otherwise stated in these Bylaws. In case of continued failure by any one officer to fulfill the duties of the office, the Executive Board may by a vote of three-fourths of its members declare the office vacant.

Section 4. **Terms of Office.** The vice president/president-elect shall serve the first year after election as vice president, and the second year after election as president. All other executive officers of NASIG shall be elected for a term of two years. With the exception of the vice president/president-elect, all executive officers shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in any office without an intervening period of two years. Terms of office for all executive officers shall begin at the adjournment of the Annual Conference.

Section 5. **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall succeed to fulfill the unexpired term and to continue in that capacity for the following full term. Any other vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board, except as otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE V. Executive Board.

Section 1. **Composition.** The Executive Board shall consist of of the executive officers of NASIG, the immediate past president and six members-at-large who shall be nominated, elected, and serve in accordance with the provision of these By-Laws. Ex-officio members, appointed by the Board to assist the organization in any capacity, may serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 2. **Duties.** The Executive Board, as a whole, shall have authority over the affairs of NASIG, shall submit reports and recommendations to the membership, and shall perform other such duties as specified in these By-Laws. The membership may, by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting as provided for in Article VIII, revise the actions of the Executive Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall perform the duties inherent to Board membership. in case of continued failure of any one member to participate in the deliberations of the Board, the Board may by a vote of three-fourths of its members declare the office vacant. Each member-at-large shall serve as a liaison between the Board and at least one Standing Committee.

Section 3. **Terms of Office.** Executive Board members-at-large shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall be eligible for re-election for no more than one additional term without an intervening period of two years.

Section 4. **Vacancies.** Vacancies in the elected positions of the Executive Board shall be filled by appointments of the Executive Board, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI. Committees.

Section 1. **Composition.** Any member of NASIG shall be eligible to serve on committees. The President of NASIG shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. **Standing Committees.** Standing committees, and their chairpersons, shall be appointed by the Executive Board with the size of the committee determined by its needs. These standing committees shall be the Nominating Committee, the By-Laws Committee, the Finance Committee, the Publications Committee, the Membership Committee, the Continuing Education Committee, Library Science Student Grant Committee, and the Conference Local Arrangements Committee. Committees may be subdivided, and additional appointments made, with the approval of the Executive Board and the chairpersons of the committees.

Section 3. Terms of Office. Members of standing committees, except the Nominating Committee, shall be appointed for terms of two years unless appointed by special action of the Board, and may be re-appointed for a second term. Members of of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for terms of one year. In no case shall a member serve on a committee for more than two consecutive terms without an intervening period of two years.

Section 4. Special Committees. The Executive Board may appoint special committees for a specific purpose and for a specific term.

ARTICLE VII. Nominations and Elections.

Section 1. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for the positions of vice/president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. Other nominations for these offices, endorsed by at least ten active members of NASIG, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee. Any such nominations shall be included on the official ballot. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled, and shall also provide on the ballot a space for write-in candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to ensure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. The Nominating Committee chairperson shall report nominations to the NASIG president at least ninety days prior to the Annual Conference.

Section 2. Elections. Elections shall be held by mail ballot at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference. Candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be elected, and be so declared at the Annual Conference. In case of a tie vote, the Nominating Committee shall decide the election by lot.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings.

An annual business meeting shall be called by the Executive Board, to be held at the site of, and in conjunction with, the Annual Conference. Other meetings as deemed necessary may be called by the Executive Board. A call to such meetings shall be mailed to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting, and shall include notice of the business to be transacted.

ARTICLE IX. Annual Review.

The accounts of the Treasurer of NASIG shall be reviewed annually by an auditor chosen by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X. Dissolution.

In the event of the dissolution of NASIG, all assets and property remaining after meeting necessary expenses, shall be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to an order of the Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

ARTICLE XI. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order (Revised), in the latest edition, shall govern all meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board in all cases where it is not inconsistent with these By-Laws. A parliamentarian may be appointed for an indefinite term by the Executive Board to serve as consultant to the Board.

ARTICLE XII. By-Laws

Section 1. **Amendments.** Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the By-Laws Committee, or may be presented at any meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments shall be mailed by the By-Laws Committee to each member at least thirty days prior to the call for the vote. Voting shall be by mail ballot. An amendment shall become effective after adoption, unless otherwise stated.

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Section 3. To publish the proceedings of each Annual Conference and Newsletter.

Section 4. To establish liaison with the professional associations represented by the NASIG membership for the purpose of mutual communication of interest and concerns.

Article III. Members.

Section 1. Active membership shall include individual remitting annual dues. Each member has the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2. Members shall remit annual dues to the North American Serials Interest Group. Dues cover a fiscal year which runs from January 1st through December 31st. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate from the Executive Board and be voted upon by the membership with a mail ballot. A majority of those voting would constitute a decision.

Article IV. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the North American Serials Interest Group shall include: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be annually elected by a majority of active membership voting in a mail ballot from a slate chosen by the Nominating Committee and shall serve a term of one year which is to run from September 1st through August 31st. An officer may serve up to three consecutive terms in office.

Section 3. In the event of a resignation of any officer, the Executive Board shall select a replacement to fulfill the term.

Article V. Executive Board.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers of the North American Serials Interest Group, the immediate Past President and six active members nominated, elected, and serving in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 2. The Newsletter Editor serves at the pleasure of the Executive Board and shall be an ex-officio member of it.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the North American Serials Interest Group between its business meetings, fix the time and place of such meetings, make reports and recommend actions to the membership, and perform other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the active membership and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the active membership.

Section 3. An annual meeting of the Executive Board shall be held at the site and in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Other meetings can be called by the President.

Article VI. Committees

Section 1. Any active member may be eligible to participate on committees.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at the Annual Conference. This Committee shall nominate candidates for the offices to be filled, make provision for write-in candidates by the membership, and execute the election.

Section 3. A Program Committee, headed by a member of the Executive Board and composed of additional members appointed with the joint approval of the NASIG President and Committee Chair, shall plan the program for the Annual Conference.

Section 4. Such other committees, standing or special, such as membership, local arrangements, finance, site selection, etc., may be appointed by the President as the membership or Executive Board shall deem necessary to carry out the affairs of the North American Serials Interest Group. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Article VII. Meetings

An annual business meeting and others as deemed necessary shall be arranged by the Executive Board.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the North American Serials Interest Group in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the group may adopt.

Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws.

The Bylaws can be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the active membership in a mail ballot. A draft of the amendments must be distributed to the active membership 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting at which debate and amendments may occur for any properly proposed amendment of these Bylaws.

NOMINATIONS FOR NASIG OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

This form is provided to solicit nominations or recommendations for the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. (NASIG). New officers and Executive Board members are to be elected in the Spring of 1989. Please make your recommendations by January 31, 1989.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

name:

address or affiliation:

phone no. (if known):

VICE PRESIDENT:

name:

address or affiliation:

phone no. (if known):

SECRETARY:

name:

address or affiliation:

phone no. (if known):

TREASURER:

name:

address or affiliation:

phone no. (if known):

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Six people will be elected. Suggest as many as you wish.

Name:

Name:

Address:

Address:

Phone no. (if known):

Phone no. (if known)

Please fold and staple and send to the address on the back.