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PRESIDENT'S CORNER / Teresa Malinowski

Greetings!

This year the Executive Board held its annual fall meeting in New York City on Saturday, November 7th. It was a productive meeting and I would like to share some of the highlights with you. (The minutes of the meeting will appear in the next issue.) Much time was devoted to discussion and decision-making for conferences, past, present and future.

1992 UIC Conference

The Board reviewed the conference evaluation report from our 1992 conference at the University of Illinois at Chicago, prepared by Ann Okerson, our past president, with assistance from her staff at the Office of Scientific Publishing, Association of Research Libraries. The report confirms many of the informal comments attendees shared with me during and after the conference.

"Chicago was a great success!" As a whole the average rating for the conference was 4.1 using a scale from 1 to 5 (one indicating low and five indicating high). The conference generated significant income in the amount of \$16,283.74 for our organization. These financial resources will support existing programs, allow us to expand selected programs, and provide seed money for new programs. The conference financial statement and the conference evaluation report will appear in the next issue.

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1993 Brown Conference

No doubt many of you are eager for news about our 1993 conference to be held at Brown University in Providence, RI, June 10-13. The Program Planning Committee, co-chaired by Cindy Hepfer (SUNY Buffalo) and October Ivins (Louisiana State University), selected the theme, "New Scholarship: New Serials," and is currently reviewing proposals for plenary papers and workshops. The program will once again offer plenary sessions and a selection of eighteen workshops. Also planned is a session that will feature a plenary speaker followed by four "breakouts" or panel discussions, which will focus on specific aspects of the topic presented by the plenary speaker.

The Conference Planning Committee, co-chaired by Pat Putney (Brown University) and Jean Callaghan (Wheaton College), is working with the conference staff at Brown University and has started planning the local arrangements and social events. Providence and Newport, which is less than an hour away, offer a variety of historical sites, galleries and museums.

At the meeting the Board reviewed the conference budget and set the registration fees. Profits from the 1993 conference will allow us to "hold the line on fee increases." The 1993 conference fees are \$275.00 for resident attendees housed in the recently built Thayer Street Quad dorm complex, \$245.00 for resident attendees housed in other dormitories, and \$175.00 for commuters. All dorms have single rooms and shared rest room facilities.

1994 Conference Site

Looking to the future, the Board selected a site for our 1994 conference after reviewing final reports on three campuses in the Pacific Northwest: the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon, University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. The 1994 conference will be held on the campus of the University of British Columbia.

A number of factors are considered when selecting a site, including the dates available, the condition of the dorm facilities, quality of the food service, and the general ambience of the campus. Special thanks to our members who participated in the 1994 site selection for the Pacific Northwest: Karen Darling (University of Oregon), Mary Devlin (Faxon), Kat McGrath (University of British Columbia) and Laurie Sutherland (University of Washington).

Focus on Current Projects

John Tagler (Elsevier) presented a draft report on the 1992 membership survey. As you may recall, the membership survey was distributed last spring; approximately 75% of the membership responded. Because the report, which focuses on members' perceptions of NASIG activities, is extensive, the Board asked the Task Force to draft an executive summary. We will be sharing these documents and other information about the survey results with you in the coming months.

The Board received exciting news from the Electronic Communications Committee. With the support of our colleagues at the American Mathematical Society, a test file of papers presented at the 1992 conference has been created and the Committee will begin testing a Gopher application that will offer full-text retrieval to users who access NASIGNET over the INTERNET. The Board asked the committee to continue its efforts and to work with the editors of our Newsletter to develop and test a similar application for the NASIG Newsletter. These are the first steps toward providing the Newsletter and proceedings to members in an electronic format.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new Editorial Board for the NASIG Newsletter: Ellen Duranceau, Editor-in-Chief; Maggie Horn, Distribution Editor; Daphne Miller, Submissions Editor; and Kathy Schmidt, Production Editor. This is their first issue!

Very best wishes to you all for the holidays! See you at ALA in Denver.

**8TH ANNUAL NASIG CONFERENCE AT
BROWN UNIVERSITY:
REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE
PLANNING COMMITTEE / Jean Callaghan**

A warm Ocean State welcome from the Brown University Conference Planning Committee! The Committee is hard at work planning the first NASIG conference to be held in New England.

Brown University, founded in 1764, is located in historic Providence, Rhode Island. Providence is located 1 hour from Boston, 3 hours from New York City, 45 minutes from Newport, and 1 hour to the beginning of Cape Cod. It is an ideal location as a starting point for a New England vacation! Rhode Island, the "smallest state in the union," offers many attractions, including 384 miles of coastline.

Providence is easily accessible by all modes of transportation: by air (T.F. Greene Airport/ Providence is a 15 minute drive to the Brown campus); by train (Amtrak offers service to Providence on the Northeast Corridor route; the train station is 5 minutes from campus); by car (via Route 95, the main East Coast north/south interstate); by bus (serviced by both Greyhound and Bonanza, with hourly service to downtown Boston and to Logan Airport/Boston); and by sea! (Providence is located at the top of Narragansett Bay).

The members of the Conference Planning Committee are: Jean Callaghan, Co-Chair (Wheaton College), Mary Beth Clack (Harvard University), Marilyn Geller (MIT), Jane Hedberg (Wellesley College), Deborah Jensen (The Faxon Co.), Leslie Knapp (EBSCO), Patricia Putney, Co-Chair (Brown University), Joseph Raker (Boston Public Library), Marian Reijnen (Martinus Nijhoff), and Steve Thompson (Brown University).

Full details on the conference, including travel information, will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter. For further information, please contact either:

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Rhode Island's state motto is HOPE -- we HOPE to see you June 10-13, 1993 at Brown University for NASIG's 8th Annual Conference!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFERENCE
EVALUATION FORM / Ann Okerson**

At the NASIG board meeting on Saturday, November 7, it was decided that NASIG should invest some time in working with the conference evaluation form, in order to:

- Prepare an evaluation form for 1993 Conference
- Review 1992 evaluation form and evaluation report (prepared using Survey Pro software)
- Explore ways to provide more useful feedback to speakers
- Consult with current and past Program Committee members for their input
- Review and recommend software packages
- Consider separate forms for general conference feedback, speaker/workshop feedback, and other aspects of the Conference

Accordingly, Elaine Rast and I will be participating in such a Task Group, which will do its work over the first quarter of 1993.

We are seeking a few volunteers to join in the process. We are particularly interested in volunteers with the following skills:

- Development of evaluation forms, particularly for conferences
- Use of survey or similar software, preferably but not necessarily more than one package
- Skill with spreadsheet programs such as Lotus 1-2-3, Excel, and others
- Possible willingness to write and later tabulate the survey (a time-consuming process!)

We mention the above, not because other skills are irrelevant, but because these may be harder to locate. If you are interested, please send a note of your interest and relevant experience or qualifications to:

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Renewals

Along with your copy of the September Newsletter, you should have received the 1993 Renewal form and the Directory information form. These forms are bright pink and orange in the hope that they would be too conspicuous to be ignored or if they were set aside on your desk, they would eventually be noticed! Although the September Newsletter was a little late being sent out, we are still going to follow the original timetable. This is because we need to have an updated membership database by early January. Reminders will be sent out in mid-November if your renewal has not been received.

Permanent Address Established

NASIG now has a permanent address. It was decided at the Board meeting last June, at the request of the Treasurer, that we establish an address which would not change each time there was a new Treasurer. The address will not be used for routine activities such as renewals and conference registration, but for official transactions such as filing our tax returns, directory listings, and for use with organizations requesting NASIG's Federal identification number and our address. The permanent address is a mailbox location in Atlanta. For the remainder of this year, mail will be forwarded to my home address. After July 1993, any mail will be forwarded to the new Treasurer.

Membership Milestone

NASIG membership has reached 1,000 for the first time. Janet Gaisford of the Metro Toronto Reference Library was the 1000th member to join. [And as of November 9, NASIG membership had reached 1,035, according to Joan Luke Stephens, Chair of the Directory and Database Committee. -- Ed.]

ANNOUNCING "TITLE CHANGES"

With the next issue, the Newsletter will include a new feature: a column describing NASIG members' "title changes" -- their promotions, new positions, and other significant professional milestones. The goal of the column is to help NASIG members keep track of each other and to give us a way to recognize each other's achievements.

The column will depend to a large extent on member contributions, so if you change jobs, receive a promotion, complete a degree, win an award, or have any other professional news, please send a note to the Editor. Contributions on behalf of fellow members are welcome, and will be cleared with the person mentioned in the news item before they are printed.

LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM:

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS / Harriet Kersey

NASIG is currently seeking candidates for grants to attend the Eighth Annual Conference to be held at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, June 10 to 13, 1993. Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in the serials information chain by students who are interested in some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degree.

SCOPE OF AWARD: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG. Expenses for travel, registration, meals, and lodging will be paid by NASIG.

ELIGIBILITY: Students currently enrolled at the graduate level in any ALA accredited library school, who do not already have an ALA accredited degree, and who have expressed an interest in serials and/or technical services work, are eligible. Applicants must be full- or part-time students at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be employed in a position requiring an ALA accredited degree, nor on leave from such a position, at the time of acceptance of the grant. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants, with preference given to those graduating the year of the conference.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available after January 15, 1993, in ALA accredited library schools and from Harriet Kersey, Chair, Library Science Student Grant Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

Harriet Kersey, Asst. Head, Information Control and Management, Georgia Tech Library, Atlanta, GA 30322-0900. Phone: 404-894-4523.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 1993. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by April 15, 1993. A maximum of six grants may be awarded for 1993.

LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM: RECIPIENTS' REPORTS ON 1992 NASIG CONFERENCE / Harriet Kersey

Each year, recipients of the grant to attend the NASIG conference are asked to submit a written report, structured as responses to specific questions, about their conference experience. Here, the Student Grant Committee shares with the NASIG membership some of the students' comments.

1. Why do you feel it is worthwhile for students to attend a NASIG conference?

NASIG exposes [the student] to the multiple facets of the profession -- revealing the varied specialties a serials librarian may develop.

The chance to interact with a wide variety of librarians, publishers, and vendors gave me a wider perspective on the chain of serials information.

Serials represent a tremendous investment on the part of all libraries. Issues concerning serials touch upon every department within a library. Attending a NASIG conference is a unique and wonderful opportunity for a library school student to become better educated about the various aspects of this extremely important facet of library operations.

It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about serials...an addition to classroom learning or work experience. A student can see how a library conference works and how dedicated members need to be.

It gives students a taste of what belonging to a professional society is like and thus prepares them for their future involvement.

2. How did attending the conference benefit you personally?

To see librarians who are aggressively pursuing problem-solving for a challenging area of librarianship breaks all stereotypes I had of the traditional librarian.

I appreciate the experience with "professional" behavior. Having seen any number of excellent models of professionalism at its best, I certainly have no lack of standards to emulate in my career as a librarian.

I enjoyed the plenary sessions in which several speakers piqued my thoughts on matters of concern to serials librarianship. Some of these speakers (as well as many of the NASIG committee speakers) displayed good oratory styles, and in this way set valuable examples of presentation skills.

It gave me an idea of where I might find a place in the organization.

I came to a better understanding of so many aspects regarding serials and the role of libraries in these changing times.

I feel that I made some life-long friends, and I believe that this experience will benefit me throughout my professional career.

3. Did attending the conference influence your career plans?

It heightened my interest in serials and, also, in many ways made me feel more comfortable about them and their ambiguities. It was comforting just hearing that others are equally confounded by them, and yet, enjoy the challenge of them.

The conference intrigued me [and inspired me] to explore further the challenges of serials work.

It reinforced my interest in serials.

I was already planning a career built around serials, and the NASIG conference confirmed my decision. It opened my eyes to the possibility that there is more to do with a Masters of Library Science than be a librarian.

4. **What suggestions do you have for the 1993 NASIG Student Grant Program?**

The program seems to work well as is. The interest and dedication of committee members was evident, and I enjoyed the warmth and friendliness, which certainly made me feel welcome. Don't change a thing!

To facilitate integration [of students and NASIG members], having other NASIG members join pairs of students for breakfast or lunch the first and/or second day might be helpful...to expose the students to other NASIG members.

5. **Additional comments or suggestions.**

I think NASIG does itself and the students a great service through the Grant Program. By encouraging students in serials librarianship, NASIG benefits through the future participation of these new librarians. Having spoken with a few of the Grant's past recipients, I should think that NASIG would be pleased at such additions to the group.

I was struck, very early on in the conference, by the strong sense of community among the NASIG membership. The profession of librarianship as a whole is so large and so diverse that I find it difficult to imagine a similar sense of community at [ALA]. This strong sense of community is a valuable tool for effective action...NASIG seems better equipped [than ALA] to envision and actualize its own future.

I just can't say enough about my experience attending the NASIG conference in Chicago. I loved it from beginning to end.

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
BOWKER/ULRICH'S SERIALS
LIBRARIANSHIP AWARD**

Presented by the Serials Section, Association for Library Collections & Technical Services.

An annual award consisting of a citation and a \$1500 cash award for distinguished contributions to serials librarianship, including but not limited to those made within the previous three years,

demonstrated by such activities as leadership in serials-related activities through participation in professional associations and/or library education programs, contributions to the body of serials literature, conduct of research in the area of serials, development of tools or methods to enhance access to or management of serials, or other advances leading to a better understanding of the field of serials.

1992 Winner: Linda K. Bartley

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**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:
LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS: PRACTICE &
THEORY 1993 RESEARCH AWARD**

The Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory (LAPT) Research Award provides an annual prize of \$1,000 for research in the broad areas of acquisitions, serials, publishing, and collection management. The award will be given for one proposal and administered in two parts: \$500 when the proposal is selected to fund the research effort and \$500 when the completed manuscript is submitted to Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory. The award will be granted to the individual, not the institution, and may be used to cover expenses incurred in conducting the research outlined in the winning proposal, including travel, postage, staff support, supplies, and other items.

The winning proposal will identify a critical issue in acquisitions, serials, publishing, or collection management and outline a rigorous approach to testing or solving the issue raised. Proposals will be judged on their significance, clarity, and originality. The proposal should be a brief, concise description (no more than 500 words) of the project. A budget proposal and a one page vita of

the author must be attached. Awards will not be limited to experienced researchers; however, researchers should present their proposal clearly addressing the following issues:

1. What are the aims and objectives of the research proposal?
2. Please describe your methodology and data analysis procedures.
3. What related research has been undertaken and/or published? Please include specific citations.
4. Is the research replication of a previous study?

The deadline for submitting proposals is February 15, 1993. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the editor-in-chief, the assistant editors, and three members of the editorial board. The winning proposal will be announced at the annual American Library Association Conference (in New Orleans in 1993) and in the fourth issue of LAPT for the year. Research for the winning proposal must be completed within one year of the date when the award is announced. Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory reserves the right of first refusal of the completed manuscript. Proposals and questions concerning this award should be addressed to:

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CORRECTIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note the following corrections to information that appeared in the September 1992 issue of the NASIG Newsletter.

1. The name of the Electronic Publications Committee was changed to Electronic Communications Committee last year. The old name appeared in error in several places in the September issue (pp. 4, 32-34, and 39).

2. The phone number for Leslie Knapp, Chair of Regional Councils and Membership, was incorrectly reported in the list of NASIG Committee Chairs 1992/93 (p.40). Leslie's work number is 908-542-8600, and her INTERNET address is lknapp@ebcco.com.

3. The phone and fax numbers for Ellen Duranceau were incorrectly reported in the notice on p.2. Ellen's phone number is 617-253-7028, and her fax number is 617-253-2464.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22-28, 1993

ALA Midwinter Meeting
Denver, CO

March 22-25, 1993

United Kingdom Serials Group Annual Meeting
Southampton, UK

May 14-20, 1993

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

June 5-9, 1993

Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

June 10-13, 1993

NASIG's 8th Annual Conference
Brown University
Providence, RI

June 16-18, 1993

Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Meeting
Crystal City, VA

June 17-20, 1993

Canadian Library Association Annual Meeting
Hamilton, Ont.

June 24-July 1, 1993

ALA Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA

August 22-26, 1993

IFLA Annual Conference
Barcelona, Spain