President's Corner

Susan Davis

LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS

In my first column I talked about leadership and the need for NASIG to be proactive in developing leadership skills within our membership. As the first in what we hope will be an ongoing series of programs, NASIG has arranged for an outside consultant to conduct a preconference at the 1998 conference entitled "Leading From Any Position." This half-day session will help participants learn about various leadership styles, including their own. It is intended to develop insights into personal leadership styles and help prepare a plan to enhance one's own leadership skills. Future leadership sessions will be planned based on the feedback the Board receives from this preconference. We are very excited about our first foray into this area, and we hope it will encourage many of you to put your skills to the test in leadership positions within NASIG.

However, an aspect of this session which I find extremely fascinating is a discussion on courageous followership, which will be included as part of the wrap-up portion of the preconference. The term follower really struck me, so I'm going to devote a few paragraphs to this topic.

I was first exposed to the concept of followership during the planning for this leadership preconference, and I immediately thought it was a perfect description of what many of us do in our various organizations. The idea fits very well in...
the team model which has been implemented in so many workplaces. Also, I thought it was quite apt in describing the workings of NASIG. There are so many excellent followers in this organization who accomplish so many wonderful things. And this is crucial to the continuing success of our all-volunteer group, because successful organizations need both good leaders and good followers.

What is the definition of a follower? To paraphrase Jill Janov in *The Inventive Organization*, followers pursue the common cause. Robert Kelley describes followers as being committed to the organization and to a purpose, principle, or person outside of themselves. NASIG has a strategic plan, NASIG 2000, which provides the organization with direction and purpose. The NASIG Board, Committees and Task Forces, Newsletter Editorial Board, Archivist, and others with specific roles in the organization follow the strategic plan, so we are all followers in this context. Yet, in other circumstances, any of us may be a leader. I am the leader of NASIG for this year, depending heavily on the advice, expertise, and support of my followers (the membership and particularly the Executive Board). Having been a NASIG follower for many years, I can personally assure you that each plays an important and essential part in the organization’s success. Leaders often receive more recognition and reward, but there is a growing emphasis on the need for good followers to lead organizations into the future. NASIG is looking forward to a future with an active membership, excited and enthusiastic about the prospects for the 21st century.

How can you be part of the leadership or followership of NASIG? One very good place to start is by volunteering to serve on a NASIG Committee. At the back of this issue is a committee volunteer form (also available on NASIGWeb in the Time-Dated Announcements area). I strongly encourage you to complete the form and send it to our Vice-President, Steve Oberg. The committee appointment process is a complex and difficult task, trying to match openings and interests of volunteers, providing balance and diversity within committees, and convincing talented and qualified members they do indeed want to serve as co-chair! It really helps the Vice-President to have a good pool of volunteers to work with. Everyone cannot always be appointed to a committee, but all names are kept on file for consideration in the event of other openings during the year. You can also volunteer to serve as a workshop recorder for the Proceedings or a conference reporter for the Newsletter. Searches are currently underway for a new Archivist and Editor-in-Chief of the Newsletter. Opportunities for participation exist within NASIG. I invite and encourage you to explore your potential leader and follower capabilities by becoming more involved!

MINUTES OF THE NASIG BOARD MEETING

Date, Time: October 24-25, 1997, 8:30-5:00 daily  Place: Boulder, Colorado

Attending:
Susan Davis, President
Steve Oberg, Vice-President/Pres. Elect
Beverley Geer, Past President
Connie Foster, Secretary
Gerry Williams, Treasurer

Jean Callaghan
Eleanor Cook
Ann Ercelawn
Carol Pitts Diedrichs
Jim Mouw
Fran Wilkinson

Guests:
Maggie Horn, Newsletter Editor
Pat Wallace, Wendy Baia, Barbara Willis, 1998 Conference Planning Committee
Judy Luther, Mike Markwith, Marjorie Wilhite, 1998 Program Planning Committee
Steve Friedman, University of Colorado at Boulder, Conference Services Coordinator
INTRODUCTION/GREETINGS
S. Davis welcomed the new Board members and observed that this was the first fall Board meeting held during a snowstorm.

1.0 MINUTES
The minutes of the May 28, 1997, Board meeting and the May 30, 1997, business meeting were approved.

2.0 SECRETARY'S REPORT
2.1 C. Foster distributed revised rosters reflecting a change for C. Diedrichs and a reminder to send all NASIG reimbursement forms to the post office box used by G. Williams.

2.2 C. Foster compiled the following Board decisions since the May meeting for inclusion in the minutes:

1. Approved ordering 5000 envelopes with NASIG's permanent address for general committee use and 2500 envelopes marked "Official Election Ballot" for Nominations and Bylaws Committees.

2. Agreed to renew AMIS membership at the $100 corporate level.

3. In keeping with our position of not accepting corporate sponsorships or contributions, declined Haworth's offer to send each board member a complimentary subscription to Serials Librarian.

4. Authorized an increase of $1500 to the Database & Directory budget for temporary help in maintaining the NASIG membership database responsibilities through the end of 1997.

5. Agreed to add the ALCTS-SS Task Force names to the electronic discussion list for the Task Force to Study Cooperative Efforts.

6. Authorized a donation to the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in memory of Tina Feick's father, Harold Larsen.

7. Extended the deadline of the Publications Program Task Force to mid-March 1998.

8. Changed the schedule of electronic lists changeover to occur 2-4 weeks after the annual conference with the following lists receiving priority: NASIG-BD, ECC, and PPC. Other lists will be considered when a request is received for faster transition.

9. Expanded the list of recipients of the conference evaluation summary report to include: President, past President, immediate past PPC and CPC co-chairs, and incoming PPC and CPC co-chairs and board liaisons.

10. Endorsed the idea of a program proposal for the next annual conference on developing leadership skills within NASIG and the serials profession.

2.3 C. Foster reported that fifty-five (55) program proposals had been forwarded to the Program Planning Committee for the 1998 conference.

2.4 C. Foster, Board liaison to the Professional Liaisons, initiated discussion about ways to increase diversity among NASIG's membership in response to the Strategic Plan. The Board examined opportunities already in place for attracting members from areas other than academic librarianship, in keeping with NASIG 2000 goals.

3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT
3.1 G. Williams distributed the 1997 Michigan Conference Report as of 10/8/97 and noted that there are still a few bills outstanding. She projected that the 1997 conference will show a profit since there is currently a $87,000 surplus. For the 1998 conference, she requested that pre-conference income and expenses be tracked separately from the other conference costs.

3.2 G. Williams reviewed the Balance Sheet as of 10/8/97 with total assets of $222,766.21, and 1997 expenditures to date of $44,694.00. The operating budget is $80,683.00, so we are still under budget for the year. She observed that operating expenses continue to exceed dues income; nevertheless, the financial outlook, boosted by successful conferences, remains healthy. She also distributed a Profit & Loss Comparison for 1/1/96-10/15/97.

3.3-4 The 1998 draft operating budget, as presented by the treasurer, was $103,661.

ACTION: The Board approved the 1998 operating budget pending any changes resulting from committee reports later in the meeting.

3.5 S. Davis had prepared a NASIG Board Meeting Reimbursement Policy (10/97) to clarify
reimbursement issues for new board members and to keep the policy current.

ACTION: The Board approved the NASIG Board Meeting Reimbursement Policy and recommended that it be added to the orientation packet for new Board members.

DATE: Effective immediately

4.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

4.1 S. Davis explained the Board's proposal for a leadership preconference. E. Cook shared information about possible speakers. Discussion followed about ways to link the leadership preconference with NASIG leadership development as well as personal development for participants.

4.2 S. Davis solicited input on the status of NASIG 2000 Strategic Plan as the year 2000 approaches with questions as to whether a new plan is needed or updates to the original plan. Board members agreed that the plan, as written and implemented, is still valid and serves a vital role in guiding the organization; nevertheless, it is essential to review progress and revise goals as appropriate so that the plan will be applicable beyond the year 2000.

ACTION: The Board recommended that each committee should annually review the pertinent sections of the Strategic Plan and make suggestions for changes, deletions, or additions in light of their work. The Board also requested that each committee prepare a status report on the goals set forth in the plan for that committee.

DATE: Annual review due at the time all annual committee reports are due, usually submitted by May 1. Status report due by the January 8, 1998, Board meeting

5.0 TASK FORCE REPORTS

5.1 Archives Task Force

B. Geer reported that the task force's work is in progress and that the archives are in a period of transition until a permanent site can be found.

5.2 Conference Planning Manual

F. Wilkinson distributed the table of contents for the Conference Planning Manual, which she reorganized, coded, and updated. She urged everyone to e-mail to her any changes, comments, and provide sample documents for appendices. J. Callaghan will prepare a site selection checklist for the manual.

5.3 Program Planning Manual

C. Diedrichs stated that a June 1996 version of the Program Planning Manual exists. Christa Easton will revise it for future PPC Co-Chairs and Lisisons.

5.4 Publications Program Task Force

C. Diedrichs announced a mid-March 1998 deadline for the Publications Program Task Force report. After reviewing the charge with the Task Force, Chair Ladd Brown will adopt a topical approach to the task and solicit comments from each member on all subjects to be addressed or envisioned.

5.5 Task Force to Study Cooperative Efforts

E. Cook reported that ALCTS/SS committee members have been added to the task force listserv to facilitate discussion and collaboration between these two groups. The Board discussed other groups with which NASIG could collaborate. A final report is due December 15, 1997.

6.0 CONFERENCE PLANNING ISSUES

6.1-2 After leading a tour of campus facilities to be used for the 1998 conference, Steve Friedman, Conference Coordinator, reviewed a draft budget, discussed accommodations, events, and logistics. He pointed out that each residence hall room has a "microfridge" and mentioned transportation options for persons needing rides to meeting locations.

P. Wallace and W. Baia, Conference Planning Committee co-chairs, discussed conference events and meeting sites and presented Budget Revision #3, October 1997. The Board was most appreciative of their efforts and the details provided by S. Friedman and all others involved in the planning process to date. The Board expressed appreciation to Jim Williams, Dean of the University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries, for providing break refreshments during the Board meeting.

ACTION: C. Foster will send a thank-you note to Jim Williams for his exceptional
hospitality in keeping the Board members amply refreshed.

DATE: Immediately upon return from the Board meeting

ACTION: The Board agreed to set the 1998 basic conference fee at $325 single; $300 double; $250 commuter, pending review of a revised budget from CPC.

W. Baia reviewed entertainment options, locations for special events, and possibilities for the Sunday afternoon tours. In order to have Users Group meetings and allow ample time for tours, S. Davis suggested that the Users Groups hold discussions during Sunday lunch, so that tours can begin at 1:30 p.m.

P. Wallace said that Georgia Briscoe (UC Law Library) will coordinate all audio-visual needs for the conference and has already contacted the Michigan coordinator and begun plans for 1998. The Colorado State University committee members (Donnice Cochenour, Patricia Smith, Nora Copeland) are preparing the registration brochure; W. Baia is writing the introduction. P. Wallace shared ideas for souvenirs, conference packet folders, and alternatives to the fun run/walk.

ACTION: Conference registration brochures will be mailed between Feb. 15-March 1, 1998. Registration is open to members only until April 15. Registration deadline for everyone is May 18. The Board agreed that no official travel agency is needed.

(The Board meeting resumed Saturday morning at 8:00 in the Broker Inn Lounge, replete with old library books, even NUCs, while the blizzard raged on; at noon the group reconvened at the UC library for lunch and the final portion of the agenda)

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Archives
(See 5.1)

7.2 Awards & Recognitions Committee (A&R)
J. Callaghan announced the establishment of the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship to be sponsored by NASIG and SISAC. The award process will follow the same schedule as the student grant process. The committee should consider if additional members are needed to oversee this increase in awards. The $2500 annual scholarship will be awarded to someone enrolled in at least 6 credit hours of library/information science courses. Details are forthcoming. NASIG is very pleased with this joint award as a tribute to Fritz Schwartz. SISAC members prepared an informative biographical sketch of Schwartz that captures the essence of his contributions to the serials industry and librarianship.

J. Callaghan said that details are still being worked out for the Marcia Tuttle International Grant with a timetable different from the other awards in an effort to distribute workload for this committee. NASIG awards now are: 3 Horizon; 10 student grants, 1 scholarship, and 1 international grant, pending approval of final details.

ACTION/DATE: A&R will propose final details of the Marcia Tuttle International Grant by the January 1998 Board meeting.

7.3 Bylaws Committee
A. Ercelawn reported on the activities of Bylaws, chaired by Julie Su. The committee has revised and mounted its internal documentation in a committee subdirectory of NASIGWeb. With assistance from Donnice Cochenour, the Web version of the NASIG Bylaws was updated to incorporate 1997 revisions. C. Foster wondered if the pre-printed election ballot envelopes would suffice for any possible bylaws votes. She will send a sample to J. Su for consideration. Currently, no amendments have been proposed.

7.4 Continuing Education Committee (CEC)
S. Oberg announced that the Human Resources Directory is growing, thanks to the efforts of Marty Gordon and Marilyn Geller, co-chairs. The committee has an ever-increasing list of initiatives and events. NASIG now has 2 banners (30"x48") suitable for table displays at conferences. Phil Greene is the liaison from CEC to RC&M.

7.4.1 S. Oberg reported that the mentor program
had 12 out of 48 evaluations returned indicating an overall favorable opinion. Areas for improvement include ways to facilitate the initial meeting of participants, such as providing a separate reception room, special name tags, or a table designated at the reception as the place for mentors and mentees to meet, and a clearer delineation of ways to assist mentees and expectations of this relationship. The Board discussed possible improvements at the 1998 conference in light of these evaluations and familiarity with potential meeting areas for receptions and gatherings as a result of the campus tour.

7.5 Database & Directory Committee (D&D)

7.5.1 A. Ercelawn noted that the 1998 renewals were mailed on October 14 and that membership prior to renewals is 1260. She discussed the renewal process with the goal of October 1 for first mailing and a deadline of November 15. (Since renewals were mailed later this year, the renewal deadline was extended to November 17). A second renewal notice is sent in early January to all non-renewing members. M. Horn added that a final renewal notice appears in the February newsletter and that the mailing label indicates if a membership has expired. A. Ercelawn reported that an online membership directory is being developed by Ann Dykas, Carol Gill, and Cheryl Riley. Rose Robischon will coordinate the directory production next year.

A request from PPC to code the database for more membership information at renewal time (by organization, principal work area, and type of responsibility) prompted discussion of pros, cons, effects on existing database codes of D&D and ECC software, and general feasibility and necessity.

DECISION: The Board recommended that the Program Planning Committee use the prior year’s conference evaluation for membership profile information that would help in setting programming goals and that EAC review registrant categories on the evaluation form to accommodate their request if feasible.

7.5.2 In response to a request from D&D chair for additional clerical support (also see 2.2, action 4), the Board discussed ways to streamline and distribute the work involved in maintenance of the database and directory production, such as having the printer pack and mail the directory again next year.

ACTION: The Board clarified that the $1500 budget allocation authorized for temporary assistance to D&D covers the remainder of the current committee year, through the June 1998 Board meeting.

7.8 Electronic Communications Committee (ECC)

E. Cook presented an ECC proposal to request UNC to install Excite for Web Servers (EWS 1.1), a free search software that will enhance searching of newsletters and proceedings subdirectories.

ACTION: The Board approved the installation of EWS 1.1, pending agreement by the UNC technical staff.

DATE: ASAP

E. Cook reported that NASIG had not yet been billed for the 1998 Web services at UNC.

ACTION: G. Williams will contact UNC about payment for 1998 database support.

DATE: ASAP

E. Cook explained that the ECC preconference, pending acceptance by PPC, would be similar to the one offered last year. Mike Randall is the coordinator for this program.

(Committee reports resume under 9.0)

8.0 PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)

M. Markwith distributed a preliminary roster of preconference, plenary, and issue (concurrent) sessions. In addition to co-chair J. Luther, other members of the Plenary Subcommittee are Mary Page, Bob Persing, Cecilia Leathem, and Ladd Brown. M. Markwith sought clarification about the committee’s role with preconferences. S. Davis explained that PPC is responsible for the entire program and coordinates preconferences with the designated contacts.

ACTION: The Board approved the preliminary program of preconferences, plenaries, and issues.
M. Wilhite, PPC workshop chair, reviewed the draft of workshop proposals. Her subcommittee includes Whitney Alexander, Jos Anemaet, Rita Broadway, Sandy Gurshman and Margaret Mering. The Board discussed several proposals in response to Wilhite's questions about number of presenters and focus of topics.

ACTION: PPC will refine further the program speakers and presenters and confirm the program.

DATE: By December 1, 1997, in order for abstracts to be included in the conference brochure.

The Board discussed ways to reduce the length of the brochure and suggested that names of conveners be eliminated and abstracts shortened. C. Diedrichs reminded PPC to notify the Proceedings Editors about any special programming arrangements with speakers and workshop leaders.

8.1 F. Wilkinson and S. Davis reviewed the history and process of compiling and selling conference handout packets (from workshop and issues sessions). Discussion ensued about time of payment and method for obtaining originals. P. Wallace suggested that a volunteer from her committee or staff be assigned to each session for obtaining handouts for the packet. Requests for packets from the past 2 conferences have been between 160-175.

DECISION: The Board concurred that the conference handout packets are a valuable post-conference service which must be timely with a turnaround of 4-6 weeks.

ACTION: The Board approved $25 as the cost-recovery charge for the packets. Packets can be ordered at the time of registration or at the conference. All packets must be prepaid. No packets can be ordered after the conference ends.


9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued from 7.0)

9.1 Evaluation & Assessment Committee (EAC)

S. Oberg reported that the response rate of 33% for the conference evaluation was lower than in the past. In light of the data requested by PPC (see 7.5.1), the Board viewed evaluation information (registrant profile) as possibly sufficient for their needs. Additionally, the Board studied items to eliminate because of the length of the evaluation and the consistent responses annually.

S. Oberg asked for feedback on the format and content of the evaluation report from the University of Michigan conference. The Board agreed that the committee had done an excellent job in a timely manner. In response to S. Oberg's question about retaining both content and presentation categories for each presentation, the Board reaffirmed keeping both categories on the evaluation form.

ACTION: The Board recommended that EAC eliminate the evaluation questions under "Format" (B. I-III) and that conference registrant information be enhanced, if needed, as part of the quick summary provided PPC as soon as possible following the conference.

DATE: EAC to revise evaluation form for use at the 1998 conference.

ACTION: The Board also recommended that the conference brochure emphasize that the business meeting is open to all registrants and not just members only.

DATE: For the 1998 conference brochure and all subsequent brochures.

9.2 Newsletter

M. Hom said that the September issue of the NASIG Newsletter was the first with the new production staff: Naomi Young, Production Editor (print) and Regina Beach, Production Editor (Web). Steve Savage, Special Projects, is also on the Publications Task Force and will compile a questionnaire about the Newsletter for the February 1998 issue as part of the self-study process. The questionnaire will also be available on NASIG-L and on NASIGWeb. Curry Printing & Graphics has been printing the cover sheets for the Newsletter so the secretary no longer keeps a supply, and the cost is included in the Newsletter budget. Curry also purchases and prints the mailing envelopes.

In response to general discussion about Newsletter size and content, M. Hom asked if there was a mission statement or charge for the Newsletter. No one was aware of any formal
charge. She reminded everyone that the Newsletter reporters at the annual conference are available as backups for Proceedings recorders if needed.

DECISION: The Board requested a self-study report, which could include a charge, following tabulation and analysis of the February questionnaire.

DATE: By the June 1998 Board meeting

9.3 Nominations & Elections Committee (N&E)

B. Geer gave a progress report on the nominations process and commended Christie Degener for her leadership and the work of her committee. 58 different NASIG members were nominated. Each N&E member is contacting a group of nominees. As soon as the ballot is drafted and reviewed by the president, B. Geer, Board liaison, will present it to the Board at the January meeting.

9.4 Proceedings

E. Cook commented that Charlene Simser and Mike Somers, co-editors, will be sending the Proceedings manuscript to Haworth at the end of October. They identified some issues for improvement for the next Proceedings. The Editors should routinely receive a list of conference registrants from the registrar in order to complete the content of the volume. F. Wilkinson will add this request to the CPC manual; P. Wallace will note this as a CPC responsibility for the registrar. To coordinate more closely with PPC, E. Cook suggested that the Editors attend the PPC committee meeting at the conference.

9.5 Regional Councils & Membership (RC&M)

J. Mouw presented Ann Nez’s detailed report of committee activities and complimented her leadership. Anne Frohlich sent follow-up letters (nearly 150) to non-members who attended the Michigan conference; Marla Whitney has mailed 47 new member packets since July.

9.5.1 J. Mouw introduced the issue of regions and rewording the charge to accommodate reorganization. RC&M has a publicist, seven (7) U.S., two (2) Canadian, and one (1) other-area committee members.

DECISION: The Board agreed that RC&M should restructure the regions to represent better the membership by retaining the 7 U.S. areas, expanding Canada to 3 regions, adding 1 for Mexico, and keeping 1 non-North America representative.

ACTION: The committee charge will be revised to state: “The Committee consists of thirteen members. One member is appointed from each of the twelve regions, and one member serves as publicist.”

DATE: Effective immediately

9.5.2 J. Mouw said that the committee is still reflecting on the concept of a traveling display. B. Geer referred to the Strategic Plan for guidance and clarity.

ACTION: RC&M will investigate the pros, cons, costs, and details of a traveling display and present a report that includes reasons for their conclusions.

DATE: A recommendation to the Board at the January 1998 meeting

Discussion followed about ways to disseminate brochures at conferences and the visibility of brochures at some vendor booths. The idea of a NASIG informal gathering at ALA midwinter will also be explored.

10.0 SITE SELECTION

J. Callaghan discussed possible Northeast sites for 1999 (June 10-13) and hopes to have a firm possibility by the January Board meeting. S. Oberg, incoming president for 1999, will assist in site visits. J. Callaghan reviewed a list of sites beyond 1999 that could or could not accommodate NASIG.

11.0 SEARCHES TO FILL EXPIRING TERMS

S. Davis led the discussion about three positions needing to be filled in 1998: Archivist, Newsletter Editor, and Proceedings Editors. Announcements will be posted on NASIG-L, NASIGWeb, and in the Newsletter as soon as possible. Board members suggested names for three separate search committees. S. Davis will appoint the committees.
12.0 UKSG CONFERENCE FEE WAIVER FOR JILL TOLSON

S. Davis explained that Richard Hodson, UKSG Chair, wants to send Jill Tolson, UKSG Business Manager, to the 1998 NASIG conference in exchange for her presenting information about UKSG to the Board and/or during the conference. UKSG will pay her travel expenses.

ACTION: The Board approved a conference fee waiver for Jill Tolson, UKSG Business Manager, for the 1998 conference. S. Davis will notify R. Hodson.

13.0 CALENDAR

B. Geer distributed the newly revised working calendar. She requested that corrections and changes be sent to her. She will pursue Web access before her term ends.

14.0 OTHER

S. Davis distributed a press release from Haworth announcing that the recipient of the 1997 Peter Gellatly/Best of The Serials Librarian Award is Eyal Amiran for his article, "The Rhetoric of Serials at the Present Time," based on a presentation at the Duke (10th) conference as part of "Conversations with E-Journals Editors."

ACTION: The secretary will send a congratulatory letter to Dr. Amiran.
DATE: Upon return from the Board meeting.

14.2 NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be January 8 (2:30-6:30) and 9 (8:00-noon), 1998, in New Orleans at the Hotel Inter-Continental.
At 4:50 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

Help build a better Newsletter!
Please fill out and return the questionnaire at the very end of the issue.

NASIG 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1997)

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY SCIENCE STUDENT GRANT COMMITTEE:
REPORT FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS
Michelle Sitko

This past year we had a very large response rate and were fortunate to be able to award ten NASIG Library Science Student Grants. The grants covered the cost of room, board, transportation, and registration to the 1997 NASIG 12th Annual Conference held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. The award also includes membership dues for one year in NASIG.

This year's Student Grant Winners were:
Paula Bowering, University of British Columbia
Darcy Jones, Emporia State University
Kristen Tooze Kern, Emporia State University
Susan J. Kimball, Catholic University
Hsianghui Liu-Spencer, University of Rhode Island
Steve Posti, University of South Florida
Laura Power, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Roumi Radenska, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Frederica G. Scott, Kent State University
Cynthia Wolff, Queens College.

Each of the winners completed a survey about their experience at this past years’ NASIG Conference. What follows is a sampling of their responses:

Why do you feel it is worthwhile for students to attend a NASIG Conference?

"A master's degree in library and information science only provides one piece of the entire experience required for becoming a professional librarian. Working in the field is a second part of one's educational process. Attending conferences and workshops of professional associations rounds out the student's experience by providing critical networking opportunities and instilling the value of continuing education. The NASIG Student Grant Award Program facilitates experiencing this important aspect by encouraging students to take part and by sponsoring them financially."
"From my own student experience, learning about serials issues first hand is not always possible unless one is involved in an internship or class project devoted to serials, for example. The conference presents the unique opportunity to learn about serials in much more depth. Listening to the practitioners in serials work gives a much more personal, well-rounded perspective to printed articles about these issues. The conference can also provide insights on whether this is an area one is interested in pursuing professionally."

**How did attending the conference benefit you personally?**

"My experience at NASIG was one of the most valuable experiences I have had since I began my library science program. I was able to meet people in my specific area of interest which will prove very useful when I begin searching for professional employment. I attended some interesting and insightful workshops where I learned new skills, developed ideas, and observed what others were doing to incorporate current technologies into their work environments."

"I feel that I came away from the conference much better informed on the issues that will be confronting serials librarians in the future. The serials area is a growing, constantly changing entity in the library world and beyond, and being aware of those changes and concerns can only be beneficial to my work, even though I deal mostly with monographs at this point. It was also interesting to see what Michigan is doing with its various projects and facilities that involve serials, information, the electronic future. As well, it was wonderful to meet others who are concerned about the same issues and learn from them."

**How did having a mentor help you during the conference?**

"It was a very welcoming and comforting notion knowing that there was a person looking for you and available to you if you had needs or questions of any kind during the conference. By far, the most important meeting was the first meeting (even the e-mail correspondence prior to the conference was a good ice breaker and big help). I probably wish we had one more planned meeting, perhaps mid-Saturday, to rehash some questions that had come up during the conference. I know we were both very busy but just seeing my mentor periodically during sessions and in passing made me feel 'at home.'"

"My mentor was very attentive and introduced me to several people in the field. She also advised me about the speakers of the different sessions and what to expect from each one. I appreciated my mentor's willingness to discuss my career options with me and to offer advice on whom to seek out at the conference."

**Did attending the conference influence your career plans? If so, how?**

"My career plans have not changed dramatically, but attending the conference renewed my commitment to a career in which serials play a major role. The new and exciting changes taking place will transform the field as I enter it."

"I knew before I went to the conference that I enjoyed working with serials and found them challenging. Yet, I did not want to limit my possibilities for different career paths and viewed the opportunity of going to this conference as a way to learn more about serials and to hopefully meet some interesting people in the field. I do not believe I fully appreciated the diversity in the field of serials or the issues affecting serials librarianship in the future. I came home very excited about serials librarianship and all of the changes taking place. After attending the conference, I am more convinced of my interest in serials, and, after speaking with other serials librarians, I feel that I have not only the inclination but the disposition to be a serials librarian. While I still do not know what paths my education and experience will take me, I believe I will heavily lean towards a path which will allow me to actively participate in the world of serials, and hopefully make positive decisions about the future of serials librarianship."

**What suggestions do you have for the 1998 NASIG Conference Student Grant Program?**

"I felt that the Committee did an excellent job of keeping me informed of the conference plans.
and arrangements, and making me feel very welcome at the conference itself. Based on my experience, it would seem logical that the Committee, who is most familiar with the student, would function as the mentors for the students and Horizon Award winners if they are first time attendees, unless this is above and beyond the Committee’s duties and inclinations."

"Perhaps a meeting attended by all the student winners and a representative mixture of professionals from different environments and positions would be good. This would ensure the opportunity to ask questions informally if a student felt uneasy about mingling with a larger group. Specific questions asked among one’s peers might be a good way to start the conference off for the students."

Additional comments or suggestions:

"I have attended ALA and my local library association meetings, but I cannot remember having such a wonderful experience from a more warm, friendly, and inviting group as the NASIG crew was. NASIG advertised this grant opportunity effectively through the networks, i.e. its Newsletter and Web page and various appropriate listservs. Since the grants are given out on an annual basis, it should also be listed in ‘Financial Assistance of Library & Information Studies, Academic Year 1997-1998,’ issued by ALA’s Standing Committee on Library Education. Sending announcements to library schools for posting would also be helpful."

"I really enjoyed how well organized the conference was. The Planning Committee should sell their services to other organizations. Not only well organized, the food was great! I liked being in the dorms and being in contact with other NASIG attendees all the time. I was dragging by the end, and maybe a tip should be offered to first-timers to pace themselves, take time to relax some. It is quite a robust schedule, and if the body is not tiring out, the mind is."

"Thank you all for a wonderful experience that has enriched my education and strengthened my commitment to the profession!"

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You can be a mentor at the 1998 Conference — just return the form on p. 26 to apply!

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NASIG 13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1998)
JUNE 18-21, 1998, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
Wendy Baia and Pat Wallace, Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs

The theme for NASIG’s 13th Annual Conference is "Head in the Clouds, Feet on the Ground: Serials Vision and Common Sense." The Conference will be held on the Boulder Campus at the University of Colorado from June 18 through June 21, 1998. Detailed conference information is included in the conference registration brochure, which is scheduled to be mailed by the end of February. Registration is open only to NASIG members until April 15, 1998; after that date registration will be open for non-members as well until May 18, 1998.

In addition to the wonderful program brought together by the Program Planning Committee, we have arranged for three evenings of fun, relaxation, great food, and entertainment. Thursday evening’s dinner will be a buffet on the Norlin Quad, near Macky Auditorium where the opening session will be held. Colorado foods will be featured. The entertainment will have a Shakespearean theme, provided by musicians and actors who perform at the popular Colorado Shakespeare Festival.

Friday evening’s dinner will be held at Celestial Seasonings, the largest herbal tea manufacturer in the United States. Attendees will also be able to visit the nearby Leanin’ Tree Museum of Western Art. Dinner will be a pasta bar with an opportunity to sample a wide variety of Celestial
Seasonings' famous teas. Tours of the manufacturing plant will be available, although the machines aren't in production in June. Celestial also has an art gallery and a well-stocked gift shop. At the Leanin' Tree Museum, attendees can view an outstanding collection of western art and browse the gift shop of the world's largest publisher of western, wildlife and other greeting cards of regional interest.

On Saturday night, conference participants will be taken on a short ride into Boulder's foothills to the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). This is one of Boulder's landmark buildings, designed by world-renowned architect I.M. Pei. While enjoying spectacular views of Boulder, conference attendees will dine at a Southwestern style buffet with background music provided by a mariachi band. NCAR's exhibit area, galleries and library will be open. Also, there are numerous hiking trails surrounding NCAR, including the Walter Orr Roberts Weather Trail, a wheelchair-accessible loop.

Conference participants may also want to explore other areas of Boulder, including its famous Pearl Street Mall, a four-block outdoor pedestrian mall with numerous sidewalk cafes, art galleries, shops, and street performers. The Mall is easily reached on foot or by bus from the Boulder campus.

Three tours are being offered after the conference closes on Sunday afternoon, June 21, for those persons who wish to extend their visit in the surrounding area. The Arrangers of Denver will offer a tour to downtown Denver that will include visits to the beautifully renovated Denver Art Museum, the new Denver Public Library and the Colorado History Museum. Another tour will visit Rocky Mountain National Park and the popular resort town of Estes Park, located about 40 miles northwest of Boulder. The third trip will be to Central City, one of the area's popular gaming towns, only an hour from Boulder. Details of these tours, including costs and times, will be in the registration brochure.

For those of you who would like to explore Boulder and Colorado before arriving, you can view selected World Wide Web sites via the Conference Web page. The page features links to various entertainment and restaurant sites and also contains further information regarding the Conference, as well as full conference registration information. The Conference Web page can be found at:

http://nasig.iis.unc.edu/
Click on Time-Dated Announcements, then 1998 Annual Conference

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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ADVANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Judy Luther, Mike Markwith, and Marjorie Wilhite,
Program Planning Committee Co-Chairs

Lucky 13! We have mountain views from the conference site at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a diverse program designed to stimulate discussion and deepen our understanding of the dynamics of in our rapidly changing environment. Nestled at the foothills of the Rockies, the conference takes its theme from the landscape "Head in the Clouds, Feet on the Ground: Serials Vision and Common Sense."

Following the successful format of prior conferences, NASIG will have a keynote speaker each day drawing from the areas of technology, publishing and libraries. Mark Walter, Editor of the "Report on Internet Publishing" by Seybold Publications, will assess the impact of changing technology in publishing. On Saturday, Pat Schroeder, former Congresswoman from Colorado and current President and CEO of the Association of American Publishers, will return to her home
state to update us on current issues on her agenda. From the library perspective, Ellen Waite, Associate Provost for Information Studies at the University of Richmond will speak to trends affecting us all with her talk on "It's Personal, It's Digital and It's Serial."

Some of the twelve issue sessions were created to complement those submitted and provide a variety of viewpoints for all participants. You may find it challenging to choose between such hot topics as: archiving e-journals, Neodata, evaluating database subscriptions, telecommunications, disaster preparedness, team decision making, pricing of STM journals, and end user needs in an electronic environment.

The twenty-one workshops represent the strength of NASIG's many proposed programs: training for library automation system migration, digital government documents, integrating electronic resources into a Web OPAC, bibliometric data, the future of holdings, the development of electronic journals from the publisher perspective, building effective Websites. One case study will include editors from the Wall Street Journal and the Chronicle of Higher Education defining what has made their electronic publications successful. Each workshop will be repeated to simplify the selection process.

You may wish to arrive a day early to attend one of the two preconferences that offer hands-on training. A leadership workshop organized by the NASIG Board and based on the Enneagram will offer a psychology typology to provide insights on our motivators and our fears and how to enhance our leadership abilities. The Electronic Communications Committee has developed an entire menu of options allowing participants to focus on areas of HTML authoring and Web development.

NETWORKING NODES AND USER GROUP DISCUSSIONS: CALL FOR TOPICS
Connie Foster

Yes, it's time again to think about the networking nodes and user group discussions that you want to schedule for the 13th annual NASIG conference in Boulder, June 18-21, 1998.

Nodes: The networking nodes offer opportunities for an informal exchange of ideas, problems, solutions, issues, and opinions relating to serials. Nodes will meet on Saturday, June 20 from 3:45-5:15. Last year's topics covered e-journal access, paraprofessional concerns, serials cataloging, union listing, and Internet use for serials work.

User Groups: User groups will meet on Sunday during lunch, immediately following the closing session. Box lunches will be available. This is a change that allows time for discussion and then departure for tours at 1:30. Users groups meet after the conference in keeping with NASIG's no-conflict, non-commercialism policy. Last year's groups included Blackwell's Electronic Journal Navigator, DRA, Dynix, Endeavor Voyager, Horizon, and Innovative Interfaces.

Please submit topics, groups, and facilitators by March 1, 1998, for the April Newsletter. They will also be posted on NASIG-L. Late additions will be posted on NASIG-L and accepted as long as room arrangements can be made; meeting places will be included in the conference packets.

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PROCEEDINGS EDITORS ANNOUNCED
Eleanor Cook

The North American Serials Interest Group is pleased to announce the 1998 Annual Conference Proceedings editorial team. Beatrice L. Caraway, Jeffrey S. Bullington, and Beverley Geer of Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, will serve as editors for the coming year.
Caraway is Serials Cataloger at Trinity and holds a B.A. and M.A. in French; her M.L.I.S. is from Louisiana State University. Geer is Head Cataloger at Trinity. She has a B.S. in English, with an M.L.S. from the University of Oklahoma. Bullington is Social Sciences Librarian at Trinity. He has a B.A. in history and his M.S. in Library and Information Science is from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

These individuals possess an excellent set of editing and writing skills and have a strong NASIG background. Geer was NASIG President, 1996/97; Caraway has been active on several NASIG committees; Bullington is a member of NASIG and will be contributing his HTML editing skills to the electronic version of the Proceedings. NASIG’S 3RD ANNUAL MENTOR PROGRAM

NASIG’s Continuing Education Committee is sponsoring a Conference Mentoring Program to help make new conference attendees feel more at ease, highlight membership benefits, and create new networking opportunities. The program will match experienced NASIG conference attendees with new conference goers. The 1998 program will accept the first 40 applications from both mentors and mentees completing application forms.

Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis, with a May 15th deadline.

Qualifications

1.) First time NASIG Conference attendees planning to attend the 13th Annual NASIG Conference in Boulder, Colorado. Student members, NASIG Student Grant Winners, NASIG Horizon winners and new NASIG members are especially encouraged to apply.

2.) Experienced NASIG members with at least one year’s conference experience willing to volunteer a few hours of conference time sharing, advising and assisting new NASIG members. NASIG Executive Board and NASIG Standing Committee members as well as former Student Grant and Horizon winners are especially encouraged to apply.

Mentees (those being mentored) may be library science students, new librarians, and new NASIG members. NASIG membership and first time NASIG conference attendance is required.

Mentors (those providing mentoring) need a sincere interest in helping someone get the most out of the NASIG Conference and general membership. Qualifications involve having good listening skills, having at least one year’s experience as a NASIG conference goer, and ability to act as a professional role model. Mentors must be NASIG members for at least one full year prior to the conference.

Each person will receive name, phone numbers, e-mail and regular street addresses of the other. Matched participants should contact each other before the conference begins and plan to meet a minimum of two times during the conference. First time meetings could take place at the First Timers’ Reception.

For additional information about the Mentoring program, please contact either of the co-chairs: Alison Roth (roth@blackper.com), tel: (802) 263-5557 or Denise Novak (dn22@andrew.cmu.edu), tel: (412) 268-7310.

[Editor’s note: you will find the application on p. 26 of this issue]

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW ON NASIGWeb

Cheryl Riley
Database and Directory Committee

The NASIG Membership Directory is available on NASIGWeb as of January 1998. The Web directory will be updated monthly, so current membership information will now be available to all NASIG members. Three members of the Database & Directory Committee attended the preconference at the 1997 annual conference in anticipation of providing members with a Web version of the Membership Directory. A sub-committee (Ann Dykas, Carol Gill, Leanne Hillery, and Cheryl Riley) was formed to tackle this project. Since the 1997 conference, the sub-committee has been hard at work on developing a Web version of the Membership Directory. The entire Database & Directory Committee has helped by previewing the Web
directory and offering comments about design. We hope you like what we have developed.

Several months were devoted to investigating Web database publishing and different software packages. Eventually, the committee decided to utilize the software package presently used to maintain the Membership Directory.

The procedure we used to produce the Web version of the membership directory requires querying the membership database for all changes in a month and merging that information into a WordPerfect document. The HTML tags needed for the Web serve as field names for the merge document. The document is saved as a text file, then opened in a browser and saved as an HTML file. It takes about 4 hours to produce the HTML files for the entire Membership Directorv.

Ann Dykas, Univ. of Missouri — Kansas City has developed the templates used for the Web directory and designed the page. Ann is also in charge of transferring the files to NASIGWeb via FTP. Carol Gill has assumed responsibility for double-checking the entries each time they are updated. Each individual entry in the Web directory includes the same information published in the print directory. Individual e-mail entries are all hot-linked allowing members to e-mail other NASIG members directly from their directory entry. One caveat: underlines in e-mail addresses show up as blanks (and a blank is not a valid character in an e-mail address) in the Web Directory since hot-links are automatically underlined. Users will need to be aware of this if manually copying an address to use later. If your entry has a line with no information, it is because that information is not included in the database. If you would like to add that information, send the changes to Cheryl Riley: riley@libserv.cmu.edu

We would like to ask all of our members to visit the Web Directory, look at your entry, and verify the information provided. If you have a compound last name, please check to see that your name falls in the correct letter of the alphabet; if not please let Cheryl Riley know. If you find a typographical error or out-dated information, use the e-mail address on the first page of the Web Directory to send in your changes.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
Christie Degener, Chair, NASIG Nominations & Elections Committee

Pursuant to Article VII Section 2 of the Bylaws, notice is herein given of a general election to be held by mail ballot between February 15, 1998 and March 15, 1998 for the following Executive Offices:

Vice-President/President Elect

Secretary

Member at Large

All active members on record with the Chair of the Database & Directory Committee as of January 15, 1998 shall be eligible to cast one original ballot that they shall receive solely by:

1. Correctly marking no more than one (1) vote for Vice-President/President Elect, no more than one (1) vote for Secretary, and no more than three (3) different votes for Member-at-Large. In each instance, up to an equal number of write-in votes may be substituted.


Please address any questions regarding the general election to:

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MEMBER NEWS

Where are the New Members?
You'll find them on the Web version of the Newsletter. (Let us know what you think of this change by filling out the questionnaire at the very end of this issue.)

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Carol MacAdam

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

Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Pat Adams is now Northeast Regional Representative for Blackwell's Book Services. She left her position as Acquisitions/Periodicals Librarian at Union College in Schenectady to begin her new job in June 1997. Pat writes, "The move was a natural one for me, giving me an opportunity to use the knowledge gained during ten years as Acquisitions/Periodicals Librarian at Union College. I am thoroughly enjoying visiting libraries in the six New England states, New York and New Jersey, listening to librarians tell about their library's needs and letting them know how Blackwell's can help them with their work. It is a very exciting time to join Blackwell's in the midst of integration of US and UK book services as well as the release of their Web-based Collection Manager." Pat's new addresses are:
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Joe Badics is now Acquisitions Librarian at Eastern Michigan University, where he was previously Periodicals Librarian. This means more responsibilities for Joe, as well as turning over the day-to-day periodicals recording and stacks maintenance to another librarian. All of Joe's addresses remain the same.

Rick J. Block, formerly Head of Cataloging at Boston College, became Head of Technical Services at the Thomas J. Watson Library at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on October 28, 1997. Rick says he is enjoying the added responsibilities for acquisitions and serials in addition to Cataloging. Technical Services at the Metropolitan Museum of Art includes a staff of 9 librarians and 11 library assistants. Rick finds it is a great pleasure to walk up the main steps of the Met every morning to go to work. Rick's new addresses are:
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Kathy Bowersox tells us that she came to Louisiana in 1996 at Mardi Gras time to retro-con the ceased and inactive serials collection at Southeastern Louisiana University (in Hammond). With that task finished, this aficionado of cold and snowy winters was surprised to find herself seduced by life in the southern end of the Florida Parishes! Last July she took her new title of "Cataloging Librarian" at Southern University in Baton Rouge. Kathy
says she is fortunate to be the serials cataloging expert and still have the opportunity to play around with the books! Kathy's new addresses are:
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Ladd Brown was formerly Acquisitions Librarian at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University on October 1st, 1997. Leaving behind law library serials and the skyscrapers of Atlanta for the foothills of the Appalachians and Virginia Tech, Ladd reports he is very, very busy but rapidly adjusting to life without first-year law students. Ladd's new addresses are:
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(540) 231-6736
Fax: (540) 231-3694

Corinne Ebbs has a new job as Information Instruction Librarian at Westfield State College in Massachusetts. She previously held a similar position at James Madison University in Virginia. She started at Westfield in October 1997. Corinne says that because her new job is in a smaller school, she has more contact with students and faculty. She has some terrific new goals: "I look forward to contributing to a very proactive instruction program, to developing a proposal for an electronic classroom with hands-on capabilities, and to working towards college-wide integration of information-seeking skills into classes." Corrine's new addresses are:
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Here is news from Marilyn Fletcher: "From 1992 through 1996, I served as Project Coordinator for the New Mexico Newspaper Project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the UNM General Library. Since the project was for five years, I resigned my position as Head of Serials to administer the project. The project officially ended in September 1996 and was closed out in December 1996. From January through July of 1997, I was on sabbatical leave to study the feasibility of indexing a selected New Mexico newspaper either on word processing or through digital scanning. I agreed to accept the position as Associate Director of the Center for Southwest Research which includes New Mexico history as a major component. I still continue to search for newspapers which need to be restored and preserved and have just received multiple bound volumes of New Mexico newspapers which had been deaccessioned by the Library of Congress and the Kansas State Historical Society. Most of these are nineteenth century newspapers. Thus, in a way I can continue to preserve New Mexico history through its newspapers and at the same time contribute to reference and research in the overall history of New Mexico and the Southwest. I continue to participate in NASIG because it has been such a vital and informative professional organization." Marilyn's addresses remain the same.

Timothy Hagan began his new position as Serials Cataloger at Northwestern University on December 8, 1997. He was previously Serials Cataloger at the Chicago Historical Society where he cataloged serials and did some reference work. Tim says that he is enjoying the challenges of working in a much larger serials department and the change to a university environment. Tim's new addresses are:
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From Tom Holt we learn: "I left Stanford University at the end of September 1997 and began work at California State University, Hayward on October 13, 1997. In my new position as Bibliographic Control Coordinator at the CSUH Library, I am responsible for planning, directing, coordinating and evaluating all cataloging and processing activities, as well as the personnel of the Bibliographic Control Department, which includes the Processing/
Repair Unit. The Library uses the Innovative Interfaces system and maintains contracts with OCLC TechPro, OCLC PromptCat and MARCIVE.

Tom's new addresses are:
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News from Sandy Kortesoja: "After graduating from the University of Michigan's MILS program in Aug 1996, I worked part-time as Librarian of a departmental library at UM until July 14, 1997 when I joined the Ford Motor Company Archives as one of five new Project Archivists. Like many corporate archives, the Archives at Ford is designed mainly for use by Company employees, rather than the public. Archival collections contain executive correspondence, news releases, several Company publications, executive speeches, financial records, and project files. For me, the switch from an academic library to a corporate archive has been rewarding. Several initiatives related to Corporate History (including some involving electronic publishing) are now under way. And, of course, my serials experience continues to be of great value!" Sandy's new addresses are:
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14441 Rotunda Drive
Dearborn, MI 48120
313-337-5175
SKORTESO@FORD.COM
Fax: 313-24-84921

Lisa Lande, serials cataloger at the University of Michigan, got married September 20, 1997. Her new name is Lisa Zaar. Part of her job at Michigan is working on the JSTOR project. Lisa's new addresses are:
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Corrie Marsh has left her position as Eastern Representative for Ovid Technologies, Inc., to join Gale Research Inc. as Gale's Southeast Representative. She moved to Gale in August, 1997. Corrie writes: "Gale offered me a very exciting opportunity to manage the Southeast accounts for their electronic products. This change has been great for me as it combines my 20 years of collection development experience with the past 8 years of working with technology systems at NOTIS, UMI and Ovid. The opportunity to combine this with contributions to the development of the publishing of Gale resources is very rewarding." Corrie's new e-mail is: CMARSH1@GALE.COM All her other addresses remain the same.

Norman Medeiros is now Technical Services Librarian at the Ehrman Medical Library of NYU's School of Medicine. Norman was previously Technical Services Librarian at Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. Norma writes: "I wanted the challenge of working in a larger academic library, and felt the time was right to make the move. NYU has been a perfect fit, both personally and professionally. I'm very happy here." Norman's new addresses are:
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From Steve Oberg at the University of Chicago we learn, "My job responsibilities have recently changed somewhat. My official title is now Head of Copy Cataloging and Electronic Resources Coordinator. Formerly, my title was Head, Bibliographic Control. The name of the section I supervise has been officially changed to the more descriptive title of Copy Cataloging, so that explains part of the change in my official title. The 'Electronic Resources Coordinator' part relates to formalizing some responsibilities I have had for a while, such as responsibility for maintaining several nodes on our Library's Web server, and also reflects new responsibilities. These new responsibilities relate to consideration of metadata standards, issues surrounding provision of access to digital resources, and development and implementation of hardware, software, and vendor services to support cataloging and processing activities." All Steve's addresses remain the same.

Member News — Title Changes
Brian Schmitt is now Distribution Manager for US News & World Report. His former position was Circulation and Fulfillment Manager at the American Institute of Physics. Brian writes: "My move to US News was effective August 11, 1997. As much as I love STM publishing and working closely with the library community, I couldn't resist the opportunity to work on one of the news weeklies. I look forward to keeping up my association with NASIG especially because this group is on the leading edge of where information management in general and publishing in particular are going." Brian's new addresses are: US News & World Report 1290 Avenue of Americas, Suite 600 New York, NY 10104 (212) 830-1952 BSCHMITT@USNEWS.COM Fax: (212) 830-1950

Stephanie Schmitt moved this past May to Lubbock, Texas to serve as the Information Technology Librarian at Texas Tech University Libraries. She was previously the Serials Librarian at the University of Mississippi Libraries in Oxford, MS. "I've changed from the Blues to Country & Western and from serials cataloging to systems-related e-journal subscription management. Enjoying it all, though I wish the trees were a little taller out here on the Llano Estacado." Her new addresses are: Texas Tech University University Libraries Box 40002 Lubbock, TX 79409-0002 (806) 742-2220 LISCS@LIB.TTU.EDU Fax: (806) 742-8669

MLA CONFERENCE, MAY 1997, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: HIGHLIGHTS by Linda Hulbert, NASIG/MLA Liaison

Seattle was such a lovely place for the annual Medical Library Association meeting that the program had to be demanding to keep me inside. The theme of the program was "Committed to Change. Ready for the Challenge." RoweCom held an introductory session to demonstrate their system. The regular program featured "Electronic Licensing Contracts: Are You Ready for the Challenge?" Ah, for a law degree! Karen Butler, Deputy Director, Library and Center for Knowledge Management, University of California, San Francisco; Karen Hunter, Senior Vice President, Elsevier Science; Ann Okerson, Associate University Librarian, Yale University; and Vicky Reich, Director's Office, Greene Library, Stanford University/High Wire shed new light on what we are doing now as we move from copyright law to contract law. They covered negotiating, managing licenses, pricing models, liability and trust, aggregators, archiving, and ways to put all players together to achieve successful licensing and use. They concluded with points to consider with contracts such as who, where, site, what capabilities, backfile access, cost, archiving, and the role of agents.

"Technical Services and Collection Development Challenges in the Electronic Environment" was sponsored by the Technical Services and Collection Development sections. Speakers included Elizabeth Cooley, then with OCLC, now with Readmore; David W. Boillard and Sheryl R. Stevens, Medical College of Ohio (Toledo); Andrea Woodruff and Lorrie Knight, University of the Pacific Libraries (Stockton, Calif.); Diana J. Cunningham and Christine Hunter, New York Medical College (Valhalla); and Della Williams Sudler, Betsy A. Larson, Martha Rinn, Texas Lutheran University (Seguin). Each discussed an area of expertise such as OCLC collection management services, online academic journal packages like those offered by Ohiolink, decision-making for print and/or electronic journals in health sciences, patron needs, and assessment of electronic products.

The plenary session featuring author Letty Cottin Pogrebin was the high point of the conference. In addition to being fabulously funny, she talked about the aging process and how to make the best of it. Her book Getting Over Getting Older should be encouraging for people wanting to focus on time and the future as a time to grow. The other plenary speaker was William W. Stead, who stated that we must position the library at the epicenter of a networked biomedical enterprise.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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March 2-4, 1998
Computers in Libraries 1998
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Washington, DC

March 30 - April 1, 1998
United Kingdom Serials Group
Annual conference
University of Exeter

May 12-15, 1998
ARL Spring Membership Meeting
[open only to ARL library directors]
Eugene, OR

May 14-15, 1998
Spring Meeting, Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians
Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
Bowling Green, KY

May 14-17, 1998
Feather River Institute
Feather River, CA

May 22-27, 1998
Medical Libraries Association Annual Conference
Philadelphia, PA

June 3-5, 1998
Society for Scholarly Publishing Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

June 6-11, 1998
Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
Indianapolis, IN

June 17-21, 1998
Canadian Library Association
53rd Annual Conference
Victoria, British Columbia

June 18-21, 1998
13th NASIG Conference
University of Colorado, Boulder
Boulder, Colorado

June 25-July 2, 1998
ALA Annual Conference
Washington, DC

July 11-16, 1998
American Association of Law Libraries
Annual Meeting
Anaheim, CA

October 26-29, 1998
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, PA

November 5-7, 1998
18th Annual Charleston Conference on Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions
Charleston, SC

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NASIG operates entirely through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. More than 10% of members serve on committees. There will be vacancies on some NASIG committees for terms beginning June 1998. Please return this completed form via US Mail, fax or e-mail by April 1, 1998 to: Steve Oberg, NASIG Vice President/President Elect / Head, Bibliographic Control / University of Chicago / 1100 East 57th Street / Chicago IL 60637. Fax: (773) 702-6623. E-mail: so67@midway.uchicago.edu

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Other ______

If you are appointed to a NASIG committee for a two-year term, will you be able to attend committee meetings held at the annual conferences? yes _ no __

List prior NASIG activities: ____________________________________________

List your current professional commitments: ________________________________

List special skills (software expertise with word processing, graphics, spreadsheets, survey production, etc.) ____________________________________________

List committee preference(s) in priority order (maximum of three):

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Explain why you are interested in these choices, and list qualifications or pertinent experience to support your committee preferences ____________________________________________

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NASIG's 3rd Annual Mentor Program Application
13th Annual Conference - Boulder, Colorado
June 18-21, 1998

Name: ___________________ Title ___________________

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Please check the appropriate area to help us match people.

I would like to be: ______ a Mentor ______ a Mentee

I am: ______ NASIG Horizon Winner ______ Student Grant Winner

I have been a NASIG member at least one year and have attended a NASIG conference:

____ yes ______ no

Institution type: ______ Academic ______ Public ______ Special

____ Other (please specify)

Serials responsibilities/interests include: ______ Acquisitions ______ Cataloging

____ Document Delivery/ILL ______ Check-in/Claiming ______ Public Service

____ Electronic Journals ______ Other

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Instructions for this question:
Step 1: In the column labeled “Read?” please indicate Yes or No for each item.

Write Y (for “Yes”) if you presently read the item in the Newsletter, or would like to if it were included in future issues.

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2. Would you be interesting in writing one or more articles on any of the topics you marked above?

[ ] Yes    [ ] No

If yes, which ones? ______________________________

3. Please check any of the following with which you agree:

[ ] a. News-type announcements, time-dated announcements with close due dates, etc., could be left out of the Newsletter and distributed via e-mail instead.

[ ] b. The conference brochure could be left out of the Newsletter as long as it is published separately.

[ ] c. Reports of conference presentations could be left out of the Newsletter as long as they are published in the conference Proceedings.

[ ] d. The appearance of the Newsletter is stodgy and text-dense; it should be "lightened up" a little.

[ ] e. I would like the Newsletter to provide a forum for discussion among NASIG members, about any topics related to the organization or serials.

[ ] f. I would like the tone of the Newsletter to be less serious.

[ ] g. The Newsletter should be less U.S.A.-oriented.

[ ] h. I generally do not read the Newsletter.

[ ] i. I often consult part or all of the Newsletter from the Web site, even if I receive it in paper.

[ ] j. I prefer that the individual issues be shorter.

[ ] k. Issues could be longer if they continue to focus on NASIG business or members, or serials topics.

[ ] l. I keep my print back issues of the Newsletter.

[ ] m. I give my issues of the Newsletter to a library or other information-related organization.

[ ] n. The Newsletter is just fine as it is -- don't change a thing!

4. At present, most NASIG members prefer to read the Newsletter as the print version received through the mail, rather than as the Web version. What factors would lead you to prefer the Web version instead of the print version? (Please check all that apply.)

[ ] a. Routinely making the Web version available 2 or more weeks before the print version is received

[ ] b. Expanding the graphics in the WWW version beyond those possible in the print version.

[ ] c. More convenient access to the WWW.

[ ] d. Increasing the number of issues per year.

[ ] e. Decreasing the number of issues per year.

[ ] f. Expanding the size of each issue.

[ ] g. Decreasing the size of each issue.

[ ] h. Omitting non-NASIG articles from the print version, but including them in the electronic version.

[ ] i. Other: ______________________________

5. Another method of electronic delivery would be to send each article as a separate e-mail message routinely delivered to your e-mail address. This would not allow any formatting beyond that used by e-mail programs (similar to the presentation in NASIG's earlier gopher version). If this method of easy, rapid, automatic delivery were provided, would you prefer this over print or Web access?

[ ] a. Yes, I would prefer it to the mail delivery of the print version.

[ ] b. Yes, I would prefer it to accessing the Web version myself.

[ ] c. No, I do not like this idea.

6. What do you like LEAST about the Newsletter? ______________________________

7. What do you like BEST about the Newsletter? ______________________________

8. Other comments, questions, or suggestions about the NASIG Newsletter:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE!