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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Maggie Rioux, NASIG President

Have you ever noticed how time seems to change speed as you go through life (and the year)? Remember when you were a kid and the last few days before Christmas seemed to take years to pass, but the last few weeks before school started up after summer vacation passed in about a minute? Well, this past year as NASIG President has been like that for me: it has slowed down and sped up all over the place, and sometimes both at the same time. As I write this in late April, it seems like we were in San Antonio only yesterday, and yet it was almost a year. And yet as I look back over the things I've done this past year, it seems in some ways like it's been forever since Connie Foster passed over the virtual gavel. And now that I'm working on agendas, rosters, etc., for our William & Mary conference it seems like I have only minutes before I finish my year as President and pass things over to Eleanor Cook. However long or short it's been, though, it's been great fun, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

First of all, I've gotten to know ever so many of you and have learned just how wonderful you all are. Appointing the members and chairs of all the committees last year was a really great experience (in retrospect, that is: at the time it was a lot of work). I learned how diverse our membership is, how varied your responsibilities and interests are, and most of all, how very many of you are interested in working in and for NASIG. It made last year's conference a lot more fun, as I would see people's name tags and say "Oh, you're the person I appointed to 'X' committee. I remember you!"

The next bit of fun I had was teasing Mary Page just before the third plenary session at Trinity, which I was introducing. Our speaker was a little late arriving, and Mary, who was in charge of shepherding plenary speakers, was beginning to worry. I think I drove her into total panic by threatening a CPR lecture (which is one of the few things I can teach extemporaneously) if he didn't arrive. Luckily, our speaker showed up in plenty of time and Mary has forgiven me (I think). See what fun it is to be President (or almost)?

Then I started learning that it's a lot easier to attend a Board meeting than plan and run one. Your NASIG Executive Board meets three times a year. The first meeting is in the fall at the location that will be the next conference site. I worked with the ever lovely and extremely talented Stephen Clark and Joyce Tenney (your 2002 CPC Co-Chairs) and Anne McKee (whose loveliness and talent you have recognized by electing her as your next Vice-President/President-Elect) to arrange hotel rooms, meeting rooms, and restaurants for board dinners. All by myself, I had to plan the agenda and assemble and mail packets to all Board members for this extremely full two-day meeting. Wow! Actually, I'd been paying attention to Connie the year before, so I just tried to do the same things I'd seen her do, and it all worked out. Of course, I had to stay awake and attentive for two days – it wouldn't do to doze off in your own meeting now, would it? Well, I did that one so well, they let me do it again for the full-day Board meeting held just before ALA Midwinter Conference in New Orleans – piece of cake, only *one* day.

I've also been learning that it's fun to write this President's Corner for the *Newsletter*. I get to just open up my word processor and talk to all of you. It's kind of hard to get started sometimes, but once I do, it's a lot easier than writing some boring old scholarly thing where you have to follow a set outline and stick to the facts. You folks are a lot more fun to talk to than readers of scholarly journals! This is my fourth and last Corner, but I've had so much fun with it that I'm thinking of volunteering for the *NASIG Newsletter* once I finish my last year on the Board as Past President.

The highlight of each President's learning experience, I think, is the trip to the UKSG (United Kingdom Serials Group) Annual Conference as your NASIG representative. Just as the UKSG Chair brings their greetings to us each year, the NASIG President takes your greetings to them. The text of my greeting speech is elsewhere in this issue of the *Newsletter*. As you can see, I couldn't resist

mentioning some New England events relevant to UK-USA relations. However, the real learning experience was getting to attend the UKSG conference. I saw several folks who were familiar from NASIG, but mostly I got to meet and interact with a whole new set of people – agents, publishers, librarians, and others from the UK and other parts of Europe. While the conference runs a little differently than ours, what really struck me was that the issues, conflicts and questions are pretty much the same on both sides of the Atlantic. Some of the solutions are slightly different as well, given different ways of organizing education and government, but mostly it's all the same. Before my trip to Warwick University, I felt myself a part of the large community of North American serialists. Now I feel that I'm a part of what is really a *global* community of serialists. As my geekier friends would say, "Way cool!" Actually, there are some critical differences between UKSG and NASIG: our coffee is better, but they have better tea and Marmite at breakfast (now that's something you won't find in San Antonio and Williamsburg, so ask me about it if you haven't a clue what I'm talking about), and let's not even get into the beer question.

And now it's time for my final Presidential learning experience and the second highlight of the year. By the time you read this, the 2002 NASIG Conference will be almost upon us and I'll be just about ready to swing into the final scenes. For my grand finale, I get to do another one-day Board meeting (piece of cake again, right?), make sure everyone gets properly introduced and recognized at the opening session (I plan to make lots of notes!), conduct the business meeting with more introductions and recognitions (no problem – everyone else will still be sleepy, I hope), convene the first plenary session, and last, but not least, hand over the virtual gavel at the end of the conference and wish you all a safe trip home. Okay, I can do that.

And what will I learn in this last few days of Presidential power (not!)? Well, I think the most important thing is that NASIG always says thank you to those who help out. I know it gets tedious sometimes when we have about a bazillion people standing up for recognition and applause, but these are the folks who make NASIG go, and it's important to recognize that fact. I've been in some other organizations where you work your heart out to make something happen and nobody even seems to notice. Or worse, the only recognition you get is someone wondering why it wasn't better and sneering at your very best efforts. So, I guess what I've mainly learned over the whole year is the quote I borrowed from Clifford Lynch and changed slightly for my e-

mail signature block this year: NASIG is a “group of smart people of good will” – with a major emphasis on the good will. We certainly don’t always agree with one another (remember “Where you stand is where you sit” from the last President’s Corner?), but at least we’re hardworking for the organization and decent about our disagreements.

So, Eleanor, all this will be yours in a few weeks, and Anne’s a year after that, and so on indefinitely, just like a serial. Thanks to everyone in NASIG for letting me be your President and learn all this neat stuff. See you all in Williamsburg real soon, and don’t forget that upside-down networking we’ve got planned for Busch Gardens.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Denise Novak

The financial picture of NASIG remains positive, for the most part. To date there are over 1,900 paid memberships. The 2002 Conference registrations are coming in at a steady rate. The one-year certificate of deposit has matured. A decision to roll over the funds into another CD or to deposit the funds into another account needs to be made. Our balance sheet currently shows:

Balance sheet (Includes unrealized gains) As of 4/28/02	
ASSETS	
Cash & Bank Accounts	
Charles Schwab – Cash	\$911.41
CHECKING – 264	\$112,307.28
One-year CD	\$29,025.52
SAVINGS – 267	\$30,663.01
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$172,907.22
Investments	
Charles Schwab	\$22,566.04
TOTAL Investments	\$22,566.04
TOTAL Assets	\$195,473.26
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
	\$0.00
EQUITY	
	\$195,473.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$195,473.26

Our operating expenditures to date include:

NASIG BUDGET EXPENDITURES 1/1/02 Through 4/28/02	
Admin-Board Expenses	-\$3,207.04
Awards & Recognition	-\$449.14
Continuing Education	-\$1,000.00
Conference Planning	-\$491.00
Electronic Communications	-\$3,000.00
Finance	-\$2,218.08
Nominations & Elections	-\$628.16
Publications Committee	-\$71.55
Database & Directory	-\$221.89
Reg. Council & Membership	-\$486.31
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$11,773.17

This is a small percentage of the 2002 budget, since payment of most expenses will occur after the annual conference.

Conference income and expenditures to date include:

2002 WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES 1/1/02 Through 4/28/02			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Conference Registration	\$132,795.00	Conference – Brochure	\$2,773.05
Preconference Income	\$2,745.00	Conference – Housing	\$33,600.00
Conference Handouts	\$2,080.00	Conference – Souvenirs	\$2,030.43
Conference – Tours	\$2,228.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$38,449.94
Conference – Transportation	\$1,320.00	TOTAL INCOME – EXPENSES	\$102,718.06
TOTAL INCOME	\$141,168.00		

In summary, NASIG is in a solid financial position.

NASIG 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2002)

NASIG 17—READY TO ROLL!

Stephen Clark and Joyce Tenney, CPC Co-Chairs

The CPC has been hard at work the last few months finalizing plans for the annual conference at the College of William & Mary. Registrations are coming in at a steady rate, and the committee is continuing to work on the various assignments for the conference.

Visit the conference Web site often for conference updates (www.nasig.org/wm/). Late-breaking changes and new offerings are listed here first.

As you know, the NASIG conferences are known for their casual and collegial tone and atmosphere. So, be prepared to have fun, meet new people, and learn lots of new “stuff.”

A few reminders: the weather in Williamsburg can vary, so come prepared for anything.

Remember that our trip to Busch Gardens is rain or shine, so bring rain gear just in case. If enough of us bring it, we won't need it! The Fun Run/Walk is back this year on Saturday morning. Plan on getting up early that morning and joining in on the fun.

Friday evening is a free evening, but several ideas are listed on the Web site.

NASIG is providing locations for a couple of new ventures this year. Our job placement services have expanded from just a bulletin board for postings to include a room for on-site interviews. Additional information concerning this is located on the conference Web site. Those wishing to continue discussions that are really thought provoking or challenging will have locations to convene at during the day. More information about this will be coming out later.

We would like to take a moment to thank the various members of the committee for their hard work and dedication to NASIG: Ladd Brown, Lauren Corbett, Merle Kimball, Steve Murden, Sharon Gasser, JoAnn Keys, Allison Sleeman, and Beth Weston. All of these folks have graciously volunteered their time and energies to make this conference a great experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg for a revolutionary experience!

*The NASIG Nominations & Elections Committee
is happy to announce the results of the 2001 election.*

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Anne McKee

SECRETARY

Beatrice Caraway

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Daniel Jones

Bob Persing

Joyce Tenney

The committee would like to extend warm congratulations to the elected candidates, as well as sincere thanks to all of the candidates who were willing to stand for office.

NASIG COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

ARCHIVES

Holley R. Lange, Archivist

The NASIG archives, consisting of 9 boxes, were transferred from Marilyn Fletcher to Holley Lange in July 2001. The collection has now expanded to fill almost 11 boxes. During the year I added materials as received, and in that way have become increasingly familiar with the files.

Several requests for information/materials were received, among them a request for copies of early *Newsletters*. These were forwarded to the *Newsletter* Editor for possible future inclusion on the NASIG Web page.

Preliminary investigation was begun in two areas: 1) Consideration of Ms. Fletcher's proposed series organization of the archives; and 2) Determining a potential permanent location for the NASIG archives, as the collection is becoming too large to easily transfer each time a new Archivist is appointed.

Thanks to Margaret Mering, Board Liaison, and Marilyn Fletcher for their assistance as I began my term as Archivist.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Claire Dygert and Joan Lamborn, Co-Chairs

Committee Members: Joan Lamborn (Co-Chair), Claire Dygert (Co-Chair), Randi Ashton-Pritting, Janie Branham, Carol Green, Judy Irvin, Beth Jedlicka, Linda Lewis, Nancy Newsome, Mike Randall, Cheryl Riley, Andrew Shroyer, Reeta Sinha, Philene Slaughter, Virginia Taffurelli, Kaye Talley, Majorie Wilhite, Sue Williams.

Board Liaison: Marilyn Geller

PART I: ISSUES ONGOING AND RESOLVED

Responsibility for securing awards for outgoing Board members and committee chairs

In 2001, the A&R Committee was re-assigned the responsibility for securing thank-you gifts for outgoing Board members and committee chairs. Procedures documentation needs to be updated to reflect this change.

Increasing the number of Tuttle Award applicants

According to the original Tuttle Award guidelines, the award cycle was to be evaluated after one year. This evaluation has yet to take place, and the Tuttle Award continues to be problematic. Issues noted in the previous annual report remain, such as the timing of the award and a low application rate. We recommend a complete reconsideration of the Tuttle Award be undertaken. At the 2001 annual committee meeting, we held a discussion regarding the award; potential changes to the award cycle were suggested. These included making the Tuttle a standing award to

which one could apply at any time throughout the year, or making the Tuttle an annual rather than biannual award. It has also been suggested that the international scope of the award be expanded to allow for others outside of North America to apply.

There were no applications for the October 2001 or the April 2002 Tuttle Award cycles.

FAQ Pages on the NASIG Web site

FAQ pages for the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship were updated and posted at NASIGWeb. FAQ's for the other awards have not yet been posted but should be before the next award cycle begins.

Mexico Student Conference Grant

Committee member Linda Lewis was assigned by the Board to serve as a liaison to the CEC subcommittee coordinating this award. The A&R Co-Chairs have been coordinating with the CEC subcommittee to ensure that the winner of the Mexico Student Conference Grant is accorded the same services and benefits which other awardees receive (i.e., a mentor, inclusion in opening night A&R Committee group dinner, plaque, etc.).

An issue to be considered by the A&R and CEC Committees and the Board is where responsibility for the Mexico Student Conference Grant should reside. The award could continue to be handled by the CEC subcommittee with a liaison to the A&R Committee to coordinate announcement of award winners,

notification of award winners to various NASIG committees, and conference activities for award winners. Another possibility might be to establish a separate international award committee to coordinate international awards that could include the Mexico Student Conference Grant and the Tuttle Award if that award is extended to applicants outside of North America.

Electronic submission and dissemination of award applications

The committee had some discussion of this issue during the reporting year. Of most concern was the lack of an actual signature in applications and references submitted only electronically. This discussion needs to continue.

International applications from outside Mexico and Canada

The availability of application information on the World Wide Web increases the likelihood that applications will be received from outside North America. The NASIG Board and the A&R Committee should discuss whether applications for awards should be accepted only from those applicants residing in North America. A decision should be reached before the next award cycle begins.

Award eligibility for local volunteers for a NASIG conference

A local volunteer for a NASIG conference does not attend the full conference, but could be construed as having attended the conference and therefore be ineligible for certain awards. The A&R Committee will add clarification to the documentation for the awards that local volunteers are not precluded from applying for awards if they are otherwise eligible.

PART II: 2002 AWARDS

All applicants were reviewed and ranked by all committee members. The rankings were then compiled by one of the committee Co-Chairs. Dygert received and compiled the rankings for the Horizon Award and supervised the publicity and review of the Tuttle application(s). Lamborn compiled the rankings for the Student Grant and Fritz Scholarship. The Committee is pleased to list the 2002 award winners for the Horizon Award, the Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship, and the Student Grants:

NASIG Conference Student Grant

Denise M. Branch
Catholic University of America

John W. Wiggins
Drexel University

Meg Manahan
Queen's College City University of New York

Yolande R. Shelton
University of Maryland

Vanessa Mitchell
Catholic University of America

Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship

Angela Riggio
UCLA Graduate School of Education
and Information Studies

Horizon Award

Pauline La Rooy
Serials Librarian
Victoria University of Wellington

As in previous years, all winners will be assigned a mentor (in cooperation with the mentoring committee) to enhance their conference experience. Also, the essay written by the 2002 Horizon Award recipient and selections from the post-conference questionnaires completed by the Horizon and Student Grant Awardees will be published in the *NASIG Newsletter*.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The work of the committee could not be accomplished without the support of the committee's online discussion list. The strength of this group is in its members and their willingness to participate in online discussions regarding the fine points of the awards process and their willingness to volunteer. Special thanks go to Committee members Cheryl Riley, Philene Slaughter, and Reeta Sinha for volunteering to coordinate travel arrangements for the 2002 winners.

The Co-Chairs of the Awards & Recognition Committee are very thankful for the hard work and

dedication of committee members. We would like to extend special thanks to those members cycling off the committee and extend a warm welcome to the

new members who will be joining the committee in 2002/2003.

NASIG BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Robert Cleary, Chair

Committee Members: Linda Hulbert, Sharon McCaslin, Alice J. Rhoades, Virginia Rumph, Peter Whiting (Web Liaison), Robert Cleary (Chair), and Christa Easton, (Board Liaison).

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Bylaws Committee for 2001/2002. There were no proposed bylaws changes this past year. The committee conducted routine business such as

updating the calendar and reviewing our charge. The committee will meet at the annual conference in Williamsburg on Saturday, Jun. 22, at 12:30 p.m. Robert Cleary rotates off of the committee this year. Alice Rhoades will be Chair of the committee for 2002/2003. I would like to thank the committee and our Board Liaison, Christa Easton, for their helpful comments over the last two years.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Birdie MacLennan and Evelyn Council, Co-Chairs

CEC events and projects successfully sponsored and completed: May 2001-Apr. 2002

- The CEC annual meeting was held at the NASIG Conference at Trinity University, San Antonio, May 25, 2001.
- The Mentor/First-Timer Reception, coordinated by Pat Loghry and Carole Bell, was held in San Antonio.
- NASIG Networking Node to focus on outreach to Mexico, suggested by Lisa Furubotten and Joseph Hinger, was held in San Antonio, May 2001.
- The NASIG-Mexico Conference Grant was awarded to Viviano Milan Martinez (coordinated by Elizabeth Parang and Lisa Furubotten with collaboration from the Awards & Recognition Committee and several Mexican colleagues).
- Multilingual Working Group formed with CEC and A&R, June 2001. CEC's Lisa Furubotten and Elizabeth Parang worked with Claire Dygert from A&R and Marilyn Geller as the Board Liaison.
- Laura Sill coordinated with OVGTSL (Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians) to sponsor a program, "Trends in Scholarly Publication" given by Chuck Hamaker, May 17, 2001.
- Karen Harrell attended the COLT (Council on Library Media and Technicians) annual conference, "Library Support Staff: Still Moving in the Right Direction," June 12-16, 2001. Karen networked and presented

information about NASIG and the Continuing Education Committee and its programs. She is working on outreach programs for future COLT conferences in Kansas City, Missouri.

- Maria Collins coordinated an all-day program, "Electronic Journals: the Wave of the Future (and How Libraries Can Stay Afloat)," at Mississippi State University, July 27, 2001.
- Outreach letters to ALA student chapters were sent to accredited library schools in Sept. 2001. Deberah England, Michael Arthur, and Birdie MacLennan coordinated this effort.
- The CEC Web site (<http://www.nasig.org/education/cec/>) was updated to include pertinent reports, forms, and planning strategies during the summer and fall of 2001. Web forms were revised to include current e-mail addresses for relevant contacts. CEC members Priscilla Shontz and Birdie MacLennan, with help from Electronic Communications Committee Co-Chair Yuman Jiang, coordinated Web updates.
- Wen-ying Lu collaborated with Deborah Hagemeyer, Technical Services/Systems Librarian from Mikkelsen Library, Augustana College, to sponsor a successful SCCTP workshop in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop, organized by Minitex, was taught by Meg Mering, Sept. 20- 21, at

Augustana College. Information about this workshop can be viewed at:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/oclc/training.asp>

- Birdie MacLennan coordinated three programs for the New England Library Association Annual Meeting. Maggie Rioux presented a session on EDI, Julia Gammon presented, "Scholarship as Commodity: Is Buying in Bulk the Way to Go?" and Peggy Johnson presented as a contributor to the panel presentation, "Budgeting for Electronic Resources." NELA was held in Burlington, Vermont, Oct. 1, 2001.
- During the fall and winter of 2001-2002, Carole Bell and Pat Loghry coordinated publicity space in the 2002 NASIG conference brochure for the Mentor/First Timers Reception. They also compiled a summary of the evaluations from the Mentoring Reception at Trinity and prepared an invitation/application form for the upcoming William & Mary conference.
- Laura Sill provided an "Investigation of Current and Potential Partnerships" which identified the organizations and areas that CEC has been working with, as well as other potential areas for collaboration and partnership. CEC Board Liaison Marilyn Geller provided us with organizational information for the targeted areas and a map of CEC Members and Programs, which was designed to accompany the report.
- Lisa Furubotten and Mary Williams collaborated on the development of a NASIG CEC online Web tutorial site. This site will make tutorials available to those looking for training materials in related areas. Presentations can be shared for those who may not be available for travel, but have expertise to share. This is a way to present styles of those who may be featured in the Human Resources Directory. It also addresses continuing education ideas and professional development by distance education. Lisa and Mary have mounted a model/pilot Web site. The plan is to solicit input from the Board and then ask for NASIG members to provide input, such as presentations or training materials. The site can be accessed at:
<http://lib-adv4.tamu.edu/cataloging/tutorials/indextut.htm>
- Evelyn Council coordinated the North Carolina Serials Conference, "Marriage,

Serials Style: Maintaining the Harmony Between Libraries and Information Providers," in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Apr. 11-12, 2002. NASIG sponsored the keynote presentation, "Premarital Counseling: What to Expect from Changes in Access and Formats." Judy Luther, President of Informed Strategies, provided the presentation.

- Birdie MacLennan gave a talk about NASIG at the NETSL (New England Technical Services Librarians) Annual Meeting at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, Apr. 12, 2002. The talk included a general overview of NASIG and focused on collaboration in developing regional continuing education opportunities. Other highlights focused on NASIG's grants and awards, its publications and conference proceedings, and a preview of the forthcoming William & Mary conference. NASIG membership brochures were made available to conference attendees.
- Mexico Student Conference Grant: The Mexico Student Conference Grant award supports the cost of travel and expenses for a Mexican library science graduate student to attend NASIG's annual conference. This year's Mexico Student Conference Grant team included Lisa Furubotten and Elizabeth Parang of CEC, Claire Dygert and Linda Lewis of A&R, and Viviano Milan Martinez, last year's award recipient. Together they coordinated with colleagues in Mexico and selected a recipient for the 2002 Mexico Student Conference Grant. The recipient was announced in April: Paula de la Mora Lugo from the Colegio de Bibliotecología at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

CEC events and projects in the pipeline for May 2002-Dec. 2002

- Wen-ying Lu has arranged for NASIG to co-sponsor with Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR) two SCCTP workshops on June 4-6, 2002, at the Las Vegas Library, Nevada. One is the Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop on June 4-5, and the other is the Serials Holdings Workshop on June 6.
- Lisa Furubotten and Elizabeth Parang of CEC, Claire Dygert and Linda Lewis of A&R, and Viviano Milan Martinez, last year's award recipient, have been

coordinating closely with Mexican colleagues over procedures and selection of a recipient for the Mexican student grant award. Paula de la Mora Lugo from the Colegio de Bibliotecología at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) was selected in April. Lisa has been arranging the details of travel and accommodations for Paula from Mexico to Virginia. There has been discussion about the need for procedural guidelines. Elizabeth documented some procedures in the context of a time or calendar in the CEC Winter 2002 report. CEC and A&R, in consultation with the Board, will need to come to a clear agreement about which committee should fund this award and how procedural functions should be shared. This information should then be included in committee calendars, so committees will know what is expected of them. This year, each committee blazed some new trails for this award. Board Liaison Marilyn Geller has requested a report and recommendations for future procedures.

- Pat Loghry and Carole Bell will once again coordinate the Mentor Program in Williamsburg, Virginia. Pat will rotate off of the CEC at the end of June. Carole will work with a new CEC member to provide a summary and evaluation (based on the Web evaluation feedback form that Mentor Program participants are asked to complete) later this fall.
- Lisa Furubotten is coordinating a program for outreach to librarians in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Puerto Rico is the home of ACURIL, the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries. ACURIL's annual conference is May 27-June 1 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Lisa has been working to coordinate an SCCTP Electronic Serials Workshop to be conducted simultaneously in Spanish and in English. Robert Endean (Hemeroteca Nacional, UNAM) will present the workshop in Spanish; Lisa will give the English by speaking into a microphone, which will transmit into headsets that the English language speakers will wear.
- Lisa Furubotten is coordinating some programs at the Mexican Library Association Meeting, June 3-5, in Monterrey Mexico: the SCCTP workshop on Cataloging Electronic Serials (Lisa

Furubotten and Joe Hinger), and a paper presentation by Elizabeth Steinhagen (UNM). These programs will be sponsored by NASIG. Lisa will also receive support for travel and expenses from Texas A&M.

- In November 2001, the Western Mass. Serials Support Group in Hatfield, Massachusetts, approached Maggie Rioux and CEC about having someone come and talk to their group about NASIG. After consulting with Birdie MacLennan, Maggie Rioux volunteered to go to Hatfield to talk with the group, promote NASIG, distribute brochures, etc. in July 2002. Since this request came in after the CEC budget had been approved, Maggie agreed not to request CEC funding – only CEC sponsorship. A report about this event will be sent to the incoming CEC Co-Chairs for the fall committee report.
- Maria Collins will be coordinating a program with the Mississippi State University planning committee in summer 2002. Maria's request for sponsorship came in March 2002, after the CEC budget had been approved. Request for sponsorship was approved, even though we could not commit to funding. As Maria wrote, "I'd like to consider them as a sponsor based on my role as a committee member...I feel that NASIG's association with this event would give it credibility and increase attendance." Maria will send a report to incoming CEC Co-Chairs for the fall committee report.
- Marsha Seamans is planning to arrange for an SCCTP program in Kentucky in the late summer or early fall. She had noted that plans to interest the Kentucky Library Association Academic Section in an SCCTP this spring fell through. Funding has been held over for a late summer or fall program.
- Elizabeth Parang and Wen-ying Lu have been in contact with Joe Edelen (MPLA Executive Secretary) and Jean Hatfield, MPLA Program Services Manager, about NASIG's co-sponsorship at the Mountain Plains Library Association's (MPLA) tri-conference (with the North Dakota Library Association and the South Dakota Library Association), which will be held Oct. 2-5, 2002, in Fargo, North Dakota. MPLA has indicated that they are interested in working with NASIG on program development.

- Birdie MacLennan is coordinating with Carol Hryciw-Wing of the New England Technical Services Librarians group to sponsor three speakers for two programs at the New England Library Association Annual Meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Jean Hirons and Ann Sandberg-Fox will give a talk titled, "Reclaiming the Past and Reshaping the Future: Revisions to AACR2 Chapters 9 and 12." Albert Joy, Jay Schafer, and Leslie Knapp will give a panel discussion, "Serials Reviews in Uncertain Economic Times: Two Different Approaches, Plus Advice for Avoiding Fiscal Nightmares." NASIG will share speaker expenses with NELA for Jean Hirons, Ann Sandberg-Fox, and Albert Joy. The date of the programs is scheduled for Oct. 21, 2002. Birdie will send a report to incoming CEC co-chairs for the fall committee report. NETSL will also arrange coverage of these programs for joint articles on the NETSL Web site and in the *NASIG Newsletter*.
- Evelyn Council will be collaborating with the North Carolina Library Association to present workshops in November. Resources and Technical Services Sections will be sponsoring programming in collaboration with NASIG members Frieda Rosenberg and Arlene Hanerfeld, who are the Cataloging and Serials Interest Chairs of the Association. Firm information will be reported as planned.

Programs with budget allocations lacking firm dates or commitment

Given that several requests for CEC sponsorship and funding for various programs were received after CEC had submitted its budget for 2002, and given the great demand for Continuing Education Programs around North America, CEC recommends a re-evaluation of the following programs, which have been budgeted for but lack firm dates of commitments from a CEC sponsor. We recommend that these programs be confirmed, or if they cannot be confirmed, that the funds be reallocated to other programs:

- CONSER/SCCTP workshop in Texas (\$1,000)
- SIGALO (\$1,000)
- C-SISAC/Canadian outreach (\$1,000)

Program cancelled; funds reallocated

Michael Arthur coordinated outreach efforts for program planning with the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSL). Although OVGTSL contacts (Mary McLaren, Norman Pearson) initially confirmed that they would be happy to work with NASIG, Michael received notification in early April that the OVGTSL conference (originally scheduled for May 8-10, 2002) was cancelled. After consulting with Board Liaison Marilyn Geller, CEC has reallocated OVGTSL program funding (\$1,000) to MPLA (see events in the pipeline for fall 2002).

Human resources directory

CEC did not undertake a major update or revision of the Human Resources Directory (HRD) this year. There are forms and various mechanisms on the HRD web page <http://www.nasig.org/education/> for updating the Directory. Priscilla Shontz, as the Web Liaison, has been the primary contact for updates to the HRD. Since Priscilla is rotating off the CEC, a new contact person for the Human Resources Directory will be needed, as well as reconsideration of workflow for updating and maintaining the HRD Web pages.

Conclusion

Outgoing committee members: Co-Chairs, Evelyn Council and Birdie MacLennan; Web Liaison, Priscilla Shontz; and Mentor Program Co-Chair, Patricia Loghry.

Committee Co-Chairs Evelyn Council and Birdie MacLennan would like to thank all CEC members and their friends and collaborators who worked with us to achieve our goals of regional outreach and program planning. Special appreciation and thanks to our Web Liaison and former Co-Chair, Priscilla Shontz, who left such a great model of expertise and documentation for us to follow; and to Patricia Loghry, the CEC Mentor Program Co-Chair who, along with Carole Bell, has left a wonderful trail for future Mentor Program coordinators to follow. We would also like to thank the NASIG Board and especially our Board Liaison, Marilyn Geller, who encouraged our ideas and always responded to our questions with timeliness and insight. We would also like to express appreciation and thanks to incoming Co-Chairs Wen-ying Lu and Meg Mering, who have already contributed so much to NASIG. We know the CEC will prosper and thrive under their leadership.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Stephen Clark and Joyce Tenney, Co-Chairs

[Ed. Note: This is a preliminary report. CPC's final annual report is submitted after the annual conference.]

The CPC has been hard at work the last few months finalizing plans for the annual conference at the College of William & Mary. Registration opened on Mar. 1, and the brochures were mailed shortly after that. Registrations are coming in at a steady rate, and the committee is continuing to work on the various assignments for the conference. With three weeks left, we were at half our capacity for registration.

We would like to take a moment to thank the various members of the committee for their hard work and dedication to NASIG: Ladd Brown, Lauren Corbett, Merle Kimball, Steve Murden, Sharon Gasser, JoAnn Keys, Allison Sleeman and Beth Weston.

We are compiling a list of issues that have arisen during our preparations that may be discussed to make next year's conference planning and execution go more smoothly. Cross your fingers for good weather, and we look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg in June!

DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Kathryn Wesley, Chair

Committee members: Kathryn Wesley (Chair), Jana Brubaker, Rene Erlandson, Karen Matthews, Elna Saxton, Sandy Srivastava, Jian Wang, Lanie Williamson. Board Liaison: Kevin Randall. This year, Jian Wang loaded biweekly updates to the Web, Sandy Srivastava served as backup database holder, and Elna Saxton is coordinating the 2002 print *Directory*. Kim Maxwell will serve as desktop publisher for the print *Directory*.

For 2002/03, Jian Wang will temporarily rotate off of D&D to serve on the 2003 Conference Planning Committee. Laura Morrison will serve a special one-year appointment to fill Jian's spot. All other committee personnel will remain for 2002/03. Rene Erlandson will serve as Chair understudy.

Activities

Since June 2001, D&D has supplied information and services to the following:

- Curry Printing – Electronic file of mailing labels for the September and December print newsletters.
- Nominations & Elections Committee – Printed mailing labels, January-February.
- *Newsletter* Editor – List of gratis subscribers to *Newsletter* to alert them of the last print issue, November.
- Conference Planning Committee – Database of mailing addresses to CPC registrar, January; electronic file of mailing addresses, February; mailed conference brochures to all new members who joined after initial mailing, March-April.

Other actions during the year included:

- Changed database format from Paradox to Access. This streamlined procedures because the web *Directory* requires Access format.
- Collaborated with the Electronic Communications Committee to make some minor clarifications to the online membership application and membership renewal forms, October-November.
- At the direction of the Board, implemented a new membership category (“Complimentary”) and made plans to implement a new library/organization type, (“Retired”) for next year's renewal cycle.
- Started sending NASIGWeb userid and password to all new members with the “Welcome to NASIG” message.

Renewals

D&D's biggest job has been conducting annual renewals. In mid-October, 1,294 first renewals were mailed. In January, 357 final renewals were mailed. In March, 223 courtesy e-mail reminders were sent out. Responses to the courtesy e-mail included 12 confirmations of non-renewal and 20 requests for renewal forms. Several members said their forms were in the mail or that they would mail them immediately. Thirty-six renewals from the courtesy list were received as of April 30. The overall renewal rate this year has been 85.2%.

Membership profile

The following table breaks down current membership by organization type:

Library/Organization Type	Number	Percent
University library	639	51.3
College library	110	8.8
Community college library	16	1.3
Medical library	67	5.4
Law library	57	4.6
Public library	38	3.1
Government, national, state library	50	4.0
Corporate or special library	45	3.6
Subscription vendor or agency	64	5.1
Book vendor	8	0.6
Publisher	43	3.5
Back issues dealer	5	0.4
Binder	6	0.5
Automated system vendor	9	0.7
Library network, consortium, utility	18	1.4
Professional association	8	0.6
Database producer	8	0.6
Student	19	1.5
Other	36	2.9

Expenses

2000/01 expenses for the print *Directory* came in too late for last year's annual report, so are reported here:

Printing, binding, mailing	
2001 directories	\$10,572.40
Additional postage for international mailing	\$536.30
TOTAL 2000/01 <i>DIRECTORY</i>	
EXPENSES	\$11,108.70

2001/02 expenses are relatively minor so far, since we have not had the 2002 *Directory* printed yet. They include:

Supplies

First renewals	\$73.99
Final renewals	\$76.66

Postage

D&D software to Jian Wang	\$10.77
Extra directories to Regional Councils	\$111.68
Renewals	\$515.80
Final renewals	\$94.00
Mailing labels to N&E Committee	\$8.21
Conference brochures	\$42.02
TOTAL 2001/02 <i>DIRECTORY</i> EXPENSES	\$933.13

Print Directory

The committee is gathering data for the 2002 print *Directory* and forwarding it to Kim Maxwell, our desktop publisher. We plan to have the *Directory* printed and mailed before the annual conference.

Thanks

The committee would like to extend special thanks to Rose Robischon for her generous assistance in transferring responsibilities for maintaining the membership database to the new Chair. Thanks also to Denise Novak for her cooperation and humor in working through the mountain of renewals, and to Kevin Randall for his guidance and ready ear.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Beth Holley, Chair

The Evaluation and Assessment Committee (EAC) is appointed and operates on a calendar year basis, rather than the fiscal year. Its primary responsibility is to conduct an evaluation of the annual conference, including production and dissemination of evaluation forms, and compilation and reporting of the results. An in-depth report of the NASIG 17th Annual Conference evaluation will appear in the December 2002 issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

Beth Holley replaced Diane Grover as Chair in January 2002. After receiving the committee files from the outgoing Chair, license agreements for the new version of SurveyPro 3.0 were registered with Apian Software, Inc. Evaluation forms are currently

in the process of being created for the conference in Williamsburg. Committee assignments are being finalized, and the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) has been requested to reserve a room for the EAC to meet during the annual conference. Earlier this year, Yumin Jiang with the Electronic Communication Committee (ECC) was contacted, and the committee information on the Web site was updated to reflect the current members of the EAC, which include the following:

Wendy Baia, University of Colorado at Boulder
Ann Ercelawn, Vanderbilt University
Mary Greci, University of Oregon
Tim Hagan, Northwestern University

Leanne Hillery, University of Miami
School of Law
Beth Holley, University of Alabama, Chair
Susan Markley, Villanova University
Catherine Nelson, University of California,
Santa Barbara

Mary Page, Rutgers University, Board Liaison
Veronica Walker, University of Kentucky
Josie Williamson, University of Delaware

The committee will produce a follow-up report of its complete activities in December 2002.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Yumin Jiang and Bob Persing, Co-Chairs

The ECC membership currently consists of Mary Bailey, David Burke, David Bynog, Anne Frohlich, Charles Gaudin, Sarah George, Lorraine Hirning, Yumin Jiang (Co-Chair and Web Manager), Danny Jones, Eric Lease Morgan, Bob Persing (Co-Chair and List Manager), Jie Tian, Mitch Turitz, and Micaela Waldman. Our Board Liaison has been Donnice Cochenour, who deserves special thanks for her years of service.

NASIGWeb

Yumin Jiang and her backup Web Spinner, Sarah George, have updated the Web pages regularly and uploaded some often-requested documents. They have also made some formatting and content adjustments to the Web site as requested by the Board. Anne Frohlich and her backup, David Burke, have also done a great job maintaining the Jobweb.

Use statistics

The Board has requested ECC to compile use statistics of NASIGWeb. Specifically, ECC is working with Bee.net to collect use statistics on the home page, Membership Directory top-level page, Current Newsletter page, etc. ECC will conduct a general analysis of the selected data.

Whole site searching

It is one of ECC's goals to make all of NASIGWeb searchable for the general public. ECC has started working on the project. The main task for ECC is to examine all the directories and files on the NASIG server to define the public search parameters, mostly to exclude pages that either have their own search functions (e.g., newsletters), or are members only (e.g., membership directory) or private directories (e.g., NASIG committees' private pages). Bee.net has set up a search engine on a test server, and ECC will continue to work with them on refining the search capabilities and interface design.

Online conference registration

Members from ECC have been appointed to the Online Registration Task Force. The group is investigating the feasibility of an online registration system for the NASIG annual conferences. Final report is due for the Executive Board meeting in June 2002.

E-mail lists

Bob Persing took over as List Manager this year, with David Bynog serving as backup List Manager. List activity has been steady, and there have been no major difficulties with list management. Communication with D&D regarding additions and changes has been very smooth. One new discussion list was created: the online registration working group.

The ECC continues to maintain very good relations with our ISP, Bee.net. The annual review of their services last fall recommended continuing our current arrangement without change.

In the fall of 2001, the President asked ECC to review the NASIG-L guidelines for posting, and recommend whether to relax them or not. This was in response to several inquiries from members about allowing more discussion-oriented postings. On review, the ECC felt the current policy, if more liberally applied, already allowed sufficiently for discussion. The ECC recommended such an application and the Board agreed. Notice was sent to the list in the spring of 2002 of this (though little discussion has as yet resulted).

Workshop proposal

ECC developed a proposal for the 2002 conference for a session dealing with serial-related Internet standards. This proposal was submitted to PPC in the fall of 2001. PPC chose to merge it with a similar proposal made by another member, and the session will be presented as a workshop at the Williamsburg conference.

NASIG NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD

Steve Savage, Editor-in-Chief

Board Members: Jim Michael (PDF Editor), Char Simser (HTML Editor), Pam Cipkowski (Copy Editor), Carol MacAdam (Columns Editor), Ann Doyle (Submissions Editor), Michael Brown (Profiles Editor), Maggie Horn (Conference Editor), Sharon Nahra (Conversion Editor), John Harrison (Distribution Editor), Steve Savage (Editor-in-Chief), Maggie Rioux (Board Liaison).

Production schedule

All four issues were published in record time and well before their target dates, including the large September issue. This was due in part to the fact that nearly all submissions were received by their submission deadlines (our very heartfelt appreciation to all submitters who helped with this—it made our work much easier!), and in part to the very excellent work of the *Newsletter's* production staff: Pam, Maggie, Char, and Jim. All four of them have consistently been reliable, hard working, and enjoyable to work with and have produced excellent results.

Major developments during the year

The elimination of the print version of the *Newsletter* was the most significant change this year. The transition to an online-only publication went smoothly. Numerous details of policy, procedures, and position responsibilities were updated to reflect the new scenario. Two position titles were changed as a result: the Electronic Production Editor became the HTML Editor, and the Print Production Editor became the PDF Editor.

Maggie Horn graciously volunteered to complete the conference reports process for the 2001 reports which she had begun during the last months she served as Copy Editor, prior to the 2001 conference. Consequently, she copy edited the 40+ pages of conference reports. This took a lot of pressure off Pam Cipkowski, as she was beginning her tenure as Copy Editor after the 2001 conference. With the 2002 conference reports, Pam graciously agreed to absorb the copy editing of the conference reports into her position's responsibilities.

The 2002 conference marks the term limit of the current Editor-in-Chief, Steve Savage. Char Simser has volunteered to move from the HTML Editor position to the Editor-in-Chief role. Her prior experience with the *Newsletter* will be of great

benefit to the work of the Editorial Board. Char has been outstanding as the HTML Editor and will undoubtedly be an excellent Editor-in-Chief.

Stephanie Schmitt volunteered to replace Char as HTML Editor, and will begin in this role after the 2002 conference. Step's prior experience on ECC, including serving as Liaison to the *Newsletter*, will be a great asset to the Editorial Board.

The project to convert back issues of the *Newsletter* to electronic format in order to make them available within NASIGWeb finally became a reality, thanks to a new suggestion by Maggie Rioux. Sharon Nahra began the project in February and completed 25 issues before unexpected, outside factors required that she resign from the Board. Step Schmitt volunteered to continue this project along with her HTML Editor duties.

Conclusion

Normally, an outline of plans for the next year would be included in this report. With the upcoming change in the Editor-in-Chief position, however, Steve will simply pass on his notes about these issues to Char and leave those decisions to her so she can begin to shape the *Newsletter* Board to her management.

Finally, I would like to thank the many people who have been so good to work with on the *Newsletter* Editorial Board during the past seven years. It truly has been enjoyable almost all of this time, and that really is saying a lot. Several of these people have become good friends as a result of us having worked together for so long. Maggie Horn's expertise and humor, in particular, were wonderful both when she was Editor-in-Chief and later when I was learning this same role. Board Liaisons (and in most cases, NASIG Presidents) Maggie Rioux, Steve Oberg, and Connie Foster each were very supportive and helpful, and working with them was thoroughly enjoyable and instructive. (And in addition to that, of all NASIG Presidents, Maggie Rioux probably wins the award for sending her *President's Corners* on time—in fact most, if not all, were actually ****early****—that calls for an exclamation of amazement in French!) Additionally, I'd like to thank the current, excellent Board for making my final year with the *Newsletter* so satisfying and fun. I know I will miss working with the *Newsletter*, so it is very good to know it will be in such capable hands.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Markel D. Tumlin, Chair

Committee members: Markel D. Tumlin (Chair), Sandy Folsom, Don Jaeger, Steve Oberg, Stephanie Schmitt, Pat Wallace, and Fran Wilkinson. Board Liaison: Connie Foster.

Nominations and candidate selection

A total of 93 people were nominated for the various offices (18 for Vice President/President-Elect, 19 for Secretary, 56 for Member-at-Large), an increase of 48 over last year. Of this number, however, 10 were ineligible (2 for VP/PE, 3 for Secretary, 5 for MAL). Of those who were eligible, 45 agreed to be considered for slating (4 for VP/PE, 5 for Secretary, 36 for MAL) and submitted nominee profiles. Two candidates were slated for each open office. The committee ranked each candidate based upon their submitted profiles, and these rankings helped guide the committee's discussion of the candidates. Efforts were made to ensure representation from the different segments of the membership.

Balloting

The ballot was mailed Feb. 15, and the postmark deadline was Mar. 15. A total of 487 ballots were returned. This was an increase of 36 over last year, although there were about 100 more sent out than last year's 914. The Chair counted the ballots three times, and committee member Stephanie Schmitt verified the count. All candidates were notified of the results by phone, with follow-up letters sent by the Chair. Results were announced on NASIG-L and also sent to the Newsletter Editor. In addition, the Chair prepared a press release that was forwarded to the NASIG Publicist for distribution outside NASIG circles.

Election results

Vice President/President-Elect

Anne McKee

Secretary

Beatrice Caraway

Members-at-Large

Daniel Jones

Bob Persing

Joyce Tenney

Budget

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Temporary Help	\$150	\$0
Office Supplies	\$450	*
Postage	\$475	\$402.95
Printing	\$640	\$225.21
TOTAL	\$1715	\$628.16
		Plus Office Supplies

*Unknown since they were ordered from the Secretary

Concern for increased participation

As stated in the committee's interim report submitted in January 2002, efforts to increase the number of nominations received have seemed to bear fruit. There were more than twice as many nominations received as in the previous year. However, few of the Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary nominees were willing to be considered for slating. It is hoped that some efforts will be made to encourage those nominated to agree to be considered for office.

Other concerns

At the time of this report, there are two other concerns that the committee is considering. The first involves whether it is appropriate for the committee to correct grammatical and/or other mistakes in a candidate's position statement before it is reproduced in the balloting materials. The second involves whether NASIG should take steps to ensure vendor and publisher representation on the Executive Board. Any recommendations will be forwarded to the Board.

Recognition

The Chair would like to thank the entire committee for its hard work throughout the year. Special thanks are in order for our Board Liaison, Connie Foster, who provided invaluable guidance and counsel to the Chair throughout the year. In addition, the Chair would like to recognize committee member Stephanie Schmitt, who served as both the committee's liaison to the ECC and also volunteered to verify the vote count. Step's willingness to serve above and beyond the call of duty was very much appreciated by the Chair.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lisa Macklin and Kate Manuel, Co-Chairs

The Program Planning Committee began its work in earnest in mid-August 2001. We organized ourselves into three primary sub-committees: Kate headed the group that focused on workshops, Lisa headed the group that focused on preconferences and poster sessions, and Mike Somers worked with the group that focused on plenaries and concurrents until his resignation from the committee in February 2002. At that time, Lisa assumed responsibility for heading plenaries and concurrents, and Kate assumed responsibility for heading poster sessions. We received a total of 66 preconference, workshop, plenary, and concurrent session proposals (about 15 more than last year), and all were distributed to the entire committee. Each group began reviewing proposals with an eye toward their program type.

Conference schedule

After consultation with the Conference Planning Committee, it was decided to recommend that the same basic schedule from the 2001 conference in San Antonio be adopted for NASIG 2002.

Preconferences

Two preconferences were selected from the proposals submitted. The first is "Implementing MARC21 for Holdings: A Usable Revolution." This preconference will offer attendees the opportunity to learn more about MARC Holdings and how the standard is applied, and it will include hands-on sessions. The second preconference is "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about E-journals but Were Afraid to Ask!" This preconference will provide attendees with an overview of all aspects of electronic journals. Both of these pre-conferences have been marketed to the wider library community in the Virginia/Maryland area, and if the results are positive, this approach may be considered in future years.

Workshops

Attendees at this year's conference will be able to select from a list of 26 superb workshop programs, including one double workshop. The double workshop focuses on the revised rules in Chapters 9 and 12 of AACR2, and we expect it to be well attended by NASIG members who are involved with cataloging. There is also a good mix of topics that should appeal to a broad range of NASIG members. Because of the high caliber of the program content, we expect that some attendees may be disappointed

that they will not be able to attend more of the workshop sessions.

Plenaries

We have three outstanding plenary sessions on the program. The first plenary, by Howard Strauss, is titled, "The Future of Information Access and Distribution." The second plenary, by Emily Mosley, is titled, "Serials Challenges and Solutions: The View from the Director's Chair." The final plenary, by David Seaman, is titled, "The Future of Digitized Materials: Where We've Been and Where We Are Going."

Concurrents

We have ten high-quality concurrent speakers scheduled, who will cover a variety of current issues. As with the workshops, we expect that some conference attendees will be disappointed that they cannot attend more than two concurrent sessions.

Poster sessions

We will present 12 poster sessions right after Friday's lunch. Again, there is a good mix of topics presented in these sessions, which provide yet another forum for NASIG members to exchange ideas and learn from each other.

The Co-Chairs would like to thank the members of this year's Program Planning Committee. The caliber of the program content can be directly attributed to the hard work and creative input of this talented bunch of individuals:

Workshops Sub-Committee

June Garner, Mississippi State University
Lisa Macklin, Georgia Institute of Technology
Kate Manuel, New Mexico State University, Chair
Charity Martin, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Lanell Rabner, Brigham Young University
Rose Robischon, U.S. Military Academy
Gale Teaster, Winthrop University

Plenary/Concurrents Sub-Committee

Eve Davis, Ebsco
Lisa Macklin, Georgia Inst. of Technology, Co-Chair
Connie Roberts, University of Connecticut
Mike Somers, Indiana State University, Co-Chair
Jim Stickman, University of Washington
Sherry Sullivan, Swets Blackwell, Inc.

Preconferences

Lisa Macklin

Poster Sessions

Lisa Macklin, Co-Chair

Kate Manuel, Co-Chair

Charity Martin

Consultant

Karen Cargille, University of California at San Diego

Finally, we would like to thank our Board Liaison, Eleanor Cook, for pursuing the answers to our many questions!

PUBLICIST

Connie Foster, Past President/Publicist

Activities since midwinter board meeting

1. Jan. 25-Feb. 2: received bids for and had the revised membership brochure printed in English (4,000 copies).
2. Jan. 30: posted Call for Poster Sessions on various listservs.
3. Regarding the print copies of the "Log-in to a Dynamic Career, Shaping a Serials Specialist," did not receive any responses to indicate any print copies remain.
4. Jan. 31: posted CPC announcement about conference information available on Web site.
5. Feb. 28: posted announcement about Web registration form available Mar. 1.
6. Mar. 6: distributed membership brochures per various pending requests, including 750 to CPC (nearly 1,000 distributed).
7. Mar. 11: began search for Spanish translator of brochure and French translator (have leads for both: one NASIG member in Argentina, one French major at WKU), giving them mid-June deadlines if they accept.

8. Mar. 16: sent Mircea Stefanu the FrontPage software for Web *Proceedings*.
9. Mar. 26: sent 150 brochures to B. MacLennan for library conference.
10. Apr. 1: announced Tuttle Grant.
11. Apr. 5: 40 brochures sent for North Dakota workshops and posted announcements.
12. Apr. 9: gave 25 brochures to N. Sims for Academic Section, Kentucky Library Assn. Meeting.
13. Apr. 12: posted preconference announcement for CPC.

Action items

1. Complete the translations and printing of Spanish and French brochures (Connie can see this through if the Board wants or turn over to M. Rioux).
2. Decide on how new membership brochure will be established on NASIGWeb. Tell Yumin or next ECC person.

REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Laurie Sutherland, Chair

Committee members for 2001/2002: Deborah Broadwater, Janet Essency, Peter Glenister, Richard Hodson, Karen Jander, Marcella Leshner, Mike Markwith, Karen Morgenroth, Kamala Narayanan, Jose Orozco-Tenorio, Lisa Roberts, Paula Sullenger, Laurie Sutherland (Chair), Alice Tucker, Mary Page (Board Liaison).

The committee continued to recruit and welcome new members. State and provincial representatives and regional coordinators promoted NASIG membership, activities and awards at local, regional, and international professional meetings, at library schools, and informally whenever possible. Reps distributed membership brochures and, on occasion, set up the traveling display, including banner, at meetings. The Chair sent 95 mailings to last year's

non-member conference attendees to encourage them to join. Helen Aiello, Karen Jander, Paula Sullenger, Alice Tucker, and the Chair sent out approximately 177 new member packets to new recruits. Local reps welcomed new members in their area and provided them assistance on NASIG matters as needed.

The Chair contacted the listed state and provincial representatives to determine their status and updated and distributed the roster to the group. There were 13 vacancies over the year. It is the Chair's goal to have all slots filled by the 2002 conference and to post the current roster on the NASIGWeb committee Web page.

Committee members have begun discussions about the structure, effectiveness, and purpose of the

committee. The division of responsibilities between state/provincial and regional representatives is being clarified. The structure of the committee, its

activities, and the direction of its recruitment efforts are being examined in light of the NASIG strategic plan and current needs.

NASIG AWARDS HORIZON AWARD RECIPIENT ESSAY

TRANSFORMING SERIALS—THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES

A few thoughts from Pauline La Rooy, Serials Librarian, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

I was born 2 February 1971—this makes me an Aquarian. According to popular astrology texts, Aquarians are unorthodox people and naturally choose careers that are different and unconventional: exploration, invention, space travel.

How does this fit with being a serials librarian? A lot better than my non-serialist friends would think. I find challenges and excitement in my job constantly: conquering a gnarly publication pattern, exploring new frontiers in serials access tools, unlocking the mysteries of seemingly incompatible interfaces, learning the languages of vendors and publishers, revisiting traditional methods of serials management, forging alliances with colleagues.... The fast-moving, ever-changing world of serials is unconventional enough for me.

In the past year I have moved from serials work in the Parliamentary Library of New Zealand, a library that serves 120 Members of Parliament and their support staff, to serials work at Victoria University of Wellington Library, where I now have to meet the needs of more than 15,000 students and staff. A small personal serials revolution, if you like. This sheer increase in the number of my clients, not to mention the move from the political to the academic environment, has made me rethink a number of things, but one fundamental principle remains intact and inviolable. It's a no-brainer, really:

Q. Why am I here?

A. To get serials to my clients.

And who are my clients? Well, they're undergoing something of a transformation themselves. As the access tools for serials have become more user-friendly, the number of users of serials has increased. And as these tools evolve in response to user trends and industry feedback, the way serials users approach our product is changing. In academic libraries, serials were once the almost exclusive preserve of faculty and postgraduate students. All that is changing as our serials support tools become more sophisticated and more numerous. Increasingly, usage of serials is becoming an essential part of undergraduate study.

Electronic indexing and abstracting tools have enabled all library clients (even the relative novices) to identify relevant serials and articles more readily. These tools are rapidly developing further to provide intuitive searching and seamless access to full-text articles.

Table of contents and profiling services have also played a major role in increasing clients' awareness of relevant serials and articles. You can now get information about the latest articles in your area of interest pushed to you via e-mail. Of course, in New Zealand these services can be a mixed blessing: electronic table of contents information often arrives considerably in advance of the print journal reaching our shores.

Here at Victoria University of Wellington, course-delivery software (e.g., Blackboard) has made it relatively simple for faculty to integrate library resources directly into lectures and tutorials. Expansion of flexible-delivery and online teaching presage further evolution and expansion in the usage of serials in academic environments.

These are exciting developments which bring their own set of challenges for serials librarians: we must look forward to plan how serials support tools can be integrated and utilised in our libraries to enhance our serials collection, but also—in the spirit of revolution—we must turn around and look back at where we have come from. It is all too easy to be dazzled by the brave new world of e-everything and forget that there are still many fine serials which are not available electronically and, in smaller countries like New Zealand, high-quality, locally-published serials that are outside the mainstream journal indexing and abstracting services.

It is important that we strike the correct balance in our libraries when spending our budgets and developing our collections so we neither risk getting an excessive number of serials access and support tools at the expense of the serials themselves, nor do we allow our serials collection development

decisions to be dictated by ease of access rather than quality of information and client need.

Transformations in serials format, access, and support tools are increasing serials usage and have created a demand for wider, more comprehensive serials access. This is a challenging demand to meet when, as always, the costs of serials are also "transforming." How do we meet that demand?

Alliances! Meeting the serials needs of clients requires a holistic approach—combining the might of your print serials collection and aggregated databases with interlibrary loan, (and other cooperative arrangements between libraries), document delivery, free electronic serials archives, "free with print" subscriptions and even non-serial material. Many traditional reference serials, such as yearbooks and directories, are becoming obsolete as the Internet is becoming a more cost-effective and up-to-date source of that information. At Victoria University of Wellington, creating alliances has involved building strong professional relationships with my colleagues—and helping them to discover the serials librarian within. Discussing serials issues with the

datasets librarian, interlibrary loans librarian, cataloguers, and reference librarians is time well spent.

Victoria University of Wellington Library's approach to serials provision is undergoing transformation. This is partly a consequence of global changes in serials publishing: price increases, expanded electronic access, exciting developments in serials access products, and improved reliability and timeliness of interlibrary loan and document delivery services. The transformation is also in response to our clients. Awareness and usage of serials is on the increase, and our clients expect the library to provide a range of indexing and abstracting services as well as to meet their growing serials needs, either through acquisition or by facilitating access. And the transformation is a reflection of the energy library staff have put into sharing information, familiarising themselves with serials products, identifying clients' serials needs and expectations, and finding the best ways to get the serials to the clients.

Transforming serials—may the revolution continue.

2002 AWARD RECIPIENTS

NASIG Conference Student Grant

The Conference Student Grant supports the cost of travel and registration for library science graduate students to attend NASIG's annual conference. Recipients of the 2002 NASIG Conference Student Grants are:

Denise M. Branch

Catholic University of America

Meg Manahan

Queen's College, City
University of New York

Yolande R. Shelton

University of Maryland

John W. Wiggins

Drexel University

Vanessa Mitchell

Catholic University of America

Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship

Given jointly by NASIG and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC), this award provides a \$2,500 scholarship to a library science graduate student who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and the potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the serials profession by providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities. The recipient of the 2002 Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship is:

Angela Riggio

UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies

Horizon Award

The Horizon Award is meant to advance the serials profession by providing promising new serialists with the opportunity to accelerate their knowledge and understanding of serials by networking and interacting with a wide range of dedicated professionals working in all segments of the serials information chain. The award provides the recipient with a firsthand introduction to NASIG by sponsoring attendance at the NASIG annual conference. The recipient of the 2002 Horizon Award is:

Pauline La Rooy
Serials Librarian
Victoria University of Wellington

Mexico Student Conference Grant

The Mexico Student Conference Grant award supports the cost of travel and registration for a Mexican library science graduate student to attend NASIG's annual conference. The recipient of the 2002 Mexico Student Conference Grant is:

Paula de la Mora Lugo
Colegio de Bibliotecología
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

OTHER SERIALS NEWS
GREETINGS TO UKSG FROM NASIG

Maggie Rioux, NASIG President, April 15, 2002

[Ed. Note: The following is the text of Maggie Rioux's speech given at this year's 25th UKSG Annual Conference and Exhibition at the University of Warwick.]

It gives me great pleasure to bring greetings and congratulations on your 25th conference from your sister organization in the former colonies, the North American Serials Interest Group. You will have noticed that I am **not** Connie Foster. Connie is the only NASIG President who has been honored with attending the UKSG conference twice – once as Vice-President filling in for Dan Tonkery, and again as President last year in Edinburgh. Connie has been singing the praises of UKSG for two years, and I started getting really excited myself. Then I realized that while Connie got to go to Scotland, I was being sent to Coventry. However, you've all been quite friendly so far.

Last year NASIG held its annual conference in the great state of Texas, USA, on the campus of Trinity University in San Antonio. Our science fiction-inspired theme was *NASIG 2001: A Serials Odyssey*, and it was quite a trip. Our program topics were similar to those on your program (in fact, a few of the speakers are even the same): serials pricing models, copyright, licensing of e-journals, consortial buying, archiving – all those issues we all deal with on both sides of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. We also found time for socializing and networking over great Tex-Mex food and bad (by your standards) beer (they serve it cold there, of all things!). The most interesting evening was the one we spent at the Institute of Texan Cultures, looking at exhibits and sampling the cuisines of the many ethnic groups that have joined to make modern Texas. The highlight of the evening was Texas line dancing to the strains of a cowgirl band and led by former NASIG president and dyed-in-the-wool Texan Beverly Geer.

This year NASIG plans a revolutionary conference, literally. In June we will travel to the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. William & Mary is the second-oldest institution of higher education in North America, having been founded in 1693, not long after Harvard University. The college's Old Campus has been restored to its 18th-century appearance and adjoins historic Colonial Williamsburg, a living-history museum dedicated to Virginia life in the Georgian Period. Our theme is *Transforming Serials: The Revolution Continues*. Our program lineup includes sessions designed to challenge and inspire serialists of all stripes as we move forward in the 21st century. We are continuing to have poster sessions during a no-conflict time following lunch, where presenters can share innovative ideas in an informal setting with information displayed on large bulletin boards. This has proved very popular for sharing last-minute ideas and for NASIGers who don't feel quite ready to do a full workshop or concurrent presentation. We are also continuing this year our Mexico/NASIG student grant, which is designed to increase participation in NASIG by southern North American serialists. This is in addition to our regular student grant program which pays conference expenses for eight library science graduate students from throughout North America.

As we tell each other every year, conferences such as yours and ours continue to provide time and opportunity for the face-to-face learning and networking which is even more important in our world of instant messaging and e-mail, Web cams, and video conferencing. I am delighted to have the opportunity to meet and interact with all of you in this wonderful setting, and I hope some of you

(besides Christine) will come and join us in Williamsburg.

One last bit of business: Since this is your 25th conference, on behalf of NASIG I would like to present you with a congratulatory plaque commemorating the occasion. This is a special day for UKSG.

As an additional aside, it is also a special day in your late colonies. Today in Massachusetts, where I am from, it is a holiday called Patriots' Day. This holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of each April, and

it commemorates the beginning of the United States as something other than thirteen British colonies. On April 19, 1775, 207 years ago this coming Friday, the battles of Lexington and Concord, just outside Boston, began the American War of Independence and changed our relationship to each other forever (actually, I probably had forebears fighting on both sides). So, in addition to commemorating your 25th conference, I have another presentation to commemorate this changed relationship: a sample of the tea we threw into Boston Harbor in 1773. You can have it back now, and may we all enjoy a good cuppa or two and some good conversation these next few days.

Thank you.

CALENDAR

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[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops, and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Char Simser. Contents of the calendar are continuously updated.]

June 2–6, 2002

*International Association of Technological
University Libraries*

“Partnerships, Consortia, and 21st Century Library
Service”

Kansas City, Missouri

Contact: IATUL, 800-662-1545 ext. 783

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June 8–13, 2002

Special Libraries Association

Los Angeles, California

URL: [http://www.sla.org/content/Events/
conference/2002annual/index.cfm](http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/2002annual/index.cfm)

June 13–19, 2002

American Library Association

Annual Conference

Atlanta, Georgia

URL: [http://www.ala.org/events/annual2002/
index.html](http://www.ala.org/events/annual2002/index.html)

June 20-23, 2002

NASIG

17th Annual Conference

“Transforming Serials: The Revolution Continues”

College of William & Mary

Williamsburg, Virginia

URL: <http://www.nasig.org/wm/>

August 13-16, 2002

Black Caucus of the American Library Association

5th National Conference

"Culture Keepers v: Access"

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

URL: [http://www.bcala.org/conference/
index.html](http://www.bcala.org/conference/index.html)

August 18-24, 2002

*International Federation of Library Associations and
Institutions*

68th IFLA General Conference and Council

"Libraries for Life: Democracy, Diversity, Delivery"

Glasgow, Scotland

URL: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla68/index.htm>

October 10-13, 2002

Library & Information Technology Association

LITA National Forum

"Making Connections"

Houston, Texas

URL: <http://www.lita.org/forum02/index.html>

November 14-16, 2002

Library Administration and Management Association

2nd National Institute

"The E-ssential Library: Creating and Sustaining Our
Leading Edge"

Naples, Florida

URL: <http://www.ala.org/lama/essential/>

January 24-29, 2003

American Library Association

Midwinter Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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