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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Eleanor Cook, NASIG President

I am growing to love this column and sincerely hope you enjoy reading about NASIG activities as much as I enjoy writing about them. The *Newsletter* staff, by the way, is working on the layout to make the online newsletter easier to read. Please give them feedback when the time comes.

First, some important thank you's. To the NASIG committees and task forces who have been REALLY busy over the summer and fall: ya'll are totally awesome. Everyone turned in quarterly reports either early or on time. And once I started reading the reports, I have to admit I was stunned. Being President of NASIG is somewhat like sitting on top of a mountain with a bank of fog surrounding it: every now and then the fog clears, and I get to glimpse at the work busily happening around me. There is no way I can get a handle all at once at what is being achieved until I gather all those reports from the committees' Board Liaisons. Our fall Board meeting is about to happen, and I am starting this column before I leave for Portland, and I will finish it when I return. I am doing this on purpose so you can live vicariously through my experience.

A second "thank you" goes to my colleagues at Appalachian State University who know I am living and breathing NASIG these days: they quietly go about the daily responsibilities of keeping the ASU serials unit running while I am obsessing over fall Board meeting packets and such.

I want to take this opportunity to address a topic that seems to come up repeatedly in conversations among NASIG members: the "mystery" of the Board

meeting. What are we doing there? In order to dispel any misconceptions, we decided to post the Board meeting agenda ahead of time this year so you can see what we are planning to address. Thanks to Danny Jones for this great idea. We did receive some comments and questions that we were able to answer for those who inquired.

Each fall, we endeavor to transport the entire Board plus the Program Planning Chairs and *Newsletter* Editor to the site of the conference for the coming year. This is an expensive and complicated proposition, as NASIG pays the travel expenses for all these people! (And we are all flying coach, I assure you.) Of course, the Conference Planning Co-Chairs don't have the hassle of travel to deal with, but they are driven crazy getting ready to host us, and that is nothing to sneeze at in terms of preparation. Then we have to be housed and fed. I've gotten the impression that the NASIG rank and file may have the impression that we are living "high on the hog" at these meetings. Okay, I'll admit we do not eat dinner at McDonalds! But finding three different restaurants that can handle various dietary requirements and take a party of 18 is somewhat challenging! I also now have a totally different view of restaurant conditions after reading two books (airplane leisure reading at it's finest). Check these out: *Nickel and Dimed*, by Barbara Ehrenreich, which is a description of the author's experiences serving in various minimum-wage jobs and how tough—actually, how impossible—it is to make ends meet at this level. I will never undertip a waitperson again! The second book I read while flying across the U.S. was *Kitchen Confidential*, by Anthony Bourdain, an irreverent look behind-the-scenes of upscale restaurant kitchens from the eyes of a professional chef. I now realize why a table of 18 people is one of those reservations that chefs really hate!

The Board and their guests complete two full days of meetings, which includes trooping about the conference host campus, testing campus food services at lunch, and generally working non-stop from 8:30-5:00 without much break. Please do not begrudge us a decent dinner before we fall into our beds early (which I assure you we do, especially when we are jet lagged!)

And guess what: we get to do it again when we hold our midwinter Board meeting – in the city wherever ALA is meeting.

So how can we save money when we have these Board meetings? One way I am proposing is to cut way back on mailing costs by having Board

documents that make up the packets placed on a private Web space where Board members and others who need them can print them off when the time comes. This will save the President much time and expense, and will give everyone involved a little more time to complete their tasks and reports. I hope I can convince everyone to go this route, and if I succeed, I will be proud to be the last NASIG President to ever nervously mail a Board packet! (There's always someone whose Board packet gets delayed in the mail—although I am pleased to report everyone got it on time for this meeting.)

If there was some way the Board and others did not have to travel to the conference site each fall, we could save lots more money, but I can't figure out how to change that. If you have any ideas, let me know. Maybe some day we can take virtual tours of conference sites.

Speaking of great ideas, the membership survey was a huge success, and a whopping 45% of the membership participated. We have received a number of fabulous suggestions, plus on a number of issues we were able to observe some consensus among those who responded. Please read all about it in the Strategic Planning Task Force's report when it comes out (soon!) And a million thanks to the NASIG volunteers who assisted with the compilation of this survey!

In January 2003, the Strategic Planning Task Force and the Board will spend a whole day holding a retreat in Philadelphia with consultant Betty Kjellberg, who is going to lead us through strategic planning, millennial style. Strategic planning is no longer something one can put off and just do every 5-10 years. The experts recommend that it be done now at least every 3 years! This approach makes sense, considering how fast the landscape keeps changing. While I have never been a fan of the strategic planning process, I must admit this has actually been fun so far. And thanks to Julie Gammon for finding Betty, who actually has an MLS and has been doing this kind of consulting with non-profit organizations for a number of years. She is a perfect fit for what we need, and we are excited about having her with us in January. Carol MacAdam and the task force have been a blast to work with. We have perfected the art of conference calling!

I am grateful that NASIG has a healthy budget with which to sustain all this activity. We are particularly fortunate in these tight budget times to be able to say we can go forward with a number of important initiatives. Besides strategic planning, we are also

implementing a (hopefully) sophisticated online registration system this year, and we are looking at a number of other ways to streamline procedures. The William & Mary conference ended up with a surplus beyond anything we have ever experienced, and we plan to turn this around and make sure members directly benefit from this windfall. It is our expectation that the conference registration fee for the Portland conference will be subsidized thanks to the William & Mary conference "profit."

Our Board meeting in Portland was very productive. Please read the minutes from this meeting, also in this *Newsletter* issue, if you want more detail. The Board really came together and worked hard for you.

I am sending this column to Char Simser right after coming home from the Charleston Conference. There is a special significance to this because NASIG and the Charleston Conference have many aspects in common (as I was explaining to Robert Cleary, who

was in Charleston for the first time this year). Both Charleston and NASIG have as a goal the provision of an environment for publishers, vendors, and librarians to talk to each other in a casual, open, and non-threatening venue. What is different is that Charleston caters to folks working with monographic formats as well as serials. And, Charleston allows for commercial expression in a way that NASIG does not. Also, few if any catalogers attend the Charleston Conference; NASIG for some time has had a strong contingent of serials catalogers. So, there are a number of differences but there are some similarities. About half the NASIG Board attended the Charleston Conference this year, as did many NASIG members. And I am pleased to report that I recruited a number of new and returning members to NASIG, including Katina Strauch herself!

NASIG continues to move forward in all kinds of exciting ways. So I cannot wait to report to you next time (March 2003). Stay tuned!

NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Bea Caraway, NASIG Secretary

Date, Time: October 18, 2002, 8:35 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Place: Mallory Hotel Garden Room Portland, Oregon

Attending:

Eleanor Cook, President
Anne McKee, Vice-President/President-Elect
Maggie Rioux, Past President
Bea Caraway, Secretary
Denise Novak, Treasurer

Members-at-Large:

Marilyn Geller
Daniel Jones
Mary Page
Robert Persing
Kevin Randall
Joyce Tenney

Guests:

Kris Kern and Wendy Stewart, Co-Chairs, 2003 Conference Planning Committee
Kim Willson-St. Clair, member, 2003 Conference Planning Committee
Charity Martin and Sharon Sullivan, Co-Chairs, 2003 Program Planning Committee
Charlene Simser, *NASIG Newsletter* Editor-in-Chief

1.0 Welcome

Cook welcomed Board members and guests to the meeting. She made two changes to the agenda: Defer agenda item 3.5 (investigating conference calling) until the January 2003 Board meeting, and move the tour of the Doubletree from Saturday to Friday.

2.0 Secretary's report

2.1 Board actions since the annual conference, June 20-23, 2002

Caraway compiled the following list of Board decisions taken since June 23, 2002, for inclusion in the minutes.

- a. Approved minutes of the June 19, 2002, Board meeting and minutes of the June 21, 2002, business meeting.
- b. Approved the printing of 1000 Spanish-language membership brochures.
- c. Accepted the Strategic Planning Task Force's recommendation to use Judy Luther's services to design and implement a Web-based survey to poll

the membership in preparation for the next NASIG Strategic Plan.

d. Approved holding a strategic planning retreat on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, in Philadelphia.

e. Approved hiring Betty Kjellberg as facilitator for the strategic planning retreat.

f. Approved budget of \$900 for first-year resources to implement online conference registration.

As a point of information, Caraway included the following list of other activities since June 23, 2002:

-- Cook signed the contract for lodging at the Mallory for the duration of the fall Board meeting.

-- Cook sent an official response to the membership via NASIG-L to acknowledge members' concerns about conference scheduling and to remind them of the factors that determine when and where the conference can take place.

-- Board clarified policy on membership requirement for professional liaisons: In order to continue as a professional liaison, one must be a NASIG member; further discussion at the fall Board meeting.

-- Publicist Rioux responded affirmatively to Haworth Press inquiry regarding continuing to send reviews of the NASIG *Proceedings*.

-- Rioux appointed the Online Registration Implementation Group: Step Schmitt (group leader), Beth Weston, Jill Emery, Denise Novak (Board liaison).

-- CEC and RC&M chairs and liaisons formulated a plan for moving the mentor program from CEC to RC&M.

-- Cook and Novak clarified that we are to use the old envelopes (i.e., with the Decatur, GA address) but not the old letterhead.

-- Cook directed the ECC to remove the password protection from the "Calendar of Events" on the NASIG Web site.

-- Cook posted a "call for issues" to NASIG-L, giving the time and place of the next Board meeting. Anyone with issues for discussion could either post back to the list or send e-mail to Eleanor (or another Board member if preferred). Issues should be things worthy of Board attention and the posting should also note that NASIG issues could be discussed on NASIG-L, where the Board hears and heeds those discussions. It should also say that any member could e-mail any of the Board at any time if they have questions, comments, or issues.

-- All agreed that registrants for the 2003 conference should have a choice of completing an online or a print registration form. However, after further deliberations, and owing to the unique arrangements that we requested, there will only be a print registration form.

McKee moved (Rioux seconded) that the Board approve the list of Board decisions as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Board roster updates

Caraway distributed copies of the 2002/2003 Board rosters and asked Board members to make corrections.

2.3 Revisions to the executive working calendar

Caraway asked for changes needing to be made to the executive working calendar. Several changes were noted. Caraway asked that Board members contact her as they work with the calendar and discover inaccuracies.

ACTION: Caraway will request that Sarah George, the NASIG Webmaster, make the needed revisions to the online calendar.

DATE: Immediately after the fall Board meeting. Pending Oct. 28, 2002.

3.0 Treasurer's report

3.1 Conference and general finance reports

Novak reported that the 2002 conference posted a surplus of \$107,620.05 and that as of Oct. 6, 2002, NASIG had a total equity of \$175,461.46 and liabilities of \$0.00. NASIG is in good financial condition. Committee expenditures are within their budgets.

Cook asked that in the future, the treasurer include actual expenditures beside each category in the budget to facilitate evaluation of the allocations by category and by committee.

Novak reported that Charles Schwab & Co. has been slow to complete the changes to the names of authorized agents on NASIG's investment account. She suggested closing the Schwab account and moving NASIG investments, including the CD, to Bank of America, which has NASIG's checking and savings accounts and its credit card. The Board asked her to investigate

this possibility and report back at the January Board meeting.

ACTION: Novak to include expenditures in the NASIG budget.

DATE: January Board meeting.

ACTION: Finance Committee will propose an investment strategy with Bank of America.

DATE: By the January Board meeting.

3.2 Budget for 2003

After discussion of the budget, the Board deferred approval of the 2003 budget until after hearing reports of the various NASIG committees.

3.3 Cost of online registration implementation

The Board, upon hearing the report of the Online Registration Implementation Task Force, discussed the payment schedule. After discussion, the Board agreed to the original payment of half the fee at the beginning and half the fee at the completion of the project. The Board tabled a vote on acceptance of the bid and contract until Friday. The Board also discussed asking the successful bidder to add dues payment by credit card to his project, but decided not to expand the specifications of the online registration project to include dues payment.

The Board extended thanks to Stephanie Schmitt and the members of the Online Registration Implementation Task Force for their excellent work.

3.4 Revision to reimbursement policy

The Board modified the draft policy by making the sentence about exceptions to the policy stand as a separate paragraph with the heading "Exceptions" and by changing the wording to read, "Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Executive Board." After discussion of the purpose of the money given to cover incidental expenses, the Board agreed that travel expenses should cover ground transportation and that incidental expenses should cover meals while the person is traveling. Consequently, under "Others," the wording of the third sentence was changed to read, "Each grant winner receives \$50 in advance to cover incidental expenses." Under "Volunteers at the Conference Host Site (Non-CPC members)," the second sentence was deleted.

McKee moved (Persing seconded) that the Board approve the policy as modified. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: The revised policy will be updated on the NASIG Web site. Denise Novak will send the revised policy to Sarah George, NASIG Webmaster.

4.0 Publicist's report

4.1 Update on brochures

Rioux reported that she received the Spanish brochures in August and has sent out twenty-five of them. She has also distributed 685 English-language brochures. The Spanish version of the brochure has been mounted on the NASIG Web site behind the "Join NASIG" and "About NASIG" buttons. She has subscribed to all of the publicist's e-mail lists, as well as to two Mexican discussion lists for the purpose of sending out NASIG announcements.

5.0 Site Selection Committee report

Page, McKee, and Novak reported that they had received one official submission, from Franklin and Marshall College, to host the 2004 conference. The committee decided not to recommend that site at this time. Cook will contact Marty Gordon, the NASIG member at Franklin and Marshall, to discuss future options.

Geller reported that Jean Lenville, at Harvard, had contacted her to express an interest but has not yet followed up.

The committee contacted the convention bureaus in ten cities about hosting NASIG. Of those, Madison, Wisconsin; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lexington, Kentucky; Louisville, Kentucky; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Rochester, Minnesota; responded with interest and are preparing proposals. The committee members were impressed with the strong interest these cities showed in hosting NASIG; they also believe the costs could be competitive with our current costs. The Board recommended that the committee narrow its choices to two or three sites, make site visits in November and December, and give a recommendation to the Board at the January Board meeting.

Regardless of the city chosen, the Board agreed that a local university campus and its NASIG

members should continue to play the role of host for the conference.

ACTION: Recommend a site to the Board for the 2004 conference.

DATE: At the January Board meeting.

6.0 Program Planning Committee report

Charity Martin and Sharon Sullivan reported that the committee had received a total of 44 submissions for programs for the 2003 conference. For the first time, the proposals were mounted on a private portion of the NASIG Web site for review by committee members. The PCC recommends continuing this procedure and thanked Rose Robischon, PPC Web liaison, and Sarah George, NASIG Webmaster, for their help.

The PPC proposed a conference schedule that included only one plenary speaker, a first-day address by the NASIG President, a “town hall”-type meeting for discussion of topics brought forth by the members, sets of “research report” and “skills set” sessions to replace the workshops, and a panel discussion to wrap up the conference on Sunday. They also recommended leaving the poster sessions up from Friday noon through Saturday afternoon to allow participants more time to view them.

The Board members offered opinions and advice about the slate of programs and the schedule and then gave informal approval to the program selections and schedule for the 2003 conference.

7.0 Conference Planning Committee report

Kris Kern and Wendy Stewart presented the report of CPC progress. Kim Willson-St. Clair was also present to lead the discussion about souvenirs.

The Portland Oregon Visitors Association (POVA) will handle reservations for all three hotels and will assign people to a hotel when they register. The Mallory will be designated as the speakers’ hotel, and Board members may distribute themselves among the three hotels. The Portland Marriott Downtown will be the conference headquarters and the site of the opening night banquet.

After considerable discussion and examination of the sample souvenirs, Jones moved (McKee seconded) that we buy totes, yellow t-shirts for

volunteers, and pens to give to conference participants. The motion passed unanimously. The Board then agreed that we would sell, for a profit, caps, mugs, t-shirts, and additional pens.

Discussion about the proposed event for Thursday evening resulted in the Board’s asking the CPC to continue their negotiations for this event based on guidelines set forth by the Board.

Because most college campuses do not offer a suitable setting for late-night socials, NASIG has always organized them and provided snacks and drinks somewhere on campus. However, in 2003, participants will stay in hotels that have bars, lobbies, or other areas for such gatherings. As a result, the CPC will not organize any official late-night socials for the upcoming conference. Late-night socials will certainly still happen, but they will be handled in a different manner.

8.0 Committee reports

8.1 Archives

Caraway presented the archivist’s report.

In the Board discussion, it was noted that we have three uses for the archives, i.e., consulting recent archival materials for needed information (perhaps two to three years’ worth), consulting older archival material (probably infrequently), and doing on-site research in the archives. The Board asked that Holley Lange, our archivist, and Marilyn Fletcher, a former archivist, estimate the number and type of requests that have they received for each of these three uses. The Board also asked that Lange find out about the possibility of on-site access for archives-based research and about acceptance by the archive at the University of Illinois of a sample of each souvenir. Finally, the Board asked that Lange propose a plan for keeping recent archival materials with the NASIG archivist and then shipping them to the permanent archive on a regular schedule.

ACTION: Caraway to ask Lange and Fletcher for an analysis of use of the archives. Caraway to ask Lange to propose a plan for the archives in keeping with the guidelines stated in the discussion above.

DATE: By the January Board meeting.

8.2 Bylaws Committee report

Jones reported that there would probably be a bylaws vote this spring having to do with a new membership category. The Board suggested that to save the cost of a separate mailing, the bylaws ballot be included with the official election ballot.

8.3. Professional liaisons report

Jones noted that since there is no committee structure, there is no one but the Board liaison (himself) to write the report.

Jones' report categorized liaisons in five groups: peer organizations, library professional organizations, Library of Congress CONSER, publishing organizations (AAP, SSP, STM Library Relations Committee), and CSISAC. A notable absence is the Association of Subscription Agents (ASA).

With regard to the category of publishing organizations, McKee noted that NASIG had tried unsuccessfully to appoint such liaisons to the PPC, as suggested by the guidelines on the professional liaisons' Web page.

Members of the Board suggested the names of various people in AAP, SSP, and ASA that Jones might contact about serving as liaisons to NASIG.

Jones led a discussion on creating a new membership category for the representatives of NASIG's peer organizations (UKSG, GeSIG, ASSIG). Rioux moved (McKee seconded) that the Board accept Jones' recommendation to create this new membership category and to refer the issue to the Bylaws Committee to draw up the change and submit it for Board approval at the January Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The Board also suggested that Jones send a message to NASIG-L to recruit liaisons for CLA and SLA, that he contact ICEDIS to see if anyone is interested in serving as liaison, and that he see to the reorganization of the professional liaisons' Web page along the lines of the categories mentioned in his report. Cook offered to inform NASIG peer groups of what is planned. The suggested name for the new membership category was "corresponding member." The membership would be complimentary. NOTE: This would have no effect on the existing arrangements NASIG has with UKSG to send our President to their meeting and vice versa.

McKee noted that SSP has expressed interest in holding another joint conference similar to the one in Chicago.

ACTION: Jones to refer the issue of adding "corresponding member" to the membership categories to the Bylaws Committee for a recommendation.

DATE: By the January Board meeting.

ACTION: Jones to try to recruit liaisons from CLA, SLA, ICEDIS, and others.

DATE: By January Board meeting.

ACTION: Jones to see to the reorganization of the professional liaisons' Web page.

DATE: By January Board meeting.

ACTION: Cook to contact NASIG's peer organizations about the planned change.

DATE: By January Board meeting.

8.4 Database & Directory Committee report

Randall reported that as of September 24, 2002, membership numbered 1327.

The committee has carried out its normal activities, including producing the 2002 print directory at a cost of \$6653.73.

The "Chair understudy" is Rene Erlandson, and she is working with Kathryn Wesley, Chair, to become familiar with D&D routines.

8.5 2002 Williamsburg Conference Planning Committee wrap-up

Tenney reported a conference surplus of \$82,273.39, which was less than that reported by the treasurer. Tenney explained that this discrepancy resulted from subtracting the speakers' expenses from the total.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:15 p.m.

NASIG Executive Board Minutes (cont.)

Date, Time: October 19, 2002, 8:31 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

8.0 Committee reports (cont.)

8.6 Awards & Recognition Committee report

Tenney reported on the many accomplishments of the Awards & Recognition Committee, including,

1) submission of several ideas to the Strategic Planning Task Force, 2) planning for the transition from CEC to A&R of the Mexico Student Grant Award, and 3) revision of the wording of various award announcements.

A&R asked the NASIG Board to approve their proposal for the electronic submission and evaluation of awards applications. E-submission will reduce the amount of paper, postage, and time required. The new format and procedures are to be implemented in time for the upcoming cycle of awards. Rioux moved (Novak seconded) that the Board approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

A&R asked the Board to approve their revisions to the Marcia Tuttle International Grant. Changes include granting awards to people wanting either to come to the U.S. or travel from the U.S., giving one annual award of \$2000, and giving a year's free membership. Board discussion centered on the question of when the grant money should be given to the grant winner. One suggestion was to give half of the money at the beginning of the project and the other half upon submission and acceptance of the project report, but to retain flexibility in cases in which the person cannot begin the project without receiving all the grant money at the beginning. The Board asked A&R to think further about the question of when to give the money to the grant winner.

ACTION: A&R to specify when the grant money is disbursed.

DATE: By the January Board meeting.

ACTION: Tenney to work with A&R to arrange for a letter to accompany the check given to the Fritz Schwartz award winner at the close of the conference.

8.7 Continuing Education Committee report

Randall reported that as usual, the CEC had been very active. Subsequent to the Board's decision to move four functions to different committees, the CEC made detailed plans for accomplishing the transitions. (Transitions: Mexican Student Conference Grant to A&R, Mentor Program to RC&M, Library School Outreach to RC&M, Human Resources Directory to Publications.) In addition, CEC sponsored several continuing education opportunities in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Nevada, and Mississippi and will sponsor others before December 2002.

Randall reported that the CEC has asked that the Board consider moving Student Outreach to RC&M.

The Board discussed the proposed CEC budget for 2003 at some length. Geller explained that CEC has traditionally allocated \$1000 per event, although they rarely use the entire amount. Taking this into account, the Board made a slight reduction in the proposed 2003 CEC budget request.

Regarding programming, the Board believes that good variety and balance in programming are desirable, and the Board encourages the CEC to be creative in its attempt to come up with a diverse and balanced slate of continuing education opportunities.

Novak reminded Randall that reimbursement requests should come to the treasurer during the same calendar year as the event. The Board deferred a vote on the 2003 CEC budget, choosing instead to vote on it as part of the full budget at the end of the Board meeting.

With regard to the Mexico Student Grant, which is presently in transition, the Board discussed the past summer's problem with the Mexican student's visa. The Board recommended that Randall 1) instruct Joe Hinger to document the visa process, 2) advise him of the steps they can take to facilitate the process, and 3) consider making the deadline earlier than April.

8.8 Electronic Communications Committee

Persing reported that in addition to carrying out its usual duties, the EEC also created new password-protected areas of NASIGWeb to help the PPC and A&R conduct online business. The ECC is planning to propose a panel discussion on XML for the 2004 conference program.

Persing noted that Bee.net might increase their charges to NASIG as we increase the amount of material on the site. He also recommended buying the domain name "nasig.com" in addition to renewing the "nasig.org" domain name.

The Board recommended that ECC continue to maintain the jobs listing on the NASIG Web site.

Geller brought up the potential need to reorganize the Web site to accommodate the increasing number of files posted by various committees.

McKee offered praise to Sarah George and David Bynog for their speed and efficiency as Co-Chairs of the ECC.

ACTION: Buy the nasig.com domain name.

DATE: ASAP. Persing reported on Oct. 22, 2002, that nasig.com had already been bought.

8.9 Evaluation & Assessment Committee

Persing reported that the EAC had taken a new approach to the final conference evaluation report, which resulted in a very readable format. Individual speaker reports will be available by request to speakers beginning Oct. 18, 2002.

The Board discussed the possibility of making the reports available on the Web site.

The Board commended the readability of this year's report and the promptness of the committee in carrying out its responsibilities.

ACTION: EAC to draw up a revised policy that will allow for confidential access to the reports on the NASIG Web site.

DATE: By the January Board meeting.

8.10 Newsletter

Charlene Simser, the new Editor-in-Chief of the *NASIG Newsletter*, reported that Step Schmitt is digitizing the back issues of the *Newsletter*. She has 38 issues remaining to scan and will begin work on them in December 2002. With the resignation of John Harrison as distribution editor for the *Newsletter* and the advent of the online-only version, Simser recommended that that position be eliminated from the *Newsletter's* Editorial Board. Simser announced that the new design for the *Newsletter* will probably be previewed in December 2002 or March 2003. The design change includes the table of contents in a left-hand frame on each page. Simser asked Board members to let her know of people who can submit reports of regional meetings.

8.11 Nominations & Elections Committee

Rioux reported that the committee had accomplished its normal tasks since the June Board meeting. In addition, they submitted items

to the Strategic Planning Task Force and began a discussion of the write-in process for elections. They also began discussion of "automatic" nomination of Board incumbents, recommending that at least one nomination form be submitted in order for an incumbent Board member to be considered for the slate of nominees. N&E suggested issuing a statement to the membership at the beginning of nominations reminding them that current N&E members are not eligible for nomination. The Board recommended putting this statement in the call for nominations rather than issuing it as separate statement. Rioux reported that as of Oct. 10, 2002, 38 nomination forms with 131 non-unique names (some of which are ineligible) had been received.

ACTION: Nominations & Elections to review this section of the bylaws and present revisions for consideration. This will not be a bylaws change for this year.

DATE: By the June Board meeting.

8.12 Proceedings editors

Page reported that the editors had had the usual difficulty getting papers from all the plenary and concurrent speakers, but that the workshop recorders had been prompt in getting copyright forms and articles in. Susan Scheiberg hopes to submit the manuscript to Haworth by Oct. 21, 2002.

Cook noted that she has received the new three-year contract with Haworth (covering the years 2003-2005). Novak requested a signed copy of the contract for her files. Cook intends to sign it but recommends making the contract a topic for future discussion before the next renewal comes around. McKee said that she would appoint a working group to study the question under her presidency.

The Board recommended that a search committee be appointed to recruit the next *Proceedings* editors.

ACTION: Page to recommend to the Board people to serve on the search committee.

DATE: ASAP.

8.13 Publications Committee

Geller reported that 150 sets of conference handouts had been reproduced and mailed at a cost of \$3453.31. Discussion of the entire notion

of handouts led to a decision to direct the Publications Committee to collect information on moving from paper to CD-ROM for distribution of handouts.

The committee is updating the Human Resources Directory as well as working out procedures for its transition from CEC to the Publications Committee.

There was considerable discussion of who should maintain the currency of the online serials management course. The Publications Committee had suggested updating it now and then turning over responsibility for it to CEC. Instead, it was the sense of the Board that the Publications Committee should be responsible for recruiting an editor, who would serve for an indefinite term.

Geller reported that the Publications Committee had distributed a draft of the guidelines for speakers' handouts to the PPC and CPC for comment and approval. The final document will be posted to the Web site by the time speakers will need to consult the guidelines.

ACTION: Publications Committee to present a proposal for moving from paper to CD-ROM for distribution of conference handouts for Board discussion at the strategic planning retreat on Jan. 22, 2003.

DATE: By Jan. 15, 2003.

8.14 Regional Councils & Membership Committee

Geller reported that in response to Board direction to RC&M to explore its purpose and structure and to reinvent itself, RC&M has discussed duplication of responsibilities between the state or provincial representatives and the regional representatives who are the actual committee members and how to resolve the issue. After some discussion, the Board asked for an accounting by RC&M of the activities of the state or provincial representatives and for a recommendation on steps to take to restructure itself.

RC&M is participating in the transition of the mentoring program from CEC to RC&M. They have also been considering ways to build geographic and job diversity among our membership. They are contemplating a name change ("Outreach Committee" is a possibility) and would like to establish a committee Web site.

ACTION: RC&M to study the roles and activities of the representatives and the committee members and to recommend a new structure that will fulfill the committee's responsibilities more effectively.

DATE: By the January Board meeting.

9.0 Strategic Planning Task Force

Cook presented the SPTF report, which noted that the member survey had been made available Sept. 10-22, 2002, and that the response rate was 45%. Members of a subcommittee spent one week categorizing and analyzing the comments. Judy Luther wrote an executive summary that was made available to the Board electronically. Also available is the detailed report and the compilation of comments. Luther recommended sharing it with the committee Chairs and with the membership.

ACTION: Board members to review these materials and recommend how to best share them with committee Chairs and the membership at large.

DATE: ASAP.

10.0 Commercialism discussion

Geller and Page led the discussion about a particular violation of NASIG non-commercialism policy during the 2002 conference. In the end, the Board voted unanimously to direct the editors of the 2002 *Proceedings* to add a disclaimer to the beginning of the paper in question.

During the discussion, Geller and others suggested forming a task force to examine the issue, but all agreed to wait until the strategic planning retreat to take action on this. Page suggested that PPC should be especially vigilant about educating presenters on the issue of non-commercialization in presentations. McKee assured the Board that they would do so. Tenney asked if the non-commercialism policy is included in the call for papers; it is not, but the letter to approved speakers does include it.

ACTION: Page will work with the *Proceedings* editors to develop wording of a disclaimer and share it with the Board.

DATE: ASAP

11.0 Development of new Board member orientation

Cook led the discussion about what kind of orientation new Board members need at the beginning of their terms. She noted that the Board list

traffic is heaviest right at the time that new Board members are added, after their election, and shortly before the annual conference, and that the volume of mail can be overwhelming. She noted, too, that people who are on the ballot do not have a clear idea of what is involved in Board work. She suggested that the new policy of posting Board agendas to the Web site will help to educate potential Board members about the work and activity of the Board. The Board took up the question of whether to assign mentors to new Board members, but without definite resolution. The Board agreed upon the need to be more structured in its conduct of discussions and votes via e-mail. This can be achieved by 1) defining a period of time for discussion, 2) making a formal call for a vote at the end of the discussion period, and 3) making a formal announcement of the outcome of the vote.

12.0 Unfinished business

12.1 Online registration implementation

Geller moved (Rioux seconded) that the Board accept the recommendation of the Online

Registration Implementation Task Force to accept the contract and statement of work and to approve the budget of \$12,000 for expenditures in 2002. Motion passed unanimously.

12.2. Approval of 2003 NASIG budget

Rioux moved (Geller seconded) that the Board accept the 2003 budget as amended in Board discussion. (Amendments: Changed the CEC and EEC budgets to \$10,000 each.) Motion passed unanimously.

12.3 Disposition of the housing refund from William & Mary after the 2002 conference

Tenney moved (McKee seconded) that NASIG apply the housing refund from William & Mary to the passkey charges for the 2003 conference in Portland. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bea Caraway, NASIG Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Denise Novak

NASIG currently has \$175,461.00 in assets. This includes \$123,255.00 in bank balances and \$51,276.00 in the investment account and one-year CD. NASIG has expended \$39,483.52 on operating expenses for the year 2002. This includes all committee activity, such as the *Membership Directory*, and Awards and Recognition and Continuing Education Committee expenses.

I am very pleased to report that the 2002 William and Mary Conference currently shows a surplus of more than \$107,000.00. This is the final figure for the conference, as all invoices have been paid.

ERRATA

John Radencich, who reported on the ALA program "Introduction to AACR2 Revised Chapter 12" in the September issue of the *Newsletter*, e-mailed a correction to his report. The following statement from his report is incorrect: "Serials themselves are no longer to be called 'serials,' but are now to be called 'continuing resources.'" John writes: "Unfortunately that is incorrect. Serials are still to be called serials. The change actually is only in the title of Chapter 12 of AACR...[which will now be called] Continuing Resources."

The Editor-in-Chief apologizes for not recognizing former Editor-in-Chief Steve Savage's contribution as Conference Editor for the September 2002 issue. Steve coordinated all reporters' submissions from the conference—a huge feat! The omission has been corrected in the masthead of the HTML version of the September *Newsletter*. Thank you, Steve!

NEWS FROM THE NEWSLETTER

New look, new staff, new ISSN, and a thank you...

NEW LOOK

The HTML version of the *NASIG Newsletter* has a new look! We hope you find it nicer on the eyes and easier to navigate. E-mail us your comments at newsletter@nasig.org.

ISSN

Our staff has been so busy that we forgot to apply for an ISSN for the electronic version of the *Newsletter*. Given that serials are our job, I'm not sure if we should be laughing or crying! Not to fear, our application was faxed to NSDP in October, and we received our new ISSN before going to press!

NEW NEWSLETTER STAFF

The *NASIG Newsletter* Editorial Board is pleased to announce three new members to its staff:

Beth Bernhardt

University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Submissions Editor

Stephanie Schmitt

Yale Law School
HTML Production Editor

Allison Sharp

Lee University
Profiles Editor

Please join the Editorial Board in welcoming Beth, Stephanie, and Allison, who came aboard the staff just prior to the 2002 conference.

OLDER ISSUES

The staff of the *NASIG Newsletter* is pleased to announce that many of this publication's earliest issues are now available online. Former Editor-in-Chief Steve Savage initiated the project to convert print issues to PDFs. Steve worked with NASIG member Sharon Nahra, a JSTOR production editor, who graciously volunteered to work on the project. Sharon's subsequent move to Florida ended her role, but current HTML editor, Step Schmitt, will be picking up where Sharon left off. Check out the issues, starting with vol. 1, no. 1, way back in 1986! I have looked over many of these issues as we've prepared them for debut on NASIGWeb. I encourage you to take a look at them! Many have names that will be familiar even to the newest members of the organization. Announcements will be made on NASIG-L as future issues become available.

THANK YOU

And we say good-bye and thank you to longtime Distribution Editor John Harrison. John served on the Editorial Board for more than five years.

NASIG 18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2003)

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Charity Martin, Kate M. Manuel, and Sherry Sullivan, PPC Co-Chairs

Beginning with their in-person committee meeting at the 2002 NASIG Conference, the Program Planning Committee has been hard at work devising an innovative program to go with the other changes planned for the 2003 conference (notably, the shift from dorms to hotels).

Traditionally, the NASIG program has consisted of two or three half-day preconferences, three plenary speeches of 60-75 minutes in length, two sets of concurrent sessions lasting 75 minutes each, two sets of workshops—with each workshop lasting 60 minutes and being offered twice, poster sessions, and networking nodes. This year's program will bring many changes from this traditional model.

This year, a presidential address will follow the opening business meeting, allowing the NASIG President to share with conference goers her vision of what NASIG is trying to do and NASIG's strategic directions. There will be only one plenary/keynote speech, and the other two plenaries will be "replaced" by a town hall meeting and by a panel discussion. Concurrent presentations will be offered twice, giving attendees increased opportunities to hear these exciting "big picture" discussions of serials-related issues.

Workshops are being divided into skills sets and research reports. "Skills set" workshops focus on practical issues facing serialists in the workplace: topics such as networking, writing procedures manuals, making electronic content accessible to persons with disabilities,

and gaining tenure. Skills set workshops will be 50 minutes in length. "Research report" workshops deal with the results of empirical studies or more theoretically based investigations, including case studies in the workplace. In other words, these are the workshops where presenters get to tell "how they done it good in their library." Research report workshops will be 45 minutes in length. One skills set and one research report slot will be reserved until shortly before the conference for presentations on "hot topics," enabling better coverage of emerging serials issues. Selected skills set and research report workshops will be offered twice during the conference, during a designated time slot, but most will be one-time offerings.

The poster sessions will be put up on Friday and will remain up through Saturday, providing more opportunities to view the posters. Times when presenters will be at their posters will also be scheduled so that attendees can still interact with the presenters.

The preconferences and networking nodes will be basically unchanged for 2003.

The Program Planning Committee proposed these changes to the NASIG Board, which accepted them, in hopes of making the program better meet the concerns of NASIG attendees as expressed in the conference evaluation forms and in the recent revision of the NASIG Strategic Plan. We are asking you to give these changes, which may be significant departures from prior years' programs in some respects, a try for 2003!

In addition to revising the conference program, this year's PPC also made some adjustments to its means of working. PPC posted proposals on a private, password-protected portion of the NASIG Web site for review by committee members. Doing so was a considerable improvement on the past practice of sending proposals to committee members as attachments (MSWord documents). Special thanks go to the PPC's Web liaison, Rose Robischon, and Sarah George, Co-Chair of the Electronic Communications Committee, for making this happen, as

well as to NASIG President Eleanor Cook for coming up with this inspiration.

The members of the Program Planning Committee for the NASIG 2003 Annual Conference are organized into a number of subcommittees. The Plenary/Concurrent/Pre-conference Subcommittee includes Kit Kennedy (Swets Blackwell), Kate Manuel (New Mexico State University), Emily McElroy (Loyola University Health Sciences), Lanell Rabner (Brigham Young University), Rose Robischon (U.S. Military Academy), Sherry Sullivan (facilitator, H.W. Wilson) and Gale Teaster (Winthrop University). The Workshop/Poster Sessions Subcommittee includes Sandy Folsom (Central Michigan University), June Garner (Mississippi State University), Lee Kreiger (University of Miami), Pat Loghry (University of Notre Dame), Kate Manuel (New Mexico State University), Charity Martin (facilitator, University of Nebraska), Connie Roberts (Hamilton College), and Steve Savage (University of Michigan).

The committee has received excellent guidance from Lisa Macklin (consultant) and Anne McKee (Board liaison) and has enjoyed working with the wonderful (as usual!) Co-Chairs and members of the Conference Planning Committee.

This year's selection process was aided—and made more difficult—by the number of excellent proposals submitted by members of NASIG and the serials community. The committee has reviewed all proposals received to date and is in the process of working with those presenters whose proposals were selected for inclusion in NASIG 2003. As always, there were more deserving submissions than there were program slots! Future issues of the *NASIG Newsletter* will include more information on topics and presenters...so stay tuned.

We hope you are beginning to make plans now for this exciting conference in Portland.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Kris Kern and Wendy Stewart, Co-Chairs

How about a cup of coffee or tea, a stroll in the park, and NASIG 2003? Portland State University will host the 18th Annual NASIG Conference June 26-29, 2003. Portland State University is in the heart of downtown on the city's South Park Blocks. This location lends PSU an air of community and connection to the city and its population that few universities can offer, and NASIG is pleased to invite you to be a part of the 2003 conference.

In Portland, you and your family will find out why the city has been named one of the country's "most livable cities." There are beautiful views, friendly people, an award-winning public transit system, world-class shopping opportunities, more book stores per capita than any other U.S. city, great places to walk, fountains that you are encouraged to play in, and lots and lots of places to buy coffee. If you would like to start planning your visit early, check out the Portland Visitor's Association

Web site at <http://www.Travelportland.com/visitors/>. You can also look at the PSU's Web site at <http://www.pdx.edu>.



PSU campus



Simon Benson House, PSU Alumni Association

This NASIG conference will be radically different from previous years. Housing will be at three area hotels. Your

room will have a private bath, coffee maker, Internet capabilities, and other amenities not found in dorm rooms. The conference headquarters will be the Portland Marriott Downtown, located across the street from Portland's Waterfront Park on the banks of the Willamette River. Housing registration will be done through the Portland Visitor's Association (POVA), and a special form for it will be included in your conference registration packet. The form will also be available at the conference Web site. You will need to use this form to obtain the NASIG reduced rates for the hotels. Additional information about registration and cost will be coming to you soon. Another change for 2003 is the availability of online registration that should open in early March. Stay tuned to NASIG-L and the NASIG Web site for additional announcements.

Even though the conference itself will be held on campus at Portland State University, NASIG has planned to get you out and about in the city, too. The opening banquet will be in the ballroom of the Portland Marriott Downtown and will feature Northwest cuisine. Friday will be a free evening for you to explore on your own (but there will be lots of available information provided to help you decide where to go and what to do). Saturday evening's event will feature the grandeur of Multnomah County Library's central branch, fine food, entertainment, and shopping in the Friends' gift shop.



Multnomah County Library

The Conference Planning Committee is working hard to ensure that you have a great time visiting Portland and attending *Serials in the Park*, NASIG 2003.

NASIG 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2002)

CPC POST CONFERENCE REPORT

Stephen Clark and Joyce Tenney, CPC 2002 Co-Chairs

Special thanks go to the NASIG 2002 Conference Planning Committee for an outstanding effort at this year's conference. CPC 2002 members were Ladd Brown, Lauren Corbett, Rachel Frick, Sharon Gasser, Diane Hollyfield, JoAnn Keys, Merle Kimball, Steve Murden, Allison Sleeman, and Beth Weston. These folks worked tirelessly to make the conference the success it was.



This year's conference was one of the largest in NASIG history and provided a great opportunity for those in the serials community to network and connect. We appreciated everyone's patience and good spirits as we dealt with complexities of feeding, housing, and entertaining over 700 people.

Some counts of conference attendance are as follows:

Total Registrants: 719

Breakouts of this count are as follows:

Guests	20
NASIG Attendees	699
Commuters	207
Dorms-Double	206
Dorms-Single	246
Local Area Residents	60

The preconferences were a huge success this year. PPC did an excellent job of selecting preconferences.

Total Preconference Counts

MARC	94
EJ	76

Handouts were very popular this year. 148 people registered for handouts.

The airport shuttles were also very popular with 173 people making use of the shuttle services.

We would not have been able to make this conference happen without a large number of people helping out and offering assistance. The staff at the College of William and Mary in the library, Conference Services, and Food Services were great and always there when we needed a hand or advice on how to deal with problems. Also, Virginia Escape, Inc. was very helpful in planning the airport shuttle runs.

Financially, this conference was very successful, due to the College of William and Mary not charging us for a variety of services and income earned from self-support areas, such as handouts, preconferences, souvenirs, and the airport shuttle.

Again, we would like to thank everyone who assisted with the conference and conference-related issues. Special thanks to Anne McKee for her guidance and good humor during the conference planning. Also, Denise Novak deserves a round of applause for dealing with many money issues that arose during the registration periods and after.

[Ed. Note: Additional photos from the conference are available at http://www.nasig.org/newsletters/images/02dec_17thconf/photos.html]

CONFERENCE EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT

Mary Greci

Two hundred and eighty-two conference attendees completed and turned in evaluation forms for the 17th Annual NASIG Conference at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. This number compares well to last year's 286 respondents.

The largest number of survey respondents once again came from university libraries, this year coming in at 61.3% (down from 63.6% last year). College libraries remained the second most represented, increasing to 13.5% of respondents (compared to 8.4% last year). The category of community college was not included in this year's survey, perhaps contributing to the increase of respondents in this category. The total percentage for academic library respondents increased from slightly over 70% to nearly 75%. Medical library respondents remained steady at 5.3%. Those hailing from government, national, or state libraries increased to 4.6%. Subscription vendors increased to 3.9%. Special or corporate library respondents increased to 2.8%. Public library and law library representation decreased to 2.1% each. Automated system vendors and library network, consortium, or utility representatives each made up 1.1% of respondents. 1.1% chose the category of "other."

Once again the majority of respondents had over 10 years of serials-related experience, dropping slightly to 51.4% (down from 57.1% last year). The percentage with less than one year experience increased to 5.8% (up from 3.5% last year). Attendees with 1-3 years experience made up 19.2% of survey respondents (up from 14.5% last year). Those with 4-6 years experience and 7-10 years experience made up 13.8% and 9.8% of respondents, respectively (compared with 13.8% and 11% respectively last year).

A majority of respondents (54.3%) identified themselves as serials librarians. This number is slightly down from last year's 56.6%. The percentage of catalog librarians remained fairly steady at 37.1% (compared to 37.4% last year). The new category of electronic resources librarians ranked third with 33.1%. Acquisitions librarians increased to 31.7% (compared to 28.8% last year), and collection development librarians increased to 24.5% (up from 19.9% last year). 16.9% of respondents identified themselves as reference librarians (compared with 16% last year). Processing/binding unit staff dropped significantly, this year comprising 12.2% of respondents (compared with 20.3% last year). Each of the rest of the categories applied to less than 10% of the respondents, with the lowest number once again being President/CEO/Vice-President, remaining at 0.7%. These categories are not mutually exclusive, and many

respondents chose multiple items. The increase in numbers in so many categories seems to show that we are being asked to take on more duties.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest) the overall conference in Williamsburg rated a 4.28, comparing well with last year's rating of 4.26. Geographic location rated 4.49, with many respondents liking the historic location and beautiful campus. Social events came in at 3.97 and drew a mixed collection of both positive and negative comments. Housing was felt to be extremely poor, rating only 2.92 and garnering numerous complaints. Meals came in at 3.46, and meeting rooms rated 4.2. Conference facilities were generally considered good to excellent. A number of respondents complimented the Conference Planning Committee and William and Mary staff for their friendliness and helpfulness throughout the conference.

The conference opening session was well received, with most respondents finding the history of the College of William and Mary to be entertaining and informative. Most also thought the dinner was excellent and that the Sunken Garden event was very appealing.

This was a banner conference for catalogers, with the two highest session ratings going to cataloging-specific sessions: Concurrent Session No. 9, "Cataloging: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," by Regina Reynolds, which rated 4.73; and Workshop No.14/15, "Transforming AACR2: Using the Revised Rules in Chapters 9 and 12," by Jean Hirons and Reynolds, which rated 4.68. This was closely followed by Workshop No. 20, "Don't Tread on Me: The Art of Supervising Student Assistants," by Jeff Slagell.

Other concurrent sessions rated from 2.21 to 4.29, with six out of nine concurrents rating 4 or higher. Other workshops rated between 2.83 and 4.62, with ten out of twenty-six workshops rating higher than 4. Plenary sessions rated between 3.62 and 4.24. The highest plenary rating went to Plenary No. 3, "The Future of Digitized Materials," which received a large number of overwhelmingly positive comments. These numbers compare very favorably with those from last year's conference.

Poster sessions rated a 3.83 overall, up from last year's rating of 3.53, with 66 respondents feeling they had enough time to visit the sessions which interested them, and 16 feeling there was not enough time. Although there were many comments concerning overcrowding, insufficient number of handouts, and the need for more time, several people thought the logistics were an

improvement over last year's poster sessions (the first to be given at a NASIG conference).

Both preconferences were well received, with "Implementing MARC21 for Holdings" rating a 4.21 and "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Electronic Journals But Were Afraid to Ask" getting a 4.17. Each one garnered a fairly equal number of positive and negative comments, with many requests for more time and more examples. Both also generated a number of suggestions for future preconferences, including requests to repeat the ones given this year.

A huge number of suggestions were made for future workshops and presenters. As a change from earlier years, a number of these suggestions included both workshop themes and suggested speakers. Many others asked for specific speakers without specifying workshop themes. This is extremely helpful to the Program Planning Committee, as finding speakers is often more difficult than finding topics. Keep this up in future surveys, and chances are you'll find what you like at NASIG sessions!

The conference schedule generated 113 comments. Over 58% of respondents preferred a May conference, with almost 42% preferring June. The latter said problems with a May conference included conflicts with graduations, conflicts with meetings, and the Memorial Day weekend. Late June was problematic for those involved with closing out fiscal year accounts, and scheduling too close to ALA garnered numerous negative responses. Some respondents suggested a fall meeting, with one person saying this time would work if NASIG met in a non-university setting.

Almost 62% of respondents favored a change to a Wednesday through Saturday schedule, with fewer than

39% not liking that schedule. A strong 94.2% of respondents do not like conferences scheduled over a holiday weekend. The question of adequate free time drew a number of comments and a mixed reaction, with 21 people citing not enough free time, 37 feeling the amount of free time was just right or an improvement over last year, and 7 saying there was too much free time.

The evaluation survey is produced by members of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee. The committee welcomes your suggestions and feedback regarding the survey form and the conference itself. All suggestions are forwarded to the appropriate Board and/or committee members in a continuing effort to improve NASIG's conference and other activities.

Individual speakers wishing to obtain their speaker evaluations should contact Josie Williamson, jbw@udel.edu.

Once again, "Thanks to everyone!" from your Evaluation and Assessment Committee:

Beth Holley (Chair)
Wendy Baia
Ann Ercelawn
Mary Greci
Tim Hagan
Leanne Hillery
Susan Markley
Catherine Nelson
Veronica Walker
Josie Williamson
Bob Persing (Board Liaison)

NASIG PROCEEDINGS EDITORS WANTED

NASIG needs editors for its 2003 Conference *Proceedings*. This is a great opportunity for NASIG members who want to become actively involved in one of the best conferences in the business. We are seeking good writers who can work under tight deadlines and have some editing experience. We need editors for both the print and electronic editions.

The *Proceedings* editors will select and organize volunteers who will take detailed notes at each workshop. A major responsibility will be communicating the requirements for the published *Proceedings* to conference speakers. Before the conference, speakers will be advised on submission formats, deadlines, and copyright requirements. After the conference, the editors will work

with speakers on revisions. The editors must be diplomatic but firm about NASIG's requirements.

The editors will work under the general direction of the NASIG Executive Board Liaison. Because of the workload and time constraints, we recommend that applicants form teams of two or more, ideally from the same institution or geographic area.

Specific team qualifications include, but are not limited to, the following:

NASIG membership and conference attendance
Demonstrated writing ability
Experience with MS FrontPage 2000
Prior publishing/editing experience

Expertise with standard word processing programs
Access to equipment for audiotape transcription
Ability to send and receive attachments via e-mail
Ability to complete editorial work between late June and September 2003

To apply, submit a letter listing the team members and outlining specific qualifications and experience. Include a current resume and a writing sample for each member. Preference will be given to those applicants who address the specific qualifications listed above.

Submit application letter, resumes, and writing samples by **January 15, 2003** to:

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NASIG AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE 2001/2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Claire Dygert & 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, Philenese 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 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, such as the timing of the award and a low application rate, remain. 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 semiannual 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*. FAQs 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 were assigned a mentor (in cooperation with the mentoring committee) to enhance their conference experience. Also, the essay written by the 2002 Horizon Awardee 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 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, Philenese 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.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mary Page, Board Liaison

The Site Selection Committee is looking at several exciting possibilities for NASIG 2004. The committee, Denise Novak and Mary Page, along with Vice

President/President-Elect Anne McKee, will visit several sites during the next few weeks. A decision will be made at the January 2003 Board meeting.

STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE REPORT

Carol MacAdam, Chair

The task force held two meetings at the NASIG conference in Williamsburg in June. We decided that the most important activity for us to engage in first was a member survey. The Board agreed that we should hire Judy Luther to help us put the survey together using Survey Monkey software and to get it mounted on the NASIG Web site for members to complete.

The task force, with the help of Eleanor Cook, solicited from NASIG Committee Chairs issues of concern to each committee. These served as the basis for some of the questions developed for the survey.

Judy assigned each member of the task force a feature of NASIG: Membership, Administration, Continuing Education, Conference, Web Delivery, Awards and Recognition, and Finance. We each drafted questions for the survey about these areas.

In numerous conference calls we discussed each other's drafts and the issues we were aiming to receive feedback on in each area. The discussions served to fine-tune the questions and to make language consistent throughout.

Judy and her team at Informed Strategies mounted a draft version of the survey, and the task force tested it. With revisions from the test incorporated, we then asked the NASIG Board and Committee Chairs to test it further.

The survey was then made available to NASIG members on the NASIG Web site from Sept. 10-20, 2002, with the deadline extended through Sept. 22. We were pleased with the response rate of 45%.

Using Survey Monkey, Judy analyzed the quantifiable responses.

A subcommittee of volunteers analyzed the comments that were solicited in many questions. This committee had one week to categorize and analyze the comments, with each person working on the comments from one question.

Judy combined the quantifiable and comment responses, creating an Executive Summary in the Member Survey Report that was presented to the Board at the fall meeting in Portland. This report will also be shared with Betty Kjellberg, the retreat facilitator. We recommend it also be shared with Committee Chairs and the membership.

Strategic Planning Task Force:

Carol MacAdam, Chair
Eleanor Cook, Board Liaison
Evelyn Council
Tina Feick
Connie Foster
Julia Gammon
Judy Luther

Survey Subcommittee:

Joe Badics, Eastern Michigan University
Tschera Connell, Ohio State University
Ann Doyle, University of Kentucky
Jill Emery, University of Houston
Diane Grover, University of Washington
Tim Hagan, Northwestern University
Fred Hamilton, Louisiana Tech University
Teresa Malinowski, Cal State Fullerton
Susan Markley, Villanova University
Laura Morrison, Clemson University
Kathryn Wesley, Clemson University
Gerry Williams, Northern Kentucky University

NASIG AWARDS

2003 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is currently seeking candidates for grants to attend the 18th Annual NASIG Conference to be held at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2003. Established in 1985, NASIG is an independent organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain—anyone working with or concerned about serials. For more information about NASIG, please see the NASIG Web page at <http://www.nasig.org>.

Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in this information chain by students who are interested in pursuing some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degrees. Each year, the annual conference is held on a different college or university campus where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

SCOPE OF AWARD: Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG, which will be excerpted, for publication in the *NASIG Newsletter*. Expenses for travel, registration, meals, and lodging will be paid by NASIG. Each recipient will also receive a year's membership in NASIG.

ELIGIBILITY: Students who are currently enrolled at the graduate level in an ALA-accredited library school at the time of enrollment, who do not already have an ALA-accredited degree, and who have expressed an interest in some aspect of serials work, are eligible. Applicants must be full- or part-time students at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be employed in a position requiring an ALA-accredited degree, or on leave from such a position, at the time of acceptance of the grant. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants, with preference given to those earning their degrees the year of the conference. Students do not have to be NASIG members to apply, and they must not have earned their degrees earlier than the end of the school year prior to the NASIG conference. Applicants must not have attended a previous NASIG conference, but may have participated in a NASIG conference as a local volunteer.

2003 FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) team up each year to award a \$2500 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 award is named in honor of Fritz Schwartz, who was a well-known and highly respected authority on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the Internet, and library standards. A frequent speaker at NASIG annual conferences, his last NASIG appearance was to conduct a highly rated workshop at the 10th Conference at Duke University. He actively participated in various committees within SISAC, the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), and the International Committee on EDI for Serials (ICEDIS). At the time of his death, Fritz was Manager of Electronic Services and Standards at the Faxon Company. NASIG and SISAC are pleased to offer this scholarship in memory of Fritz's many contributions to the library profession and to honor his energy, warmth, humor, and passion for standards.

NASIG is an international organization committed to promoting communication and sharing of ideas among all

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available after Nov. 15, 2002, in ALA-accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web page, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*, and from Joan Lamborn, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

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Co-Chair, NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
University of Northern Colorado
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Greeley, CO 80639-0091
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked/faxed/e-mailed by **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**. Applications postmarked/faxed/e-mailed after this date will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by **APRIL 1, 2003**.

people working with or concerned about serial publications. More information about the organization is available at <http://www.nasig.org>. SISAC provides a forum for professionals throughout the entire serials chain to work together in developing standardized formats with which to electronically transmit serials information. More information about SISAC is available through the Book Industry Study Group site: <http://www.bisg.org/sisac.htm>.

In addition to the scholarship, the recipient will also receive a Student Grant Award to attend the NASIG conference for the year in which the scholarship is granted and will receive a one-year NASIG membership. The 2003 NASIG conference will be held at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2003.

ELIGIBILITY: At the time the scholarship is awarded, the applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library program or must have completed no more than twelve hours of academic requirements towards the graduate degree at a graduate library program accredited at the time of enrollment. The applicant must have serials-related work experience and a desire to pursue a professional serials career after earning the graduate library degree.

The following materials are required by the applicant:

- A completed application form;
- Letters of reference from two information professionals;
- A resume or curriculum vita;
- A statement of the applicant's career objectives (not to exceed 250 words);
- A statement describing how the applicant's qualifications satisfy the eligibility requirements and the purpose of the award (not to exceed 250 words).

The award winner will be required to be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester/quarter during the academic year that the award is granted. The award winner will be ineligible to reapply for the scholarship. Only one scholarship will be awarded per academic year.

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Recognition Committee. Completed applications and all related materials should be sent to:

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2003 NASIG HORIZON AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

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DESCRIPTION OF AWARD: The purpose of the NASIG Horizon Award is 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(s) with a firsthand introduction to NASIG by sponsoring attendance at the NASIG annual conference. NASIG will pay for all conference registration, housing, and travel costs. In addition, to encourage active participation in NASIG, the recipient(s) will receive a year's free membership in NASIG and will be invited to serve on a NASIG committee the year following the award. One award will be given in 2003.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must currently be in a position of a professional nature with primary responsibilities for some aspect of serials, e.g. head of serials, serials acquisitions, serials vendor, serials

publisher. Applicants must have served in this position for no more than three years at the time of the application deadline and must not have been in a professional library or library-related position (e.g. book vendor, publisher) for more than five years at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must not have attended any previous NASIG conferences, but may have participated in a NASIG conference as a local volunteer. Applicants do not have to be a member of NASIG. Preference will be given to applicants employed by a North American organization or institution to facilitate participation in NASIG and to those whose career goals include professional growth and development in serials.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available through NASIGWeb, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*, and from Philenese Slaughter, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

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 NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
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 Felix G. Woodward Library
 Austin Peay State University
 P.O. Box 4595
 Clarksville, TN 37044
 Phone: (931) 221-7741
 Fax: (931) 221-7296
 E-mail: slaughterp@apsu.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2003.

Applications postmarked after this date will NOT be considered. Fax submissions and electronic submissions as e-mail attachments are acceptable.

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) invites applicants for the following grant:

THE MARCIA TUTTLE INTERNATIONAL GRANT

PURPOSE: The grant will provide funding for an individual working in any area of the serials information chain to foster international communication and education through activities such as but not limited to research, collaborative projects, job exchanges, and presentation of papers at conferences. Applicants may be either North American serialists seeking funding for appropriate overseas activities or serialists outside North America seeking funding for appropriate activities in North America. The grant is named in honor of Marcia Tuttle.

TERM OF AWARD: One year.

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must have at least 5 years of professional experience in the serials information chain. The proposed project must deal with some aspect of serials and include foreign travel. Foreign or English language skills should be adequate to project needs.

HOW TO APPLY: The applicant should submit the following materials in English:

- a completed application,
- a written proposal outlining the project and including proposed completion dates,
- current resume or curriculum vita,
- a minimum of 3 references, including one from the person's supervisor (previous supervisor may be substituted if there is no current supervisor) and one from a colleague at a different institution or company,
- a letter of support from the foreign institution or collaborator as appropriate.

AMOUNT OF THE AWARD: The award includes a \$2000 grant and a one-year free NASIG membership. NASIG will give one award per year or no award, depending upon the applications.

AWARDEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES: An essential part of this award is the dissemination of the results of the project. The awardee is required to submit a final project report to the NASIG Board. This report needs to be suitable for publication in a journal focused on serial issues such as *Serials Review*. The final report should include the purpose of the project, the process followed,

AWARD NOTIFICATION: The award recipient shall be notified by **APRIL 1, 2003**.

the achievements, and a literature review or bibliography. The awardee is strongly encouraged to share the results of the project by presenting a workshop or poster session at the NASIG annual conference following the award.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be e-mailed, postmarked, or faxed by **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**. Applications e-mailed, postmarked, or faxed after this deadline will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: Awardee will be notified by **APRIL 1, 2003**.

MARCIA TUTTLE BIOGRAPHY

Marcia Tuttle has had a distinguished career in serials librarianship. She was the winner of the first Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award in 1985. Marcia published her landmark textbook, *Introduction to Serials Management*, in 1983. The series continued with five volumes of *Advances in Serials Management*, which Marcia originated and co-edited from 1985-1992. The series is used by all affiliated with the serials business. This series was followed by *Managing Serials*, published in 1996. Another publication which Marcia began publishing and editing in the 1980s is *The Newsletter on Serials Pricing Issues (NSPI)*. Although *NSPI* ceased publication in 2001, it was a timely publication for librarians worldwide, with practical information and controversial viewpoints on serials pricing and related topics. Marcia also serves on the editorial board for *Serials Review*. With October Ivins, Marcia organized the Aqueduct Group, a retreat for librarians to discuss a variety of topics relating to serials. Out of these gatherings came a call for action known as "The Aqueduct Agenda" which was published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Library Journal*, and *Serials Review*.

Marcia was one of a select few to attend a United Kingdom Serials Group (UKSG) conference in 1984, a meeting of minds/ideas, which resulted in a genesis of our own national serials organization (NASIG). The North American Serials Interest Group held its first conference in 1986. Marcia was present at the first NASIG

conference and has attended many NASIG conferences since. She served as chair of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) for the 10th Annual NASIG Conference held at Duke University in 1996. She has chaired the ALA RTSD (now ALCTS) Serials Section. Marcia currently serves as an associate moderator for SERIALST. She has taught a generation of serials librarians (and some vendors) in her serials courses at the library school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Marcia loves to travel, and she enjoys making presentations on serials topics. Over the years

she has been invited to speak at meetings all over North America, as well as at conferences in Europe, South Africa and Australia. A number of these talks have been published in various library journals. Marcia Tuttle is indeed a well-respected international librarian, and it is an honor to have this international grant named after her.

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OTHER SERIALS NEWS

AGGREGATOR GRIPES

Allison Mays, Millsaps College; Becky Albitz, Penn State University;
Peter McCracken, Serials Solutions; Jeff Slagell, Delta State University
Reported by Beth R. Bernhardt

The program "Aggregator Gripes" was held at the 22nd Annual Charleston Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, on Oct. 31, 2002. It was a plenary session and was attended by most all conference participants.

The program featured four speakers who presented their observations and opinions about aggregators and issues dealing with electronic resources. Allison Mays of Millsaps College spoke on the need for journals to be online. Becky Albitz of Penn State University spoke on pricing models. Peter McCracken of Serials Solutions spoke on issues concerning holdings data presented by aggregators. Jeff Slagell of Delta State University spoke on what he sees as a new trend called "The Disney Effect," meaning all serial needs are housed under one vendor umbrella.

Allison Mays started the session by stating that this session was not designed to "slam" the aggregators, but to provide an opportunity for librarians to state their observations and vent. Mays focused on the issues of embargoes and canceling print subscriptions in favor of access in an aggregator's database. She warned librarians that aggregator databases should not be substitutes for their collections. Content in aggregator databases is not reliable and may change from year to year. If libraries want to rely on electronic databases they need to look at the JSTOR and Project Muse models for continuing content. Mays also commented that "journals can not get online fast enough for me." She contends that online access is the best delivery method for journals. They are available most of the time and can be used by more than one person at a time.

Becky Albitz spoke on her aggravation with different pricing models, their history, and an overview of current

options. There are more than 16 different pricing models for electronic resources that she has discovered through an informal survey. For general interest electronic resources, Albitz prefers the FTE model for pricing. If the product is specialized to a certain subject area, she prefers the concurrent user model. Albitz commented that her gripe with some companies is that they want to charge a surcharge for the different branches in their campus system. She said, "Why add a surcharge? Concurrent is concurrent." Albitz also mentioned several e-journal pricing models: print with online, print with online at an upcharge, and online only. She would like more publishers to decouple the print and electronic, having a base fee for each or both. Albitz mentioned the continual aggravation with publishers that offered online free with print now charging a fee for the online access. This change in costs cannot be budgeted properly by libraries.

Peter McCracken spoke next on issues concerning holdings data in the aggregator's databases. He addressed the problem of inaccurate ISSNs and gave the suggestion of subscribing to www.issn.org to validate this information. McCracken commented on the confusion of keeping old ISSNs in the databases and that these need to be cleaned up. He also addressed the problem of how certain aggregators still do not list the old version of a title in the database. If these older titles are not listed, then the user has a difficult time finding the journal title for which they are searching. McCracken ended his comments with the topic of insufficient communications between the vendor and user. Many times users do not know whom to speak with about content issues in a certain aggregator. McCracken states that there needs to be a more direct line of communication available.

Jeff Slagell spoke last about what he sees as a new trend in the serials arena today called "The Disney Effect." The Disney Effect is the attempt of content providers to provide all of our serials needs under one vendor umbrella. Slagell posted the question to the audience, "Is it healthy for libraries and the industry in general to have a handful of giants dominate the landscape?" Slagell continued his discussion by focusing on the stability of aggregators. He gave examples of publishers that were pulling out of aggregator databases and providing access

to their own content. Slagell concluded his talk with information about document delivery services. He noted that people in the industry were warning that these services should be looked at as a supplement and not a replacement for subscriptions.

The program concluded with a question-and-answer period with the audience.

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND: COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO JOURNALS

Beth Bernhardt, Electronic Journals/Document Delivery Librarian, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

[Presented at the Academic Library Association of Ohio Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 1, 2002.]

Beth Bernhardt started her presentation by talking about the persistent problems in finding journal literature today. There are so many places to look for information that users may need to search several sources, including the online catalog, the electronic journals database, document delivery options, or other library catalogs, to find the journal they require. This task can be confusing and frustrating for both the advanced and novice library user.

The Electronic Resources and Information Technology Department at UNCG developed a solution to the problem: Journal Finder (<http://journalfinder.uncg.edu>). Journal Finder was created with three principles in mind: having one simple interface for finding all access options, finding articles through multiple access points (including databases), and never saying no because there is always a solution for access to a journal. Bernhardt demonstrated how Journal Finder allows users to see, on a single screen, all possible options for obtaining a given journal title. The access options include online electronic holdings, the library's print holdings, document delivery options, and a link to other local library catalogs.

Bernhardt started with a search for a journal title within Journal Finder. Then she demonstrated what users view once they choose the online access option. The user is shown all the online options and holdings information from aggregators or a direct online subscription for the title searched. The user then chooses an online access point and is taken directly to the title level in the database. Bernhardt stated that over 95 percent of the links in Journal Finder go directly to the title level of the journal.

The demonstration continued with what information the user will receive if choosing the print option. When the user decides to look at the print resources, a search in the catalog is performed. The user is then given the information from the online catalog, including holdings information and location. The demonstration also showed how the user could receive interlibrary loan, document delivery, or information from other area catalogs.

Another function of Journal Finder shown was the use of Open URL technology to link databases. If a user is in a database that does not have the full-text access to the article he/she needs, a link to Journal Finder is provided. From this link, the user can view and retrieve, when available, the article from another database.

Bernhardt showed the administrative module that is used to edit Journal Finder. The library uses this module to add, delete, or edit journal access. The module also includes a robust system for gathering statistics. Statistics are counted on all titles accessed through Journal Finder. Librarians can find out statistics such as how many electronic journals they own, how many times a unique title has been accessed, where the accesses are coming from (either on or off campus), and how many unique titles are available through databases such as Science Direct.

The presentation concluded with information concerning plans for the future, including usability testing, continuing to add direct links to as many journals as possible, and investigating implications for a new integrated library system.

SCCTP ELECTRONIC SERIALS CATALOGING @ YOUR LIBRARY

Ann Ercelawn, Vanderbilt University

Reported by Marsha Seamans

[Presented Oct. 16, 2002, at the Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky School Media Association 2002 Joint Conference, Louisville, Kentucky. Co-sponsored by the Kentucky Library Association and NASIG, with photoduplication services provided by the William T. Young Library, University of Kentucky.]

The SCCTP Electronic Serials Cataloging Workshop was presented as a preconference at the Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky School Media Association 2002 Joint Conference. There were 15 trainees in attendance for this all-day workshop presented by Ann Ercelawn from Vanderbilt University.

The program was presented in six sessions. Session 1 provided an introduction, which included delineating the tools for cataloging online serials. This session continued with discussions about the types of online serials, how libraries discover and provide access and control to electronic resources, the advantages of cataloging with AACR2 and MARC 21, and the new AACR2 definitions for serials and integrating resources.

Session 2 covered the basic steps and cataloging rules for cataloging online serials, focusing on the unique features of cataloging in this format. Numerous examples were presented, and class exercises wrapped up the session.

Session 3 addressed the challenges presented by aggregations and packages and ways in which libraries are providing access to the content of those packages. Advantages and disadvantages were presented for different methodologies. Libraries may choose traditional cataloging—cataloging titles individually following the same procedures as for other serials. They may choose the single record approach of adding access for the electronic version of a serial to the record for the print version. Records for a particular aggregator may be provided by the aggregator or purchased from a service. Minimal records may be created from vendor-supplied title or ISSN listings. Rather than cataloging, libraries may choose to provide access through title listings on Web pages, separate databases of serial titles, or vendor-supplied solutions and services for managing electronic

serials. OpenURL technology was also briefly discussed. Libraries may use one or several solutions.

Session 4 focused on the methods for cataloging online versions of serials: the single record approach, the separate record approach, and reproduction cataloging. Advantages and disadvantages of each approach were discussed, as well as the specific MARC tagging and maintenance that would be required in each.

Session 5 addressed common changes that affect the cataloging of e-serials, including change of online location, change of format, and title changes. Methods for identifying these changes were discussed, as well as the implications for cataloging and catalog maintenance. This session concluded with an exercise to create a record for an e-serial and update the record for the existing print version.

For Session 6, the trainees were divided into small groups to look at a variety of scenarios related to additional challenging e-serial characteristics and strategies for making the best cataloging decisions. The problems that were analyzed included: 1) what to do when a serial title lacks a dedicated title page; 2) what to do when the Web site contains no back issues but provides earlier content as an article database; 3) what to do when the Web site presents multiple language editions; 4) what to do with online supplements to print serials; 5) what to do with and how to analyze problematic URLs; and 6) identifying serials as opposed to databases, or integrating resources.

The SCCTP Electronic Serials Cataloging program was very well received. The evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. The most helpful things identified by the attendees were the information about current developments, the expertise brought by the trainer, the examples and exercises provided in the trainee manual, and the manual itself.

For a description of this SCCTP workshop and information on how to schedule this and other SCCTP workshops, see information on the CONSER Web site at <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/scctp/home.html>.

MIGRATION OF SERIALS...IT ISN'T JUST FOR THE BIRDS

Presented by Becky Bell, Associate Director for MnSCU PALS

Reported by Ann Smith

As president of the South Dakota Library Association (SDLA), I was one of the planners for the

MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Tri-Conference. I attended the session "Migration of Serials...It Isn't Just for the Birds"

presented by Becky Bell on Saturday, Oct. 5. This valuable session was made possible by NASIG funds, which I was pleased to announce to the participants when I introduced Becky.

About 40 people attended the session. Participants found the information practical and especially relevant, since the North Dakota Library Network (ODIN) and South Dakota Library Network (SDLN) are both planning to migrate to new automation systems within the near future. Becky explained the unique challenges serials data presents when migrating to a new system, especially when it is a

consortial system. These issues include considerations about the bibliographic record as well as the challenge of migrating the item-level information about individual issues. Becky drew her examples from experience in migrating the MnSCU libraries from PALS to Ex Libris. Since most of the participants were also in PALS libraries, the examples were very applicable.

As one of the planners and one of the participants in the session, I thank NASIG for making this session possible.

TITLE CHANGES

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, clm@jstor.org. 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.]

Amira Aaron has left her position as Vice President for Library Services at divine/Faxon Library Services. She tells us: "After leaving Faxon in April 2002, I spent a fun six months on a full-time consulting contract at a new college in Needham, Massachusetts—the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering—working on starting up a brand new library, complete with ordering periodicals, electronic journals, etc. I really came to appreciate the value of a subscription agent, as well as the difficulty of working with electronic resources, after all this time! Beginning in October, I have a new position: Manager, Projects and Analysis, in the Office for Information Systems of the Harvard University Library. I'll be working on projects including access to electronic resources and linking issues, SFX, Z39.50, the HOLLIS OPAC, the Library Digital Initiative, and more. It's an exciting place to be!"

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Carolyn Coates wrote to tell us about the brand new job she started in October as Acquisitions and Technical Services Librarian at Eastern Connecticut State University. She went there from her previous position as Editor of *Religion Index One: Periodicals (RIO)* at the American Theological Library Association. Carolyn says that though she misses Chicago and ATLA, she is happy to be learning new things and discovering new people and places. Carolyn's new addresses are:

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J. Eugene Smith Library
83 Windham Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
Phone: 860-465-5557
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Connie Foster sent us this news: "As of Nov. 1, I am the Head of the Department of Library Automation and Technical Services at Western Kentucky University. I will retain my responsibilities for serials but look forward to the new leadership opportunities." All Connie's addresses remain the same.

Sandy Gurshman wants us to know about her new job: "After working WITH publishers for many years at Baker & Taylor and with subscription agents, I'm now working FOR a single publisher, Marcel Dekker. I am a Site License Specialist, and it's a great opportunity to combine my library education, vendor experience, and publisher relations background. I'm enjoying the increased contact with librarians." Sandy's most recent previous position was as Director, A/STM Publisher Relations, at divine/Faxon, Inc. Sandy's new contact information is:
Marcel Dekker, Inc.
270 Madison Avenue
New York, NY
Phone: (212) 696-9000 x219
Fax: (212) 685-4540
Email: sgurshman@dekker.com

Gail Julian has a new position as Head of the Acquisitions Unit at Clemson University Libraries. She was previously Serial Acquisitions Librarian at the

University of South Carolina, Columbia. Gail's new addresses are:

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RM Cooper Library
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Box 343001
Clemson, SC 29634
Phone: (864) 656-1114
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Email: djulian@clemson.edu

Steve Kelley began his appointment as Serials Cataloging Librarian at Wake Forest University on Aug. 1, 2002. Steve and his wife are very happy to be back in North Carolina and to be associated with Wake Forest. Steve's previous position was as Cataloging Services Librarian at Ball State University. Steve's new addresses are:

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Z. Smith Reynolds Library
P.O. Box 7777
Winston-Salem, NC 27109
Phone: (336) 758-5245
Email: kelleys@wfu.edu
Fax: (336) 758-4652

Alison Roth wants us to know that she is now back with Swets Blackwell as the Northeast Regional Sales Manager, after almost two years away working for Franklin Book as Regional Sales Manager there. Her new addresses are:

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We have received this announcement from **Bob Schatz**: I am sending news of my appointment as Director of Sales and Marketing for Franklin Book Co., Inc. The company is based in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. Because of FBC's standing order service, and my own commitment to NASIG and the serials world, I will continue my membership and involvement in NASIG. Though the company's primary focus is on bookselling, we understand the significant overlap within the acquisitions activities. I look forward to interacting with my serialist friends. I will continue, for the meantime, to be based in Portland, Oregon, though I will make frequent trips to the FBC offices in the Philadelphia area. Anyone wishing to reach me can do so at my usual e-mail address: everbob@yahoo.com or via toll-free phone: Portland: 877-459-2010, Elkins Park: 800-323-2665.

Janet Selby is still at Radford University where she has worked as Acquisitions Librarian since February 1998. Her acquisitions duties included also working with serials. In August 2000 she went to part-time Acquisitions Librarian, working three days a week, in what was planned to be a six-month transition to retirement. Then in January 2001 she went to a part-time position as Special Projects Librarian, working two days a week, as she made another small step toward full retirement. No official date has yet been projected. Janet's addresses remain the same.

Merle Steeves writes: I started my position as Bibliographic Services Librarian at York University in August 2002. I came to York University after two years as a Serials and Digital Resources Cataloger at the University of Chicago. Despite the different titles, the two positions are very similar. I will be working with print serials and monographs, as well as electronic resources and metadata for digital projects. My new work addresses are:

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Phone: 416-736-2100 x20459
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Sherry Sullivan has this news for us: "In late August I returned to the H.W. Wilson Company as their New York Sales Representative after five exciting years that saw lots of change and energy at Swets Blackwell. I fear I have a wee bit of Irish gypsy blood that keeps me moving (and sometimes coming back) to new challenges. My territory is just one state—New York—but a busy one. I intend to stay active in NASIG and to encourage others in H.W. Wilson to also join NASIG, as the electronic publishing area affects all of us." Sherry's new addresses are:

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From **Beth Weston** we learn: "I have a title change to report. I have been appointed Head of the Serial Records Section at the National Library of Medicine, effective Oct. 21, 2002. My former position was Head of the Acquisitions Unit within the section. It is an exciting and challenging opportunity for me. I've also had some changes in my personal life. I was married in June of this year, and my husband and I just purchased a house. We moved the week before I started my new job! I'm looking forward to getting settled in both places. My contact information remains the same."

Paoshan Yue sent us this news: "I moved to northern Nevada in September this year to start a new adventure. I became Electronic Resources Access Librarian at University of Nevada, Reno, a change from being Assistant Serials Librarian at Brigham Young University. To me, it is a change from the print world to the online world. I coordinate workflows and investigate new ways to effectively provide access to the library's electronic resources. Coming from a serials background, my first project is to improve the e-journal access, which includes improving the accuracy and timeliness of our e-journal data, streamlining the workflows in the Technical Services Department, and switching to a one-database

approach to maintain the Web pages and catalog entries. It is all very challenging and exciting!" Paoshan said, "Having handled so many serials title changes at BYU Library, it is amusing to think of myself being a subject of "Title Changes." Her new contact information is:
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CALENDAR

Stephanie Schmitt

[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops, and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Stephanie Schmitt, stephanie.schmitt@yale.edu.]

January 24-29, 2003

American Library Association

Midwinter Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

URL: <http://www.ala.org/events/midwinter2003/>

March 6-8, 2003

Public Library Association

Spring Symposium

Chicago, Illinois

URL: <http://www.pla.org/conference/info.html>

March 12-24, 2003

Computers In Libraries

Washington, D.C.

URL: <http://www.infotoday.com/cil2003/>

April 1-4, 2003

Conference on Computers, Freedom & Privacy

New York City, New York

URL: <http://www.cfp2003.org/>

April 7-9, 2003

United Kingdom Serials Group

26th Annual Conference and Exhibition

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland

URL: <http://www.uksg.org/conferences/current.html>

April 10-13, 2003

Association of College & Research Libraries

11th National Conference

Charlotte, North Carolina

URL: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/charlotte/>

June 7-12, 2003

Special Libraries Association

"Putting Knowledge to Work"

New York City, New York

URL:

<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/2003annual>

June 19-25, 2003

American Library Association

Annual Conference

Toronto, Canada

URL: <http://www.ala.org/events/annual2003/>

June 26-29, 2003

NASIG

18th Annual Conference

"Serials in the Park: Blazing Diverse Trails in the Information Forest"

Portland, Oregon

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February 1, 2003

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2003 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT**

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Please type or print (blue or black ink only)

Name of applicant:

Citizenship status:

Mailing address (as of 3/03):

Phone number (_____)_____

E-mail address (_____)_____

Name and address of ALA-accredited library school you are attending:

Date (mo./yr.) of anticipated graduation:

Colleges and other institutions of higher education attended:

Name of school/major/minor/years attended/date degree awarded:

Present position title and description (if employed):

Name and address of employer:

Beginning date of employment_____

Full or part-time?_____

List previous library and/or library-related work experience. Include name and address of employer/position description/dates of employment:

Have you ever attended a NASIG conference?_____

What are your professional career goals, and how are serials related to those goals?

Please list the coursework you have taken or will take that will prepare you for some aspect of serials work. Please explain how these courses have prepared or will prepare you for serials work.

Explain briefly how attending the NASIG conference will help you achieve your academic and/or professional goals.

Where did you hear about the NASIG student grant? (e.g. listserv, library school, journal publication, a NASIG member?) Please be specific.

The applicant's faculty sponsor or library supervisor must complete the reference questionnaire. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the committee Co-Chair receives the application and questionnaire by the indicated deadline.

Name, title, and telephone number(s) of sponsoring faculty member or current library supervisor who may be contacted:

Name (please type or print): _____

Title: _____

Work phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Signature of sponsor (Type if e-mailing the application):

Date: _____

I understand that if chosen as a student grant recipient, at the time of accepting the grant offer, I shall not be employed in a position requiring an ALA-accredited degree, on leave from such a position, nor have accepted such a position. I also acknowledge that I shall not have earned my graduate-level library degree prior to spring semester 2003 and that I have never attended a NASIG conference (except as a local volunteer).

Signature of applicant (type if e-mailing the application):

Date: _____

Note: please do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

The completed application and reference questionnaire must be received by the committee Co-Chair (address below) postmarked/faxed/e-mailed no later than **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**:

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**2003 NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT
REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is currently seeking candidates for grants to attend the 18th Annual NASIG Conference to be held at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2003. Established in 1985, NASIG is an independent organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain—anyone working with or concerned about serials. For more information about NASIG, please see the NASIG Web page at <http://www.nasig.org>.

Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in this information chain by students who are interested in pursuing some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degrees. Each year, the annual conference is held on a different college or university campus where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

Please type or print (black or blue ink only).

_____ (name of applicant) has applied for a grant to attend the 2003 NASIG conference. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions about the applicant. Thank you for your time in completing this application.

Note: Please do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

ALA-accredited library school applicant is attending:

Rank the applicant in terms of:

highest 5 4 3 2 1 lowest

(a) quality of work? 5 4 3 2 1

(b) dependability? 5 4 3 2 1

(c) initiative? 5 4 3 2 1

Has the applicant ever indicated a desire to pursue serials work? How would you assess her/his potential to pursue a serials career?

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses? How would these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's ability to perform serials work?

How do you think the applicant would benefit from the conference? How would he/she utilize this experience in the course of his/her coursework and/or professional development?

Describe and evaluate the applicant's potential to contribute to the profession.

Describe and evaluate the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the applicant that may be relevant to the purpose of the grant (i.e., encouraging students in the direction of some aspect of serials work)?

Name and title of faculty sponsor/library supervisor:

Name (please type or print): _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature (Type if e-mailing the reference questionnaire):

Date: _____

Completed application and reference questionnaire must be postmarked/faxed/e-mailed no later than FEBRUARY 15, 2003.

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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE
2003 FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Name (Last/First/Middle):

Current address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone/E-mail address:

To what library program(s) have you applied for admission or are you currently attending or planning to attend?

School/Accepted?/Entry Date/Expected completion date:

EDUCATION

List in chronological order all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended, with the most recent first.

Name and address of institution and major/minor:

Dates attended:

Degree received:

Name and address of institution and major/minor:

Dates attended:

Degree received:

EXPERIENCE

List all library, library-related, or otherwise relevant/significant jobs you have held, starting with the most recent:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates:

Job Title:

Description of duties:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates:

Job Title:

Description of duties:

Name/Address of Employer/Dates:

Job Title:

Description of duties:

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Honors, scholarships, or prizes you have received:

Membership in honor societies and professional organizations:

Activities and interests (campus, community, other):

REFERENCES

Please provide two references from individuals who are well acquainted with your educational background, scholastic abilities, and personal character. Both references must be information specialists.

Name/Institution:

Telephone:

Name/Institution:

Telephone:

NARRATIVE

In approximately 250 words, please describe your career objectives and explain how your immediate academic plans contribute to their attainment. How are your goals related to those goals?

In approximately 250 words, please describe your qualifications for this award and explain how your qualifications satisfy the eligibility requirements and purpose of the award.

Where did you hear about this scholarship? (e.g. listserv, library school, journal publication, a NASIG member?) Please be specific.

AGREEMENT

I agree that if I am awarded the Fritz award, I will complete a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester during the academic year that the award is granted.

Signature/Date _____
(Type name and date if e-mailing the application)

CONDITIONS

An application will not be considered unless the following conditions are met: A completed and signed application form and resume/curriculum vita are sent to the committee Co-Chair listed below postmarked/faxed/e-mailed by FEBRUARY 15, 2003.

Two reference questionnaires, completed and signed by the evaluators and sent to the committee Co-Chair listed below, postmarked/faxed/e-mailed by FEBRUARY 15, 2003. Please send all materials to:

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2003 FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) are currently seeking to award a \$2500 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. In addition, the award recipient will receive a Student Grant Award to attend the 18th Annual NASIG Conference to be held at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2003. Each year, the conference is held on a different college or university campus where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

Established in 1985, NASIG is an independent organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain—anyone working with or concerned about serials. For more information about NASIG, please see the NASIG Web page at <http://www.nasig.org>. SISAC provides a forum for professionals throughout the entire serials chain to work together in developing standardized formats with which to electronically transmit serials information. More information about SISAC is available through the Book Industry Study Group site: <http://www.bisg.org/sisac.htm>.

Please type or print (black or blue ink only).

_____ (name of applicant) has applied for a Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please answer the following questions about the applicant. Thank you for your time in completing this application.

Note: Please do not include any extra documentation, e.g., resume, transcript, or letters of recommendation. They will not be reviewed.

ALA-accredited library school applicant is attending or plans to attend:

Rank the applicant in terms of:

	highest	5	4	3	2	1	lowest
(a) quality of work?		5	4	3	2	1	
(b) dependability?		5	4	3	2	1	
(c) initiative?		5	4	3	2	1	

Describe and assess the applicant's potential to pursue a serials career and contribute to the profession.

Describe qualities you have observed in the applicant that lead you to believe that he/she possesses the potential for academic excellence in the pursuit of a library degree.

From your perspective, what are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses? How would these strengths and weaknesses affect the applicant's ability to perform serials work at a professional level?

How do you think the applicant would benefit from the conference? How would he/she utilize this experience in the course of his/her coursework and/or professional development?

Describe and evaluate the applicant's relationship with his/her peers.

Is there anything else you would like tell us about the applicant that may be relevant to the purpose of the scholarship (i.e., providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities)?

Name and title of faculty sponsor/library supervisor:

Name (please type or print):

Title:

Address:

Work phone: (____)

E-mail:

Signature (Type if e-mailing the reference questionnaire):

Date:

Completed application, resume/curriculum vita, two essays, and reference questionnaire must be postmarked/faxed/e-mailed by **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**.

Return to:

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**NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
APPLICATION FOR THE 2003 NASIG HORIZON AWARD**

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

Name:

Preferred Mailing Address:

E-mail address:

Employment (Please describe the position(s) and state the dates for each):

*Current serials position:

*Previous serials position(s):

*Other library positions(s) and/or library-related positions:

Education (Please list all degrees: include name of institution awarding the degree(s), name(s) of the degree(s), and date(s)):

Professional activities:

Professional goals and objectives:

How did you hear about NASIG?

Are you a member of NASIG?

If not, how would a NASIG membership benefit you?

Have you attended any previous NASIG conferences?

Please describe the ways that you would expect to benefit from attending a NASIG conference:

Please write an essay discussing the 2003 NASIG conference theme “Serials in the Park: Blazing Diverse Trails in the Information Forest.” Include in your discussion the theme’s relevance to the information community, to serials work, and to your own professional goals. (Note: the award recipient’s essay will be published in the *NASIG Newsletter*.)

***This completed application, an up-to-date vita, and completed reference questionnaire are to be returned by **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**. Incomplete application packets and those postmarked after February 15, 2003, will not be considered. Fax submissions and electronic submissions as e-mail attachments are acceptable. Please return to:

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NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP
2003 NASIG HORIZON AWARD REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

[Please see also the "NASIG Awards" section in this *NASIG Newsletter* issue.]

(Use additional paper, if necessary)

******You must have supervised the applicant for at least six (6) months. If you have not, the applicant's former supervisor should complete this questionnaire.******

Please answer the following questions as they relate to the applicant for the NASIG Horizon Award. Please return to the address below postmarked, faxed or e-mailed as an attachment no later than **FEBRUARY 15, 2003**. Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

Describe applicant's position.

How long have you supervised the applicant?

Describe the applicant's interest and aptitude for serials.

What are the applicant's basic strengths and weaknesses?

If you are familiar with NASIG and its activities, how do you think the applicant will benefit from attendance at a NASIG conference?

How could the applicant use this experience in his/her present position?

Do you feel the applicant has a long-range interest in the serials profession?

Is there any other relevant information about the applicant that you would like to share with us?

Signature (type if e-mailing the reference questionnaire):

Title:

Date:

Please return to:

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APPLICATION FOR THE MARCIA TUTTLE INTERNATIONAL GRANT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Application forms will be available through the NASIG Web page, in this issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*, and from Phileneese Slaughter, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

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APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Name
Mailing address
Telephone
Fax
E-mail address
2. A written proposal outlining the project, including proposed completion dates, and a discussion of the following topics:
 - a) What is the work to be accomplished?
 - b) What is the value of the proposed activity?
 - c) How will the proposed work be carried out?
 - d) How do your qualifications enable you to complete this activity?
 - e) What is the estimated budget?
3. A current resume or curriculum vita
4. A minimum of 3 references, including one from your current supervisor, one from a colleague in a different institution or company, and a letter of support from the foreign institution or collaborator as appropriate (references should send letters directly to address above)

References:

Name	Institution/Company	Telephone
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