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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mary Page, NASIG President

The NASIG Executive Board typically meets just prior to the start of the ALA Midwinter conference. On January 19th, 2006, we met at the beautiful Central Library of the San Antonio Public Library system, <http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/>. The Central Library building is exquisite: the modern exterior is the color of paprika with splashes of other primary colors, and the inside is light-filled, warm, and inviting.

SAPL generously provided meeting space as well as assistance with local arrangements. The SAPL staff, especially NASIG member Charlotte Balusek, were terrific hosts. We are so fortunate to have an incredibly resourceful network of NASIG members to call on for help with just about anything!

You can read the full board minutes in this issue of the *Newsletter*, but among the highlights for me were discussions about the new Library School Outreach Task Force and Membership Development Committee. Both groups will focus on outreach and on recruiting new members to NASIG. Another good discussion was about our Technology Plan. NASIG's technology needs have become so sophisticated and demanding (online registration, evaluation, membership renewal, etc.), that it might be time to look at outsourcing some of this work. I will be charging a technology RFP team to develop a Request for Proposals on the various online services we support. It's a first step toward defining our technical infrastructure and needs now and for the future. It's also a way to determine if outsourcing makes economical and business

sense for us. You will hear a lot more about this project in the coming months.

DENVER CONFERENCE

The Board heard updates from both the Conference and Program Planning committees, and I am very pleased to report that the Denver program promises to be outstanding! PPC has a terrific lineup of programs for us. Check it out at: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/programguide.htm>

Baseball fans will be thrilled to know that Coors Field is within walking distance of the conference hotel, and the Rockies are in town when we are! CPC has reserved a block of tickets for Saturday night; reserve yours when you register for the conference. This year, we're planning NASIG's first-ever conference blog, and you will hear more about this when you arrive in Denver. Another noteworthy first: Board member extraordinaire Katy Ginanni is organizing a NASIG open mike! If all goes according to plan, this event will take place at the legendary Tattered Cover Book Store at its historic LoDo location on Saturday afternoon during the conference. (www.tatteredcover.com) So dust off your camp songbook, find a favorite poem to read, or dig out that old recorder. Make artistic history with your NASIG colleagues!

When you visit the NASIG conference site <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/>, you will see a well designed website with a superb online registration component. Previously, I rarely gave any thought to online services such as this, but my eyes were opened this year in working with NASIG's amazing, tireless Online Registration Team. I can't say enough about ORT Chair Buddy Pennington, and his teammates Anna Creech, Cecilia Generoux, Sarah George, and Rose Robischon. Step Schmitt and Fariha Grieme generously contributed their ORT expertise as consultants.

With the conference happening earlier than usual this year, ORT had an impossible deadline, and they all put in countless hours of testing, revising, re-testing, and reformatting just to get things right.

UKSG

One of the distinct privileges of serving as NASIG president is the opportunity to attend the United Kingdom Serials Group's annual conference as our official representative. This year, the conference will take place at the University of Warwick from April 3rd through April 5th. As you know, UKSG (www.uksg.org) provided the inspiration for NASIG, twenty-some years ago, and we have long considered ourselves sister organizations. UKSG President Keith Courtney has been a fixture at NASIG conferences over the years, as a participant, a volunteer, and a friend. As this will be Keith's last UKSG conference before he retires as President, I am delighted to be attending this year. Several NASIG members are on the UKSG conference program -- Jill Emery, Rick Anderson, Susan Davis, and Cindy Hepfer -- so I will be in terrific company. I'll include a write-up about UKSG in my next column.

In closing, I'd like to mention something else that took place during our time in San Antonio a few weeks ago. Past-President Beverley Geer organized an informal get-together to remember and celebrate the life of one of our charter members, Marla Schwartz, who passed away last August. Many of us were lucky enough to get to know Marla through NASIG, and her beautiful smile and warm spirit are sadly missed. Beverley spearheaded the effort to recognize Marla's many contributions to NASIG over the years, and as a result, the 2005 conference proceedings will be dedicated to the memory of Marla Schwartz. Thank you, Beverley, for ensuring that NASIG honors one of its own.

NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Elizabeth Parang, NASIG Secretary

Date: January 19th, 2006
Place: San Antonio Central Library, 600
Soledad, San Antonio, TX 78205

Attending:

Mary Page, President
Steve Savage, Past President
Denise Novak, Vice President/President-Elect
Rose Robischon, Treasurer
Elizabeth Parang, Secretary
Members-at-Large:
Adam Chesler
Jill Emery
Katy Ginanni
Kim Maxwell
Kevin Randall
Joyce Tenney

Ex-Officio member:

Char Simser, *NASIG Newsletter* Editor-in-Chief

Guests:

CPC Co-Chair Paul Moeller
PPC Co-Chairs Rachel Frick and June Garner

1.0 Welcome (Page)

Page called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m., welcomed Board members and guests, and asked that each person introduce himself or herself. Page reminded those present that because Board members have read all reports before the start of the meeting, only those reports requiring action will be discussed in the meeting. Page noted that the Board meetings are public with published agenda and minutes.

2.0 Secretary's Report (Parang)

2.1 Board Actions Since October 2005 Meeting

Parang noted that while there had been lots of discussion, there had been no formal actions.

2.2 Pending Action items from past meetings

The SSP (Society for Scholarly Publishing) proposal was again discussed. A suggestion was made that small publishers seeking input

could use the HR list, when updated, to locate librarians willing to offer opinions. Chesler felt that publishers would not hold NASIG responsible for any comments made by NASIG members. As an alternative, pairing of publishers with librarians could be part of a mentoring program.

ACTION: Chesler will discuss the status of the SSP proposal with October Ivins.

DATE: Report by May meeting

Randall noted that NASIG would eventually get PDFs of older *Proceedings* from Haworth. The PDFs come from the journal version and do not include the indexes but the PDFs are searchable.

Page reported that ECC (Electronic Communications Committee) had posted all the conference handouts that had been given to the group. Dalene Hawthorne of ECC will work with the Program Planning Committee to see that the 2006 conference handouts are posted.

3.0 Treasurer's Report (Robischon)

3.1 Report from treasurer

Robischon reported that memberships are still coming in with the total now at 810. The total memberships for 2005 were 1253. Savage mentioned that last year about 200 people joined after the conference announcement was made. Some members renew mid-year.

Robischon reported that some people reported problems using the website. The printed forms needed to have the three-digit credit card security code and Robischon had to contact all the members who had used that option.

3.2 2006 budget and expenditures to date

Committee spending is under budget. Unspent funds will go to the Contingency Fund as per the Financial Plan. The committees need more accurate budgeting. Where appropriate,

committee annual reports should include an explanation of why budget was not expended.

ACTION: As designated in the Financial Plan, Robischon and Savage will develop instructions for committee chairs about how to make their annual budget requests and will determine ways for the Treasurer to provide more detailed information for the chairs to aid in formulating these requests.

DATE: By May Board meeting

ACTION: Liaisons should work more closely with committee chairs in creating 2007 budgets.

DATE: Summer 2006

3.3 2005 Conference Report Final

The 2005 conference accounting is completely finished and shows a surplus of \$29,405.20.

3.4 Procedures for fake registrations (both membership and conference)

Fake registrations are only a problem if a wrong credit card number is entered. If NASIG does have to pay a charge back fee, this is expensive. The Treasurer can recognize possible fake entries and contact the person before processing.

ACTION: Robischon will create a list of tips on recognizing fake registrations, including examples, for the Treasurer's Manual with assistance from Schmitt.

DATE: By May meeting

3.5 Update on networking/conferencing software

Netspoke could support a variety of connection methods for the same conference call. Possibly PPC or CPC could try this type of call and report their experience to the Board. Netspoke offers free training sessions. The whiteboard space is real-time; Robischon will ask Netspoke if the whiteboard materials can be saved.

4.0 Online Registration Team (Page)

4.1 Status and timeline

Page reported the ORT is starting work now due to the earlier conference dates. Paul Seaman is working with this year's ORT whose members are Buddy Pennington, Chair, Anna Creech, Cecilia Genereux, Sarah George, Rose

Robischon, Step Schmitt, consultant, and Fariha Grieme consultant. ORT will work with the Program Planning Committee to get the program set up and will probably ask the Board to test the site.

5.0 Program Planning (Frick, Garner, Novak)

5.1 Review and approve program

PPC will be contacting speakers for final abstracts; a few speakers still need to be added.

Concerning the vendor demo, PPC had thought of asking serials subscriptions vendors to come and give an overview of 21st century services.

The pricing tactics session will follow up from one held ten years ago. Small subscription agents who register should be urged to attend this session and contribute to the Q & A portion. PPC will consider moving this session back to a strategy session.

The Hot Topic will be announced about three weeks ahead of the conference and include the names of the persons to speak on the topic.

Registration will open at 2 or 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Free time on Saturday should be clearly listed. There will be 10-12 tabletop poster presentations.

Randall moved (Emery seconded) approving the conference program as presented and the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Coordination with PPC, ORT, *Proceedings* and Treasurer

The schedule is submitted first to the Conference Planning Committee and then to the Online Registration Team.

6.0 Conference Planning Committee (Moeller, Tenney)

6.1 Schedule, events, venues

Jennifer Leffler is a new member of the CPC.

The possibility of employing newer technology for recording speakers was discussed but the conclusion was to wait until 2007, as more time was needed to move forward. For this year

perhaps a microphone and an MP3 player could be utilized.

In order for the blog to succeed, better access to wireless is needed. CPC will look into arranging for 10 simultaneous users. The Board expressed a willingness to pay up to \$200 per day for Thursday-Sunday to support wireless access in the public area.

The safety of the fun run was discussed. The bulk of the run will be on a Cherry Creek path and be 3-5 miles long.

Local events were discussed. The Tattered Cover bookstore will give conference attendees a discount and would allow use of its events room. Ginanni suggested hosting an Open Mike session in the events room, making sure this was adequately publicized. CPC should investigate getting food and drink at a discount from the Tattered Cover café.

Moeller reported on three possible baseball games. Many bars and restaurants are located near the ballpark and conference attendees could have a "dine-around" before the game. Midlevel section tickets cost \$15. CPC plans to commit for 100 tickets but will check with the Milwaukee CPC to discover how many tickets were sold there. This ballpark is closer to the hotel than the one in Milwaukee.

The opening event at Red Rock will have the gift shop open. The buses are set and a jazz group has been lined up to play.

Postcards should be sent to a target list. NASIG members will get notices on email. Robischon will work with McClamroch to create a list of non-renewing members and members who do not receive NASIG-L who will receive postcards.

Souvenir t-shirts will be provided to CPC and PPC members and to award winners. Other t-shirts will be sold for \$15 and souvenir water bottles will be sold for \$10.

A walking tour will be offered. No commitment is needed; if you show up you pay. Other tours must guarantee a certain number of participants.

Dine-arounds will be promoted on Friday and Saturday. Art galleries are open on that Friday evening. One member will do a dine- and movie-around centered on an old movie theater.

The Molly Brown room in the hotel has been reserved Thursday-Saturday as a drop-in late night social venue. People can buy drinks at the bar and either stay in the bar area or move to the adjacent Molly Brown room.

6.2 Conference budget

The conference budget stands as approved at the October meeting.

6.3 Set registration fee

Robischon moved (Chesler seconded) that the basic conference registration fees be kept the same as for last year's conference: \$375 for members, \$475 for nonmembers and \$150 for a single day; the fee for half-day conferences to be \$75 for members and \$100 for nonmembers; the fee for two day conferences to be \$150 for members and \$175 for nonmembers. If the Online Registration Team indicates it is feasible, a person could join NASIG at the same time as registering for the conference and register at the member rate. The motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Training sessions for NASIG members on committees (Page, Randall, Novak, Tenney)

Training is needed for committee web liaisons, members of the Electronic Communications Committee, members of the Database & Directory Committee, and the Treasurer. CPC should schedule a room in the hotel and plan an instruction session on Saturday from 3:30-5 p.m. The appointment letter from the Vice-President should indicate the need to attend training. Page stressed the need for this training to be a regular part of each conference.

7.0 New Committees

7.1 Library School Outreach Task Force (Maxwell, Ginanni, Emery)

Once the Membership Development Committee representative to the Task Force is appointed, the Task Force will prepare a plan with specific action items for review by the Executive Board at their May 2006 meeting.

7.2 Membership Development Committee (Maxwell)

Maxwell asked if this would be a permanent or temporary committee. This will be a permanent

committee; Savage indicated this committee was part of NASIG's Financial Plan. Board members agreed that periodic committee review should be considered as a Bylaws change.

Following discussion the Board agreed that the Membership Development Committee's goal should be listed in the charge as "To maintain or increase membership numbers each year once the optimal levels have been reached." The first goal listed in the draft charge is actually an objective and should be moved to that section of the charge. The objective stated as "To recommend to the Board methods for achieving these target membership levels" should be modified by adding "and carry out Board directives in coordination with other committees."

The Membership Development Committee will focus on outreach; it will not be responsible for the membership *Directory* or database.

The immediate concern of the Membership Development Committee is to rewrite the membership brochure and send it to the translator's team. The MDC will be responsible for updating and maintaining the membership brochure.

The MDC should examine statistics and make recommendations.

ACTION: Maxwell will contact potential members and establish overlapping appointments for the Membership Development Committee.

DATE: Mid-February

Maxwell will encourage the committee to have recommendations for the October Board meeting.

7.3 Financial Development Committee (Novak, Savage)

Savage did not receive any Board comments on the draft charge he circulated. Two possible members have been identified and will be contacted by Page. Page will send out a call on NASIG-L asking interested members to send a letter of interest to Savage indicating previous relevant experience with non-profits. The first year committee work will concentrate on developing plans and a small group of around

five is needed. The Past-President will be the Board liaison.

7.4 Charge for Publications/Public Relations Committee (Novak, Savage & Emery)

This committee's chair will have the responsibility of printing a copy of all online publications and sending it to the Archivist. The portion of the charge reading "identification of needed publications" should be modified by adding "or updated versions of publications" and the later reference to "updating" should be removed.

The Chair's Manual must indicate that each committee needs a public relations person to send information to the *Newsletter*, notify the Publicist to send information outside NASIG, and to notify other appropriate committees.

ACTION: Tenney volunteered to look over Guidelines for Chairs and note what sections need revisions.

DATE: February

The Chairs' Manual is a Board publication while each committee has written that committee's Guidelines.

ACTION: Novak, Savage & Emery will produce a final version of the Publications/Public Relations Committee charge.

DATE: First week of February

Novak will then send out a call for volunteers.

8.0 Financial Plan (Savage)

Savage is still working on the chronology. Savage and Novak are looking for a financial planner. Savage will work with the Treasurer on how to provide more information, especially historical information, to the Board and to committees and to provide information to committee chairs about budgeting.

All Board members need to be current with the financial state of the organization. The Treasurer must continue to monitor the level of the position's workload and notify the Board if the workload becomes onerous.

Once a financial planner is selected, work can start on setting up various endowments. A greater separation between conference and

non-conference money will exist in the future. Novak suggested talking to Bank of America concerning what kind of help they offer non-profits in financial planning.

9.0 Technology Plan

Page offered a recap of the October discussion that concluded with a stated preference to outsource some functions rather than using volunteers: online registration, online voting, maintenance of the membership database, and overall web design. NASIG needs to issue an RFP – possibly just one but could ask service providers to bid on one or all functions. Also could consider outsourcing evaluation and assessment as suggested by the E&A committee and possibly include surveys. Emery commented that at the time the Online Registration Team process started, she got information from the Texas Library Association that also outsourced all of these functions; the TLA went with one firm for all. The Board consensus was that the first RFP should look for a coordinated system but if not successful, then subsequent RFPs could be sent out for various functions. All of the functions except web design require member validation. Page is still selecting members for an RFP Task Force. The Board should expect a status report by May with an RFP sent out by August that includes a deadline in time for a September conference call on the results.

ACTION: Page will appoint an RFP/Outsourcing Task Force which will begin its work in February and provide a status report to the Board in May.

DATE: February 2006

The Board must approve the RFP before it is sent out. Current stakeholders need to review the RFP before the Board sees it. The RFP Task Force would create a tally sheet of vital and desired attributes. The Board will examine and approve this checklist. A smaller group would review submissions and send a selection of the best, with recommendations, to the Board.

Talking to customers of the vendors is important. A change in Internet Service Provider might be necessary.

10.0 Committee Reports

10.1 Archivist (Parang)

The Archivist needs to send a reminder to Chairs-L concerning the responsibility to send appropriate committee papers to the Archives.

10.2 Awards & Recognition (Ginanni)

Ginanni received an email from Slagell alerting the Board that a winner of the student Mexican award had been selected. The Board approved this selection.

The Board wondered how a dialogue could be developed with the membership concerning corporate sponsorship of awards. This could be a possible brainstorming or blog topic. Possibly groups such as the Society for Scholarly Publishing might sponsor an award rather than an individual vendor. Dialogue might also explore what NASIG could accomplish with commercial support. A service such as Survey Monkey could be used to solicit member input. The NASIG website could contain proposals along with their pros and cons. The Board wondered if corporate sponsorships would be seen as a conflict with NASIG as a noncommercial venue. Investigating this topic is a possible task for the Financial Development Committee.

Next year members should be offered the opportunity to donate money when renewing via a check-off box. Page will check with the ORT; this capability may already exist but be masked. If specific categories are listed, Page will let the Financial Development Committee know what they are.

10.3 Bylaws (Maxwell)

The chair, Adolfo Tarango, felt the Chairs Manual was fine. The Committee is looking through the Bylaws for changes needed to update the language. The Bylaws Committee does the final wording of bylaw changes but works cooperatively with the committee or person proposing the change. Maxwell will ask the committee to look for instances of very specific detailed dates based on a June conference.

10.4 Continuing Education Committee (Emery)

The chairs requested better guidelines for budgeting in the Chairs' Manual.

10.5 Database and *Directory* Committee (Page)

Database maintenance is very labor intensive. Having overlapping terms for co-chairs is desirable.

ACTION: Whenever possible while appointing committees this spring, Novak will appoint a Vice-Chair/Chair-in-Training whose term overlaps the Chair's term.

DATE: By May meeting

10.6 Electronic Communications Committee (Page)

Concerning Board actions requested:
The updating of the membership brochures has been assigned to the Membership Development Committee.

The ECC should make suggestions/recommendations to the Board as to how to make elimination of duplicate files and archiving of old files a formal procedure.

The Working Calendar should indicate lead-time before the conference; online calendaring should be included in the RFP process.

ACTION: The Electronic Communication Committee should update committee guidelines so that the NASIGweb password change is in sync with the renewal cycle, changing Feb.1. The ECC should institute a new naming convention for the password.

DATE: February

10.7 Evaluation and Assessment Committee (Page)

Marla Baden is the new chair of the committee. The committee is interested in possible corporate sponsorship of an Internet café at the conference with the opening screen being a survey. Online evaluation will be part of the overall outsourcing RFP. If E&A can do an online evaluation this year, the Board authorized spending up to \$500 to make it happen. A survey sent to those who didn't attend the conference would ask why they didn't come.

10.8 *Newsletter* (Simser)

10.8.1 Personnel changes update

Kathryn Wesley has accepted the position of Editor-in-Chief.

10.8.2 Should the *Newsletter* go blog-style?

Simser explained the benefits of discontinuing HTML and going to a blog format, noting that the printout of the PDF version is the version of record. Simser will discuss this possibility further with Wesley

10.8.3 Replacements for submissions and/or HTML editors from volunteer pool.

Transition to blog-style would eliminate need for HTML editors.

10.9 Nominations and Elections Committee (Savage)

The Committee did a great job of putting together a slate of candidates working only from late October to Jan. 15, 2006. The Board extended its appreciation for N&E Chair Anne McKee and each and every N&E member, all of whom worked hard to make this election possible.

10.10 *Proceedings* (Randall)

Randall reported the second call for *Proceedings* editors netted three applications. Mering, Randall, Saxton, and Simser will interview the applicants via conference call. Overlapping editor terms is preferred and so one person could be chosen for one year and another for two years. Randall noted the desire to have a decision by February 1, 2006.

The HTML version has been discontinued because Haworth will provide a searchable PDF version to post. An ambiguous email from Haworth concerning payment to an indexer was discussed. Randall will ask Haworth for clarification as to whether Haworth intends to hire someone. Paying a NASIG volunteer would not be acceptable.

10.11 Professional Liaisons (Chesler)

Chesler received no responses to his emails and no *Newsletter* submissions. The Membership Development Committee could work with this group to funnel membership information to their organizations. The group could also be used to send NASIG conference information to their members; Chesler should coordinate with the Publicist on this possibility.

10.12 Publicist (Savage)

Only activity since October was one request for brochures.

10.13 Site Selection Committee (Novak, Page, Tenney)

Tenney announced that a contract was successfully negotiated with the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY for May 29-June 2, 2007. Because these dates follow the Kentucky Derby, decorations for that event will still exist. The contract includes great room rates: \$95.00 per

night for a single or double for the Standard Tower room and \$115.00 per night for a single or double in the Executive Suite Tower. The Galt is a beautiful hotel and we look forward to a great conference in 2007.

Tenney has sent RFPs to possible 2008 sites and is receiving responses.

[10.14] Unfinished business

The Board commented on the varying committee report formats. A need exists to revise the templates indicating minimum standards: name of committee in full, names of committee members with their affiliation, date, and author of report. Ginanni volunteered to locate the template information and revise if necessary. Page will ask Creech to place the template on the NASIGweb under "Forms." The templates should already be in the committees' web space.

There being no further business, Page adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rose Robischon, NASIG Treasurer

NASIG's finances continue to remain stable. The balance sheet below reflects our income and assets as of February 2, 2006. Current assets are \$247,248.61. This includes \$184,809.71 in bank balances and \$62,438.90 in the investment accounts.

**Balance Sheet 2/2/2006
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 2/2/2006**

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Charles Schwab-Cash	\$ 31,846.12
CHECKING-264	100,752.25
SAVINGS-267	84,057.46
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$216,655.83
Investments	
Charles Schwab	\$ 30,592.78
TOTAL Investments	\$ 30,592.78
TOTAL ASSETS	\$247,248.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	\$ 0.00
EQUITY	\$247,248.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$247,248.61

The 2005 budget stayed on track. Committees did an excellent job of watching expenses.

**NASIG Budget Expenditures
1/1/05 Through 12/31/05**

Admin Board Expenses	\$-24,418.13
Awards & Recognition	-7,284.85
By-Laws	-334.76
Continuing Education	-1,717.43
Conference Planning	-594.66
Conference Site	-612.00
Database & <i>Directory</i>	-1,074.72
Electronic Communications	-7,899.00
Evaluation	-83.23
Finance	-3,781.67
Nominations & Elections	-1,092.84
Program Planning Committee	-44.25
Publicist	-6.29
OVERALL TOTAL	\$-56,955.88

SLATE FOR 2006 ELECTIONS

Anne McKee, Chair, Nominations & Election Committee

On behalf of the Nominations & Elections Committee, I would like to send you the final ballot information for the 2006 NASIG Executive Board election.

Per the N&E Committee guidelines, and as there are 3 people who have entered the election thru petition, I am informing the membership of the final slate. While I've listed them alphabetically below, actual listing of their names on the ballot was done by a blind draw for each office.

VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT
(1 to be elected)
Christie Degener
Jill Emery-Petition Candidate
Char Simser

SECRETARY (1 to be elected)
Kay Johnson
Joyce Tenney

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (3 to be elected)
Rick Anderson-Petition Candidate
June Garner
Sarah George
Peter McCracken-Petition Candidate
Emily McElroy
Meg Mering
Alison Roth
Bob Schatz

<http://www.nasig.org/members/timedated/2006election.html> beginning early next week.

PLEASE NOTE that the ballots will be mailed this weekend and must be postmarked NO LATER than March 4th for your vote to count. Please do remember that the voice of every member is heard via the voting process. Don't forget to vote! :-)

Enclosed with the ballot will be the nominees' and petition candidates' "personal profiles" and position statements. The profiles and position statements will also be available online at

[Ed. note: Peter McCracken stepped down as a candidate for Member-at-Large after this original announcement was published on NASIG-L.]

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NAMED

Char Simser

We are pleased to welcome Kathryn Wesley as the incoming *NASIG Newsletter* editor-in-chief. Kathryn jumped aboard as EiC-in-training at the end of January to help with production of this issue and the upcoming May issue while she learns the ropes. Kathryn will assume full responsibilities for the *Newsletter* beginning with

the summer 2006 issue. Kathryn joined NASIG in 1998. She has served on the Database & *Directory* and the Nominations & Elections Committees. Kathryn received her MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi and is currently the Serials Cataloger at Clemson University Libraries.

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2006)

CPC UPDATE

Paul Moeller and Wendy Highby, Co-Chairs

The lucky thirteen members of the Conference Planning Committee are looking forward to your arrival in Denver at the 21st Annual Conference of NASIG, "Mile High Views: Surveying the Serials Vista," May 4-7, 2006. Please visit our conference webpage at <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/>. It is chock full of information to help you plan your trip. You may want to arrive a little earlier than usual, as we have many options for you. First, check out the great slate of pre-conferences on Wednesday May 3 and Thursday May 4. The opening ceremonies will commence Thursday, the 4th, at 3:45 p.m. Our NASIG President Mary Page will greet you. Dr. Tom Noel will speak about local history and the world-famous Red Rocks Park, the locale for our evening buffet.

The social events are sure to please introverts and extroverts alike. Thursday evening's buffet at the Red Rocks Visitor Center will be a gastronomic and geologic delight. The Center is in the foothills of the Rockies, in the midst of a natural wonder--the Red Rocks amphitheater. Buses will make continuous loops from the Marriott to Red Rocks between 5:30 and 10:30 p.m. The trip from the Marriott to Red Rocks will take approximately 30 minutes. Buffet dinner service will begin at 7 p.m. and continue to 9 p.m. The last bus will leave Red Rocks at 10:00 p.m. Get a preview at: http://www.redrocksonline.com/03_meetings/03_meetings.html.

Friday night activities will be dine-arounds and a downtown Art Walk. For late Saturday afternoon, a Tattered Cover Bookstore event is

planned. Saturday night activities include dine-arounds and a 6:05 p.m. Colorado Rockies v. Houston Astros baseball game. We have arranged for a block of tickets in the lower reserve outfield section. Transportation to the game is not included in the ticket price of \$15.00, but the stadium is just a free ride on the 16th Street Mall Shuttle and a short walk from the conference hotel. Reserve your ticket on the conference registration form.

Be sure to make time for pre- and post-conference tours. Two-hour walking tours will be offered Thursday morning at 10:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:00, then will be repeated on Sunday afternoon. City and mountain bus tours are in the works for Sunday afternoon. See our tours page: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/tours.htm>. For the

independent travelers among you, we have collected information about Denver here: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/denver.htm>.

Now, let's get the logistics out of the way: United Airlines is our official airline—check out their NASIG discount described on our transportation page: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/travel.htm>. Frontier Airlines is also offering a discount. The Denver Marriott City Center is our home base. Go to the hotel page for room reservation information: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/hotel.htm>. And last but not least, register for the conference at: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/registration.htm>.

See you in May!

PPC UPDATE

Rachel Frick, June Garner, Tonia Graves, Co-Chairs

It's that time of year again! PPC is pleased to announce the program for the 21st Annual NASIG conference. By the time this article is published, the 2006 program will be available and we hope you've all had a chance to see it.

The PPC evaluated approximately 65 program proposals and selected 34 for vision, strategy, and tactics sessions. There are approximately 50 speakers involved with these 34 programs. Each speaker has been assigned a PPC liaison that will safely shepherd him or her through the NASIG speaking process. Speakers will address topics such as electronic resource management, RDA, workflow / reorganization, journal pricing, services and training supplied by vendors/agents, how small/medium sized publishers are adapting to the electronic environment, and social software.

The PPC is excited about this year's "no conflict" program schedule. PPC has modified the program schedule in order to avoid overlap in program time slots. Vision sessions are 60 minutes in length, strategy sessions are 90 minutes and tactics sessions are 60 minutes.

Strategy and tactics sessions will be presented twice.

In addition to the regularly scheduled vision, strategy, and tactics sessions, there are four scheduled pre-conferences:

- SCCTP Beginning serials cataloging (2 days) May 3-4, 2006
- SCCTP Advanced Serials Cataloging (2 days) May 3-4, 2006
- ERM license mapping (1/2 day) May 4, 2006
- Digital repositories (1/2 day) May 4, 2006

Please watch NASIG-L regarding calls for poster session proposals and announcements regarding vendor demo sessions, user groups and networking nodes.

The PPC Co-Chairs would like to thank the entire committee for their flexibility and hard work: Norene Allen, Michael Arthur, Stephen Clark, Sarah George, Mary Greci, Joe Harmon, Lee Krieger, Janice Lindquist, Bonnie Parks, Erika Ripley, Allison Sleeman, and Jenni Wilson. We also owe a huge thanks to our Board liaison, Denise Novak.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER CONFERENCE REPORTERS

Lillian DeBlois, Conference Editor

NASIG regularly publishes reports on the annual conference in the September issue of the

NASIG Newsletter. The *Newsletter* needs volunteer reporters to cover the conference

events, including the pre-conferences, vision sessions, strategy and tactics sessions, informal discussion groups, and users groups. I am soliciting your help in covering the sessions at the 2006 conference in Denver for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. We would like to have all of the sessions covered. If you are planning on attending the conference and are interested in submitting a report on a session, please contact me directly (lillian@ahsl.arizona.edu).

Please indicate the session(s) that you would like to cover since I do not have access to your registration preferences.

The following guidelines will apply:

- The reporter's name will appear in the byline as the author of the report.
- The deadline for submitting a *Newsletter* conference report is June 10, 2006 (about 4

weeks after the conference) for inclusion in the September issue.

- Reports are generally summaries of presentations and may vary somewhat in length, scope, and depth of coverage, at the reporters' discretions; reports must be full prose (not outlines or written out notes) and preferably between 250-500 words.
- The *Newsletter* Editorial Board reserves the right to edit reports to any degree, or to not publish any report it deems inappropriate or unsatisfactory.
- Reporting for the *Newsletter* is not the same as recording for the *Conference Proceedings*; *Newsletter* reports are generally less substantial than articles in the *Proceedings*.
- NASIG members, and especially the *Newsletter* Editorial Board, will be very appreciative and grateful for your report!

NASIG PROFILES

Reported by Maggie Rioux, Profiles Editor

PAULINE LA ROOY

While NASIG claims to be a North American organization, we've always had members from other parts of the globe. We have a few Germans and a stray Brit or two. We also have one single solitary member from about as far from North America as you can get without asking NASA for help. Look down – way down - straight through the earth from North America and you should have Pauline La Rooy in your line of sight. Pauline is our lone NASIG member from New Zealand, a small country with probably more natural beauty per square inch than any other spot on the face of the planet. And how did NASIG end up with Pauline and she with NASIG? Well, that's an interesting story.

Pauline herself starts it off in a 2003 *Serials Review* column with "Once there was an arts graduate who dreamed of being a librarian." It seems she had realized in her honors year that this was the career she wanted, so off she went to library school. After getting her degree at Victoria University of Wellington, she was hired as Deputy Head of Serials and Acquisitions at

the national Parliamentary Library. Pauline thinks she got the job because she knew what a kardedex was. (For all you young whippersnappers reading this, that's a special kind of paper file that was used to record serials checkin back in the olden days before computers when we did things [gasp!!] manually.) She hadn't been looking for a job in serials – mostly she noticed what a beautiful building she would be working in; however she found herself working with newspaper and government publications collections and before long she was permanently hooked on serials. After acquiring a few years experience, Pauline went back to Victoria University of Wellington, but this time as a librarian – the Serials Librarian, appropriately enough.

Enter NASIG. It seems Pauline was leafing through *The Serials Librarian* one day and came across a *NASIG Conference Proceedings* issue. She started reading some of the papers and thought it sounded like an interesting group. She checked out our web site, liked the looks of the organization (to say nothing of the low dues) and

joined up. It was the Profiles column in the December 2001 issue of this very *Newsletter* that made her realize that she and NASIG were a great fit. To be precise, it was reading Bea Caraway's description of working with serials – good enough to quote in full: "A Texan way of saying it might be that working with serials is like being a cowboy, busy rounding up cattle, herding them, branding them, looking after the calves, and so on. Working with monographs is—and I don't want to be unkind here—more like preparing lovely beef steaks for someone to purchase and enjoy. You put them on the shelf, and if you've done your job correctly, you never deal with them again. That's fine, but it's a different kind of job." I don't think they have a lot of cows and cowboys in New Zealand, but they do have a lot of sheep (and American cowboy movies, probably) and the metaphor really appealed to Pauline. I think she saw herself as a lone John Wayne-type hero struggling to bring order to the wilds of the Victoria University Library serials department. This was also about the time that *Xena, Warrior Princess*, starring New Zealand native Lucy Lawless, was getting

big, so the warrior princess image, which is somewhat similar, also must have had its appeal.

So by now our Pauline was firmly wedded to serials and NASIG, but how to get halfway around the world to a NASIG conference? The solution was to apply for the NASIG Horizon Award. This is our organization's award for a beginning professional in the serials field to enable him/her to attend a first NASIG conference and get immersed in the serialist world. Pauline says she really didn't expect to win, but looked at writing the entry essay as a personal challenge to see if she could put her ideas and feelings about serials into words. She also thought it would be good practice for when she applied for New Zealand library awards.

When the Awards & Recognition Committee received Pauline's Horizon Award application, they were a bit taken aback at first. It was certainly not an everyday occurrence to get an application from the opposite side of the planet. However, she met all the criteria and her application and essay really stood out. Aside from the cost of the air fare, there was absolutely no reason *not* to give her the award. Pauline was surprised, but also elated, to learn she had won. Soon she was on her way to the NASIG 2002 Conference at The College of William and Mary – an especially great place to be introduced to North America, the United States and NASIG conferences.

Needless to say, Pauline had a fantastic time at the conference. It was such fun and so stimulating that she never had time to notice if she was jet-lagged. She says that everyone was so welcoming that within minutes of arriving at the first-timers' reception with her mentor (Eleanor Cook) she was meeting loads of people and deep in conversation about serials and *Lord of the Rings*, which was New Zealand's big claim to fame at the time. I remember Eleanor introducing me to Pauline, but frankly, I was in my own daze at the time since I was the current NASIG President and trying to be several places at once and act presidential at all times so my memories of her from Williamsburg are a little vague.

Luckily, Pauline was also able to attend NASIG 2003 in Portland. This time she was a presenter. Her concurrent session explored New Zealand's development of a national information strategy, and how it impacts their serials and serialists. It



Several examples of kiwis - the fruit, the bird and the person; Pauline really gets into the cowboy serialist image

was my privilege to introduce one of her sessions, which both I and the rest of the audience greatly enjoyed. She is an excellent speaker, an excellent writer and an all-round fun person to know. After skipping Milwaukee, Pauline was able to attend last May's conference in Minneapolis. She says she would love to come to Denver and is keeping her fingers crossed.

In the almost four years since she won the Horizon award Pauline has been busy. She served on NASIG's Membership and Outreach Committee for two years. She's been active LIANZA (Library and Information Association New Zealand – Aotearoa). She's changed jobs – Pauline is now Serials and Electronic Resources Acquisitions Librarian for the National Library of New Zealand (which is doing some really cool things). And, oh yes, she also found time to get married in March 2005. Besides all of these activities, she finds time to enjoy the culture in Wellington and also travel (her country is small enough to make travel easy, but has a broad variety of climates and scenery). She also manages to keep up with the All Blacks, New Zealand's extremely-good and world-renowned national rugby team.

For my final questions to Pauline I asked her what two things she would like North Americans to know about New Zealand as a country and also what two things she would like North American serialists to know about being a

serialist in New Zealand. Her answer to the first question was first, that New Zealand is a beautiful country and not all that hard to get to and second, that the weather is remarkable – they're noted for "four seasons in one day" so when we all come and visit, we should pack for every kind of weather we can think of.

Pauline's answer to my second question gives a glimpse into being a serialist/librarian in a small, geographically-isolated country. Her first thing she wants us to know is that claiming and budgeting can be much more challenging in New Zealand than in North America. Somehow the ways that a serial can go missing are multiplied when you put an ocean into the delivery route and budgeting adds the challenge of predicting likely currency fluctuations into the normal mix of unknowns. The second thing Pauline wants us to know is that New Zealand libraries are doing some very exciting things right now (and not just with serials), so it's worth keeping an eye on what they're up to.

Besides Pauline in New Zealand, we also have a few Aussie members of NASIG, so maybe we're not really just the *North American Serials Interest Group* anymore. Perhaps we need to change our name to the North American and Southeast Quartisphere Serials Interest Group – in other words, NASQSIG. Well, it's a thought. Meanwhile, look down and wave to Pauline. Look there – I think she's waving back.

DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Do you sometimes feel as if your job is "evolving at the speed of time"? I read that phrase somewhere a few years ago and it's stuck with me during periods of rapid professional change. It seems to characterize serials, NASIG and especially the subject of this issue's committee profile: Database & *Directory*.

D&D's functions have been around, in one form or another, since the beginning of NASIG. D&D is charged with maintaining a database of members and also the *Membership Directory*. In the early days of NASIG, the database was managed by an assistant to the NASIG President. The *Membership Directory* was handled by a previous iteration of the Publications Committee. In 1991, the two functions were merged into a committee called the *Directory* and Database Committee. At some later point, the name elements were reversed.

The "and" was also standardized to "&" in order to give the same look-and-feel to all multi-part NASIG committee names.

It isn't just the name of the committee that's changed. The way it carries out its responsibilities has changed radically as well. Again looking back to the "olden days," you'd find that producing a printed directory of NASIG members consumed 90% of the committee's time. The work was concentrated in the late winter and early spring – after members had renewed and before the press deadline necessary to get the printed directory in the mail by conference time. There were numerous front-matter pages of NASIG committee lists, charges, bylaws, and other important NASIG documents that had to be checked, revised, proofread and formatted using desktop publishing tools. Now it's all on NASIGWeb, but

that didn't exist until 1995 or so, and the NASIG gopher came up only a couple of years before that. Also, the membership list had to be printed out from the database, distributed to the committee members and, again, everything had to be carefully edited, verified, and returned to the "desktop publishing expert" for formatting. Once this was all done, the whole package got bundled off to a printer and then mailed out to all members – an expensive proposition, but for many years the only alternative.

The database was by comparison a bit easier. This was maintained by the committee Chair. I couldn't find any record of what software was used, but I'm betting it was dBase. For you youngsters reading this, dBase (II and then III) was pretty ubiquitous as a PC database manager from the mid-1980s until MS Access overtook it in the mid-1990s. It would have lived on the Chair's computer and s/he would have had sole custody of all the data. S/he would also have been stuck with doing all the work to keep it up to date. Email addresses would have been added to the mix in the early 1990s with the birth of NASIG-L and changes in emails would have been forwarded to the Electronic Communications Committee. Each year the database was cleaned and purged as renewals did (or didn't) come in and all deletions, changes, etc., were noted for ECC and also the *Membership Directory*. As noted above, it wasn't until 1991 that the two "D functions" were merged into one committee and the membership database could be used easily to produce the *Membership Directory* and vice versa.

As the computer world evolved, D&D's functioning continued to change as well. NASIG changed its Internet Service Provider from the American Mathematical Society to the UNC/Chapel Hill library school and then to BeeNet, a commercial service provider. Some time after this final change, the membership database was ported to MS Access and moved to the BeeNet server. While it remained accessible for maintenance only to the committee Chair and a backup, it was still more available (and secure) than when it was sitting on the Chair's desk.

The next move was to turn the membership database into a web-accessible online *Membership Directory*. This, in combination with NASIGWeb's making all those committee lists, etc., readily available at the click of a mouse, meant that the printed *Directory* suddenly wasn't

nearly so important anymore. That didn't mean that the print *Directory* was easy to give up. Before you carried your laptop everywhere (or maybe started surfing NASIGWeb from your cell phone), the printed *Directory* could be important to take "on the road" with you in order to stay in touch with various NASIG members. Finally however, even the most diehard print fans started to see the light. For the past few years, the *NASIG Membership Directory* has been primarily a print-on-demand PDF document. It's available as a download from NASIGWeb, and it still takes some work to get the front matter in place, but the member information is easier to produce and there's no need to work with a printer or mail out a thousand copies. Until this past year, members could request a print copy on their membership renewal form, but that was officially discontinued in 2004/2005. In her annual report last May, Committee Chair Jo McClamroch was able to report that there were *absolutely no* expenditures associated with a print *Directory* in the previous year.

The database part of D&D has also evolved over the years. As noted above, it has migrated off the Chair's desktop into the NASIG ISP's server and morphed itself into the back end of the online *Membership Directory*. However, until recently, all the online maintenance had to be done by the Chair or maybe one other person, due to the limitations of the software. Sections of the alphabet would be extracted and sent to committee members as reports for their periodic verification and editing, but the actual updates, as well as other reports, like the "who's new in NASIG" postings to NASIG-L, had to be done by an "authorized user" with the appropriate desktop software to talk to the database. This is now changed. The NASIG database currently runs in Microsoft SQL Server 2000 instead of MS Access. There are now web-based maintenance pages using ASP to interface with the database tables and allow query/add/edit/delete capabilities for the committee members. Each member has been assigned an alphabet section and can keep it instantly up to date once requests for changes or notice of new members is received. They are also responsible for sending out the "Welcome to NASIG" or "Thank you for renewing" emails. This was a major change this past year and a marked improvement since it means that "meaningful work" is more evenly distributed among all the committee members. Even better – the membership information is now in the same database as the conference database,

which allows for more efficient online conference registration. The switchover process itself caused a few headaches for Jo, however, as she tried to get information out of both the old system and the new one for last May's annual report.

What's next? Well, you've seen online membership renewal in action this year and I think we all agree it's wicked cool! There's been a lot of member interest in online voting (hey – if ALA can do it, why not us?) although there are a number of security issues involved. Also,

members are asking if they can update their own *Directory* records. Again there are security issues, as well as some questions of standard formatting, but I'm betting you'll see that too in the future. Also, the role of D&D will need some redefinition in light of the formation of the new Membership Committee (but that's another profile). Meanwhile, D&D members (expanded to 12 this year) keep plugging away behind the scenes, keeping track of who's who in NASIG and continuing to evolve themselves "at the speed of time." May they go on doing so forever.

OTHER NEWS FROM NASIG

IN MEMORIAM: DEANA ASTLE

[Ed. note: posted with permission of obituary author Chuck Hamaker.]

Deana Astle, the Associate Director for Collections at East Carolina University's Joyner Library and formerly Assistant Dean of Libraries at Clemson University Libraries passed away this morning [Dec. 7] at 2 AM.

Deana will be well remembered by the many members of the serials community for her work on differential pricing; her research and articles on serials analysis; her leadership in preservation issues, including disaster planning; and her involvement with professional organizations and conferences. She was a great mentor in a lot of ways to many librarians. Some of you would have seen her at the last conference she attended, ALA midwinter in Boston.

She was the recipient of the Bowker Ulrich Serials Librarianship award in 1991 for efforts that "...led to international attention on the pricing policies of journals and publishers practices." She was active in NASIG in its early years, ACRL and ALA, particularly in ALCTS including the Serials Section; and chaired the Esther J. Piercy award committee in 1996. She was a frequent presenter at the Charleston Conference and a member of the original

editorial board of the *Newsletter on Serials Pricing Issues* and author of over a dozen articles in library journals.

Deana was Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Phi Mu, an A.B. graduate Cum Laude with High Honors from Brown University, MLS from UCLA and MA University of Utah.

She began her professional career in the Serials Department at the University of Utah libraries in 1970, and became Head of the Serials Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Ellis Library in 1978. In 1986 she went to Clemson University where she served as Head of Technical Services until 1992 when she was named Assistant Dean of Libraries. She moved to East Carolina University in 2001.

Friends will recall her knitting, her dulcimer, and her sense of humor and her active and intelligent contributions to discussions of major issues, whether online or in person, at conferences and in daily conversations.

She succumbed after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by three brothers. Deana was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

COMING SOON! UKSG and NASIGuides

Thanks go to our colleagues across the Atlantic for inviting NASIG to link to an upcoming publication from UKSG. Bev Acreman emailed

President Mary Page with the information about *The E-Resources Management Handbook* which

will be added to *NASIGuides* for our membership.

From Bev:

The editors of *Serials* are about to produce an online/open access handbook: *The E-Resources Management Handbook* - and asked me to get in contact to see whether we could have a link to it from the NASIG website

and announce it to the membership so that members can access it free? The information is available here:

<http://www.uksg.org/serials/handbook.asp>.

This tool will be of great value to our members, and the board is excited about the idea of linking to publications from our sister association.

EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Stephanie Schmitt, Chair

Committee Members: Marla Baden (Indiana University, Purdue University, Fort Wayne), Joe Badics (Eastern Michigan University), Carole Bell (Temple University), Sandy Folsom (Central Michigan University), Leanne Hillery (Florida International University), Elizabeth Lowe (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), Stephanie Schmitt, chair (Yale Law School), Lori Terrill (University of Wyoming), and Veronica Walker (North Carolina State University), Board Liaison: Mary Page.

The Evaluation & Assessment Committee is the only NASIG committee that operates on a calendar year basis. Its main role is to evaluate and report on the success of the Annual Conference. This work includes creating and distributing the conference evaluation forms and reporting on the results. The committee completed all its responsibilities and assignments this year including an in-depth report of the NASIG 20th Annual Conference evaluation which appeared in the *NASIG Newsletter*, December 2005.

In March, the committee created the evaluation forms for the main conference, pre-conferences, and the poster sessions using the Apian KeyCollect software. There were extensive modifications to the evaluation form in 2005. These changes were adopted based on the informed recommendations by the NASIG Executive Board, previous E&A Chairs and members, and a task force led by Beverley Geer that was appointed to reassess and prioritize the type of information best gleaned by the annual evaluation process. The E&A Committee members and the chairs of the CPC and PPC participated in a review of the final forms. In late April, these forms were handed off to the CPC for duplication and distribution to conference attendees.

Two hundred and sixty-eight conference attendees completed the main conference evaluation forms. Pre-conference evaluations

were completed by six attendees and poster session evaluations were completed by nineteen attendees. All of the returned evaluation forms were sent to Stephanie Schmitt, who read through them and created an eleven-page "Quick and Dirty" conference summary report. The "Quick and Dirty" report was distributed in electronic form to the NASIG Executive Board and to the co-chairs of PPC and CPC by e-mail in July. Schmitt then divided up the forms and sent them to committee members assigned to KeyCollect work.

Marla Baden, Joe Badics, Sandy Folsom, Leanne Hillery, Stephanie Schmitt and Veronica Walker worked for six weeks to key in the responses from the evaluation forms. Each KeyCollect data file was sent to Schmitt via email upon completion of the KeyCollect work. Schmitt then merged the data into one file. This file was converted to an HTML file. Marla Baden, Carole Bell, Leanne Hillery, Elizabeth Lowe, Stephanie Schmitt, Lori Terrill, and Veronica Walker all worked on consolidating and summarizing the comments, suggestions and opinions provided by the forms. This work was completed in early October.

The Final Report was submitted to the NASIG Executive Board in electronic form for the first time. The report was placed in a password protected directory on the NASIG website. The decision to support the electronic distribution of the Quick and Dirty and the Full Report saved \$150 through a reduction in reproduction and shipping costs.

In October and early November twenty-six speakers received individual summaries of their evaluation reports via email. This work was managed by Carole Bell who both extracted and distributed the information to the requesting speakers and participants.

In December, work began to enhance the committee manual and documentation that was

recently scanned and made available online. The Committee will continue to revise and enhance these resources in 2006.

The Evaluation & Assessment Committee implores the NASIG Executive Board to move on the opportunity to transition the annual evaluation and assessment process to the online environment beginning with the 2006 conference. The Committee is confident that the

NASIG membership will appreciate the efficiency, accuracy and speed of completion enabled by electronic evaluations.

All those who participated in the evaluation process for the 2005 NASIG Annual Conference deserve a genuine thank you for assisting NASIG in fulfilling its mission to serve the needs of the serials community.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

[Ed. note: Highlights from committee reports submitted for the January NASIG Board meeting.]

ARCHIVES

Marie Seymour-Green, Archivist

ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT

Only one duplicate copy of *NASIG Conference Proceedings* remains unclaimed from the 2000 Conference. All others have been shipped to the requesting libraries.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (A&R)

Jessica Gibson, Jeff Slagell, Sarah Sutton, Co-chairs

ACTIVITIES

A&R is preparing to distribute the second call of award announcements in mid-January via our library school contact list.

The committee has begun to receive applications for various awards which will be processed and posted on the internal committee web page for review and final selection.

COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS

A&R reviewed and revised all award and procedural documents (i.e., announcements, applications, FAQ's etc.). Updated documents have been posted to both the public awards web page and the internal committee web page along with other supporting materials where appropriate.

A&R's library school contact list was updated and posted to the internal committee web page. In addition, the first call of award announcements was distributed in early November after receiving Board approval.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE (CEC)

Robert Alan and Nathan Rupp, Co-chairs

CEC ACTIVITIES IN 2006

In addition to sponsoring its slate of programs this year, CEC will be working with other members and committees within NASIG on two fronts. First, CEC will be working with those creating pre-annual conference workshops to determine how other educational efforts throughout the year can be tied in with the workshops. Second, CEC will work with the NASIG group developing a library school outreach program to ensure that library school students are aware of the NASIG organization.

2006 BUDGET AND PROGRAMS

For 2006, CEC is supporting seven programs or conferences, beginning in March with the North Carolina Serials Conference in Chapel Hill. CEC's budget for 2006 is \$7,575. In addition to providing funds for typical programs, CEC has allotted \$750 for further exploration of distance/online education. CEC has also allotted \$750 for outreach in Latin America.

DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE (D&D)

Jo McClamroch, Chair

2006 RENEWAL CYCLE

Renewal letters/notices sent First Class Mail on October 24, 2005

- Total mailing = 1,468 letters
- 1,253 to 2005 members, 215 to 2004 members
- 1,362 sent to USA
- 106 sent outside USA

Around 700 renewals were fully processed by mid-December 2005. More precise statistics are forthcoming.

CHOREOGRAPHY WITH ECC FOR ANNOUNCING NEW MEMBERS TO NASIG-L
The current process for D&D notification to ECC of new members is quite clunky. The committee is considering different actions to avoid potential problems this can cause.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Minimum qualifications for chair/co-chair should be formulated, which must include familiarity with Microsoft Access. Overlapping terms for co-chairs to provide continuity is highly recommended.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (ECC)

Anna Creech, Emily McElroy, Co-chairs

There have been some problems related to using FTP to transfer files for our largely FrontPage-managed website. Bee.net has been very cooperative in sorting this out and future problems of this nature will be minimal.

Abigail Bordeaux is setting up WordPress on NASIGweb to be used for news updates on the site. She coordinated with the Webspinner and Bee.net to have PHP and MySQL installed on the NASIG server so that this blog software program will work.

Online membership brochures have been updated to reflect the change in membership dues. However, the text in the English, Spanish, and French brochures needs to be revamped. ECC and the Translators Resource Team are waiting on the new text from whomever has been charged with writing it.

The Webspinner has been eliminating duplicate files and archiving old ones on an informal basis, but needs direction from the board to make this a formal procedure.

NASIG NEWSLETTER

Char Simser, Editor-in-chief

MAJOR STAFF CHANGES

In addition to the announcement that Kathryn Wesley will assume responsibilities as editor-in-chief after the annual conference (see article elsewhere in this issue), Mykie Howard completed a 2+ year stint as HTML editor with the December 2005 issue. James Michael, PDF editor, announced he would be stepping down from his position in May. Sharon Heminger, currently serving as a columns editor, will take over as PDF editor at that time. And Beth Bernhardt, submissions editor, will also step down from her position in May. Recruitment for

a new submissions editor will be underway by early February.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Simser recommends that the replacement of the HTML editor position be put on hold. Adopting a blog format for the HTML version of the *Newsletter* would significantly reduce the amount of production time required by the editor-in-chief and HTML editor and could promote more interactive communication between the board, NASIG committees and the membership. Simser will discuss this option with the incoming editor-in-chief.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (N&E)

Anne McKee, Chair

McKee was appointed the N&E Chair in late October. The committee has essentially done 6+ months of work in 3 months. Two calls for nominations went out in late October, early November '05 and the chair was successful in obtaining the names of the members nominated via paper at the 2005 conference from the immediate past chair.

We received 71 unique nominations and 170 total nominations (many people were nominated more than once for an office or for more than one office). Of those nominations, 41 people either declined the nominations or their nominee profile and statement were received after the deadline and had to be disallowed.

Of the 30 left for consideration, 13 individuals were selected by the committee for calling their references. The final slate (before the call of petition candidates) was 10: 2 for Vice-President/President-elect; 2 for Secretary and 6 for Member at Large. The call for petition candidates will go out (as per the NASIG Bylaws) so that all petition candidates' paperwork must be received back to the committee on or before Feb.1, 2006.

PROCEEDINGS

Margaret V. Mering, Elna Saxton, Editors

Haworth recently sent [NASIG] pdf files of the 2003, 2002, and 2001 *Proceedings* free of charge. (*Proceedings* from 2004 were received earlier.)

Three people - all experienced indexers - have applied to be indexer of the 2005 *Proceedings*.

As soon as a decision is made about the new editors, contact should be made with PPC to set up a date for receiving papers from the presenters. Mering has offered to help in any way she can.

The rough pages of the 2005 *Proceedings* should be received sometime in late Feb.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Denise Novak, Mary Page, Joyce Tenney,
Members

We are happy to report that a contract was successfully negotiated with the Galt House hotel, <http://www.galthouse.com>, in Louisville, KY for NASIG 2007. We were able to obtain great rates for the dates of May 29-June 2, 2007. The room rate for the Standard Tower Room will be \$95.00 per night for a single or double, and \$115.00 per night for a single or double in the Executive Suite Tower. The Galt is a beautiful hotel and we look forward to a great conference in 2007.

We will start collecting bids for the 2008 and 2009 conferences in February.

TITLE CHANGES

[Note: Please report promotions, awards, new degrees, new positions, and other significant professional milestones. You may submit items about yourself or other members to Susan Andrews (Susan_Andrews@tamu-commerce.edu). 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.]

CELIA BAKKE, at San Jose State University, has changed from Head, Technical Services to Electronic Resources Librarian. Her contact information remains the same except her fax number and e-mail which are now:

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Effective October 1, 2005, **ED BARNAS** became Senior Editor, Journals at Cambridge University Press. Previously, he was their Journals Manager. His contact information is unchanged.

WILMA A. BASS has actually had two title changes lately. She changed from Head, Cataloging Department to Head, Monographs & Digital Resources Management at the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Health Science and Human Services Library. When asked about her title change she replied "Well, there's been another change, I'm now Head, Digital Resources and Monographs Management. More focus on the digital resources. I'm responsible for the life cycle of all print and electronic monographs--selection, ordering, cataloging, processing. Our Digital Resources librarian does the actual licensing and access work." There were no changes to Wilma's contact information.

In September 2005, the former Library Holdings Consultant at ProQuest Information and Learning, **ELIZABETH BOGDANSKI** became

the Current Newspapers Product Manager. She had this to say about her new job: "Elizabeth is now responsible for managing ProQuest's current newspaper products which include ProQuest Newsstand, NewspaperDirect PressDisplay and Print-on-Demand. She is very excited about taking on the new challenges presented by the newspaper and electronic publishing world." Beth's contact information has had no changes.

CAROL ANN BORCHERT, the new Coordinator for Serials at the University of South Florida Tampa commented "We had not had a Serials Librarian for a decade or so when I moved from the Reference department into the new Serials Librarian position on a trial basis from May-December 2004. Once Technical Services decided to keep me (yay!), my title changed to Coordinator for Serials in January 2005. So it was a title change, but not really a change in duties, except that I have more responsibility as I learn more. I coordinate workflows, training, project planning and implementation, and other issues pertaining to acquisitions, cataloging, binding, and public service aspects of serials. I don't supervise anyone directly, but I work with supervisors and keep them in the loop as I work with their staff. I work more with Acquisitions than the other areas because we have no separate Acquisitions librarian at this time, and because that is the most complicated part of the workflow for online journals." Only Carol Ann's fax number has changed and it is now:
Fax: (813) 974-2296

2004 NASIG Student Grant Award Winner, **CHRISTOPHER R. BRADY** let us know that after finishing his MLS at Maryland in 2004 and contracting in various DC area libraries for a year, he accepted the position of Serials/E-Resources Catalog Librarian at Baylor University and moved to Central Texas in July 2005. A native of the Mid-Atlantic, Chris somehow has been inexplicably drawn to Waco for the second time (he went to Baylor for college). He is enjoying it. "One thing I've always liked about Baylor is the personable atmosphere on campus. It is the kind of place where faculty and administrators (including the interim president) join in to help freshmen move into their dorms in the hot Texas August weather (I can now speak from experience) and where last week the library was treated to an impromptu serenade of Christmas music by a brass choir. I am settling in here and am looking forward to being at the next NASIG conference in Denver!" Chris' new contact information is:

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At Babson College, **MARTHA A. BURK**, the former Manager, Technical Services is now the Manager, Collection Management. About this change she said "My title changed in February 2005. There is really no change in my job description. We decided to rename Technical Services to Collection Management. This department includes Acquisitions, Cataloging, Serials and Electronic Resources. We felt that the new name reflected better to the campus our responsibilities." Martha has had no changes to her contact information.

THOMAS E. CHAMPAGNE is the new Director of Cataloging and Database Administration at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He was their Catalog Librarian. There was no change to his contact information.

Formerly the Access Coordination Librarian at Stanford University's Green Library, **LINH CHANG** is now their Serials Access & Maintenance Librarian. Her contact information has not changed.

MARLA CHESLER e-mailed about her title change "Due to a recent relocation, I had to give up my position at Northeastern University as Collection Development Librarian. I miss working with the wonderful staff at NU, but so far, I haven't missed the winter weather. I'm now working at FLICC/FEDLINK, which is a division of the Library of Congress. FEDLINK is similar to NELINET, AMIGOS, and SOLINET. We provide Federal Libraries with training and support for OCLC and other vendor products. My new title is FEDLINK Network Librarian." Marla may now be reached at:

Phone: (202) 707-4891
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PAMELA J. CIPKOWSKI, the former Cataloging/Indexing Librarian at Northwestern University's Transportation Library, wanted her NASIG colleagues to know "After two job changes which equated to wandering aimlessly through a technical services and cataloging wasteland for two years, I've finally found my way back to serials! I am now the Serials Librarian at the Ryerson and Burnham Libraries at the Art Institute of Chicago. The position involves both cataloging and acquisitions and will allow me once again to be much more active in NASIG." Pam's new contact information is:

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The Art Institute of Chicago
111 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Phone: (312) 443-3526
Fax: (312) 443-0105
E-mail: pcipkowski@artic.edu

About her title change **PEGGI CLARK** said "I am very happy to announce that in October of 2005 I joined National Archive Publishing Company as the head of its Publisher Relations group. This opportunity came about as a result of NAPC's recent acquisition of three lines of business--UMI™ Periodicals in Microform, XanEdu CoursePacks and the microform and digitization services-- from ProQuest Information and Learning. In my new role I will be expanding on the interaction I had within the publishing community for over 15 years as Director of Publisher Relations with ProQuest. I'm looking forward to the exciting new challenges ahead." Peggi was formerly the Director, Public Relations at ProQuest

Information and Learning. Only Peggi's phone number and e-mail have changed and they are now:

Phone: (313) 761-4700 x2479
E-mail: peggi.clark@napubco.com

When contacted about her title change, 2000 Horizon Award winner, **MARIA COLLINS** informed us that "Beginning in November 2005, Maria Collins became the new Serials Librarian at North Carolina State University Libraries. Previously, she spent six years with Mississippi State University Libraries where she served as Serials Librarian for one year and Serials Coordinator for five. Even though she will greatly miss the many opportunities available at MSU, Maria is looking forward to the innovative and exciting environment NCSU has to offer. As a Tar Heel native, she is also looking forward to working closer to home. In her new position, Maria will focus on serials acquisitions in addition to e-resource management tasks such as licensing and the implementation of NCSU's ERM, E-Matrix." She can now be reached at:

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At the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Jackson Library, **MARY JANE CONGER** became head of the Cataloging Department on January 3, 2006. She was formerly the Serials/Electronic Resources Cataloger. She had been co-interim head of the Department with Paul Hessling, Special Collections Cataloger, since November 1, 2003. Mary Jane has been at UNCG since 1977, and although she now heads the department, she is determined to keep her hand in with serials cataloging. She no longer will be involved with the nitty gritty of electronic resources cataloging. She is excited about serving the library in a new capacity, but also glad that she will still be able to catalog serials. At this point, there is no change in contact information.

Formerly Librarian III at the Chicago Public Library's Business/Science Technology Division, **MARC A. CONRAD** is now the Science & Technology Information Center Head. About his

job change he wrote "I started my new position officially on December 1, 2005 (unofficially I have been doing it since February 2004). While my primary focus will no longer be on the daily maintenance of serials, I will continue to be involved with projects within the Business Science & Technology Division as well as the Chicago Public Library as a whole, including migrating to a new ILS this year, retrospective conversion of older serial records to online, and selection of serial titles for our collection. In my new position I will be managing the collections for Science and Technology subjects at our central library, including the Patent and Trademark depository, a large ANSI standards collection, and materials to support Science Fair research for school students." Only Marc's phone number has changed:

Phone: (312) 747-4470

MINDY COOPER has changed from being Reference Assistant at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis to being a Reference Assistant and Graduate Student. Her contact information is unchanged.

NANCY K. DENNIS, at the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library, has had a title change from Assistant Dean - Collections and Technology Services to Assistant Dean - Content Acquisition & Access Services. Nancy's contact information is the same, except her fax number has changed to:

Fax: (505) 277-7196

HOLLY EGGLESTON has moved from Business Librarian at the University of Montana-Missoula to the Assistant Department Head, Acquisitions at the University of California, San Diego Libraries. She can now be reached at:

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Moving from a position as Serials Assistant to Copy Cataloger at the University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library, **L. CHRISTINE ERICSON** e-mailed "I started in my new position as a copy cataloger in May 2005. Although I'm mainly working with monographs right now, I'm still interested in becoming a serials cataloger

when I finish my MLIS degree. I also still help out in the serials department occasionally and plan on remaining a NASIG member.” Christie’s phone number has changed to:

Phone: (907) 786-1850

There have been more than title changes for **JANET E. ESSENCY**. She wrote “I came to Bridgewater State College as the Collection Manager for Serials. But when the catalog librarian retired I acted as temporary head for that department. After a year it became permanent. We consolidated the two departments because of similarities in what they did. The old way of separating departments by what format they handled was considered inefficient. I have had to dust off my cataloging skills as I have only been cataloging serials for a number of years. So I have been relearning monographs as well as learning new formats like maps, DVDs and CDs. It has been a difficult transition for both my staff and myself as we also are in the midst of renovating the library. The floor where our periodicals are shelved was done last summer and we will do a floor this year and another next. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead. I can only hope that I can keep my sense of humor through the rest of the transition period.” Janet is now Head, Technical Services, and though her title has changed, her contact information has not.

Previously the Serials/Document Delivery Librarian at Roger Williams University, **JOHN FOBERT** is now the Serials/Government Documents Librarian. His contact information is unchanged.

SANDY LYNN FOLSOM has changed from Cataloger/Reference Librarian at Central Michigan University’s Clarke Historical Library/Park Library to Cataloger at the same library. Sandy’s contact information has not changed.

Now a Librarian Training Consultant with Innovative Interfaces, **HELEN E. GBALA** commented “After a year plus working as a “real” cataloger in a public library, I joined the ILS vendor community again in September, 2005. This time as a trainer for Innovative Interfaces. No moves involved, I’m working from home.” Her contact information did not change.

Formerly an Information Management Consultant, **MARILYN GELLER** has turned to the academic side of librarianship. She is now the Collection Management Librarian at Lesley University. She can now be reached at:

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PHILIP E. N. GREENE III has changed his title from Managing Director to Principal of Greene Consulting, LLC. His contact information has not changed.

According to **MARY GRENCI**, her title has evolved. She explained “My title changed sometime around the beginning of 2004. The first part was altered to catch up with a change in duties that happened in mid-1998, when I became Serials Team Leader but my official title didn’t change. Some time in 2003, the department name was changed from Catalog Dept. to Metadata and Digital Library Services (MDLS). This was shortly followed by addition of the term “metadata” to the titles of many MDLS staff who had traditionally been involved in cataloging. The new name and titles were the idea of Carol Hixson, MDLS Department Head, and reflect our central role in building, maintaining and providing access to the library’s digital collections and institutional repository, while at the same time retaining our various traditional roles related to cataloging, processing, binding and image services. As for myself, in the last year I have taken on an additional role in helping Carol with administrative activities related to our institutional repository. I also serve as back-up administrator when Carol isn’t available. In addition, I’m involved in ongoing institutional efforts related to III’s ERM and anything related to metadata for serials. Other changes for me in the past year include the addition of subject specialist duties and taking over as NACO Coordinator (this transition is still in process).” At the University of Oregon, Mary was the Serials Catalog Librarian and is now Serials Team Leader & Metadata Librarian. Her e-mail address has changed to:

E-mail: mgrenci@uoregon.edu

About her title change **JILL GROGG** wrote "I began my new full-time position as Electronic Resources Librarian in May 2005 at the University of Alabama Libraries, after having served as half-time interim Electronic Resources and half-time Reference Librarian since February 2005." Jill's contact information is the same, except her phone number which has changed to:

Phone: (205) 348-7994

SHELLEY HAWRYCHUK, at the University of Toronto at Mississauga, commented about her title change "As Coordinator, Collection Services, I oversee all aspects of the collection. In the past I was only concerned with acquisitions and cataloging but now I am responsible for acquisitions, cataloging, serials, binding, collection maintenance (stacking, etc.) and resource sharing. The addition of resource sharing to collections is somewhat unique in that most academic libraries treat resource sharing as a public service rather than a collection service. Due to the increased responsibility of my position, I am no longer working at the reference desk or teaching any library instruction. Though, I do miss that, my new role is challenging and keeps me very busy." Her previous job title was Librarian, Coordinator of Technical Services and her contact information is unchanged.

Now the Serials Librarian at Ohio Wesleyan University, **LISA HOOPS**, had this to say about her job: "As far as the semi-new job title goes... (I actually left Endeavor last February and began my current position in April of 2005) I am very happy to be back in an academic library and I especially like the fact that my current position affords me the opportunity to do a little bit of everything related to serials from acquisitions and cataloging to bindery. Someone once asked me if I liked working with serials and I said yes. They then stated that I must like problems...and I am happy to say that I do! After all when you work with serials things never get boring!" Lisa's previous job was as Trainer/Implementation Consultant at Endeavor Information Systems Inc. She can now be reached at:

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At Innovative Interfaces, Inc., **SANDRA H. HURD** has changed job titles from Director of Sales, Digital Solutions to Director of Strategic Markets. Sandra's contact information did not change.

On September 19, 2005, **KAY G. JOHNSON** began her new job as Cataloging Coordinator at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Kay commented about her new position "I manage the cataloging initiatives and training at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, including that of serials. I supervise the Cataloging Unit supervisor (a paraprofessional) and the catalog librarian." She was the Serials Coordinator at the same institution and her contact information remains the same.

STEPHANIE S. KACELI, who works at Philadelphia Biblical University, has changed her job title from Technical Services Librarian to Assistant Director and Technical Services/Systems Librarian. Stephanie's contact information did not change.

Effective January 1, 2006, **LAURIE KAPLAN** became Director of Serials at CSA. She formerly held the same position with R.R. Bowker. She explained her title change occurred "when the entire Serials department moved from Bowker to CSA. Both Bowker and CSA are part of CIG. The move was made to better align the operations of the companies." Only Laurie's e-mail changed and it is now:

E-mail: lkaplan@csa.com

Formerly the Head, Technical Services, **WILLIAM J. KARA** explained "My title changed with a technical services reorganization and integration at Cornell University Library. I am the Head, Electronic Resources and Serials Management, Library Technical Services, Cornell University. The change in my position was in August 2005." Bill's contact information has stayed the same.

In November 2004 **ALAN KEELY**'s title changed from Assistant Director for Collection Services and Systems to Associate Director for Collection

Services and Systems at the Wake Forest University Professional Center Library. His contact information did not change.

Drake University's **TERI KOCH** said of her title change to Collection Development Librarian "This is not a job or duties change. It's more of a "title update" that (I feel) more accurately reflects the all-encompassing nature of the position responsibilities (rather than listing them all in the job title)." Her previous job title was Acquisitions & Serials Librarian. Teri's contact information remains the same.

Starting July 1, 2005, **HANNA KWASIK** became Head, Cataloging & Serials at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Library. She was formerly their Serials Librarian. Her contact information is unchanged.

Previously Acting Head of Serials at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, **MICHAEL LAMPLEY** is now Periodicals Librarian at Texas Christian University. He had this to say about his new position "I started at TCU in October of 2004. I accepted the position because I saw and still see it as an opportunity to basically rebuild a department from the ground up. This reconstruction is the result of our switch from DRA to Ex Libris. The two systems are different enough that every procedure became subject to review and revision." He can now be reached at:

Texas Christian University
TCU Box 298400
Fort Worth, Texas 76129
Phone: (817) 257-6485
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MIMI LEMPART's job title at Smith College has changed from MARC Serials Cataloger to Serials/Electronic Resources Cataloger. Her contact information did not change.

Now a Doctoral Student at Florida State University's College of Information, **MARILYN P. LEWIS** was Technical Services Librarian at St. Leo University. Her e-mail is:

E-mail: marilyn.lewis@greenville.nc.com

Formerly Consulting Product Support Specialist at OCLC, **MYRTLE MYERS** is now OCLC's Product Manager, Holdings and Local Data. She had this to say about her new job: "OCLC is

committed to maintaining libraries' holdings and incorporating as much local data from the library as possible. My position has responsibilities for how holdings are displayed and used in all product lines, which includes Resource Sharing, WorldCat Collection Analysis, Union Listing, Connexion, Group Services and FirstSearch reference services, focusing on the potential impact in all service areas. My position is also responsible for determining methods for adding additional library holdings information into WorldCat to provide benefit to all members." Myrtle's contact information did not change.

SHERRY SNYDER PALMITER is now Seattle University's Serials Librarian, a change from being their Continuations Librarian. Although her title has changed, Sherry's contact information has not.

At Saint Louis University, **JEAN PARKER**'s title has changed from Acquisitions and Serials Units Supervisor to Associate University Librarian for Technical Services. Her phone number has changed to:

Phone: (314) 977-3093

MARY RAUSCH, who was Catalog Librarian at West Texas A&M University, said of her title change "It's actually the same job, just a slight change in title. I've been the head of cataloging at WT for several years, and the addition of Head was to reflect that." Mary's job title is now Head Catalog Librarian. There have been no changes to her contact information.

SION ROMAINE was happy to report her new job title at the University of Washington. About her new job as Assistant Head, Serials Acquisitions she reported "I started my new position on Nov.1, 2005. The position is new and, with the explosion in web-based multimedia resources, (vlogging is the new podcasting – who knew?) carries the same sort of thrilling risk, envious cachet and reckless adventure that one might normally associate with other less sedate occupations (such as secret agent, runway model or avian flu monitor). I'm delighted to have been given the chance to continue at the UW. Go Huskies!" Her previous job title was Serials Services Project Librarian. Only Sion's fax number has changed and it is now:

Fax: (206) 685-8743

At Cornell University's Albert R. Mann Library, **NATHAN RUPP** has had a job change from Metadata Librarian to Electronic Resources Librarian. He wants his NASIG colleagues to know this about his new job "As electronic resource librarian, I'm doing some of the same things I was as metadata librarian and have also taken on some new responsibilities. I continue providing guidance on metadata issues for various digital library projects at Mann Library and cataloging electronic serials. However, I have also begun reviewing licenses for products the library subscribes to or is thinking about subscribing to and serving as a liaison between our technical services division and the science and social science subject selector teams. I've had the new title and responsibilities since September 2005." His contact information remains unchanged.

A former Regional Manager, **DENA J. SCHOEN** "became Director of Sales/North America for Harrassowitz Library Services in September 2005. I am now leading an entirely new team of sales people who represent Harrassowitz in the U.S. and Canada. They are Justin Clarke and Terry B. Hill and I." Dena's contact information did not change.

According to **MARSHA SEAMANS** "The University of Kentucky Libraries underwent a major reorganization that went into effect January 1, 2005. In this new organizational structure, I was appointed to the position, Head, Access Records Management Department. This department is responsible for cataloging and database maintenance across all formats, including serials." She was their Senior Serials Catalog Librarian. Her e-mail has changed to:

E-mail: marsha.seamans@uky.edu

Formerly Cuyahoga County Public Library's Acquisitions Manager, **PATRICK STEELE** is now the Electronic Resources Coordinator. Patrick's phone and fax numbers are now:

Phone: (216) 749-9345

Fax: (216) 485-9851

On September 1, 2005, **LAURENTIU MIRCEA STEFANCU**'s job changed from being Electronic Services Librarian to Assistant Science Librarian at the University of Illinois at Chicago's Science Library. There were no changes to Mircea's contact information.

As of April 2005, **ADOLFO R. TARANGO** became CJK, Serials & Shared Cataloging Division Head at the University of California, San Diego's Geisel Library. Of the title change he remarked "the title is just a more accurate reflection of the scope of my responsibilities and came in tandem with the establishment of the Shared Cataloging Program as a distinct administrative unit. Shared Cataloging Program staff catalog University of California system subscribed electronic resources and distribute catalog records for those resources to the individual campuses and to Melvyl, UC's union catalog." His old job title was Head, Serials Cataloging & CJK Division. Adolfo's contact information did not change.

ROSELLA THOMAS wrote "In May 2005, through a department restructure, my job changed from lead worker in our Serials Unit to Renewals Unit Supervisor. I have taken on supervising two co-workers in my department. I also have the challenging role of heading up all our serials renewals-including an increasing change to electronic-only formats. What does this change mean for me? Great possibilities, lots of new information to learn, and increased communication with our publisher representatives and subscription vendors to try to keep things going. What I've always liked about serials is that things are always changing and nothing about my job gets old or stagnant. In short-job security!" Rosella is at the University of Oregon and her contact information remains the same.

LOIS N. UPHAM had more of a life change than a title change. About this change she wanted her colleagues to know "At the end of May 2005 I retired from my position as Head of Technical Services at the Uncle Remus Regional [Public] Library System located in central Georgia. At that time I had worked as a professional librarian for more than 40 years. As with so many serials folk, I rather backed into the area, having worked in serial records and binding while I was in library school and finding I really enjoyed the challenges. My first strictly serial position was as Head of Serial Records at UNC-Chapel Hill where I actually preceded Marsha Tuttle! One of the proudest achievements in my career was when, as Database Manager for the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS), I assisted in getting CONSER started. I have, of course, filled a number of different positions over the years including teaching at the University of

Southern Mississippi, Emory, and the University of South Carolina, and, yes, I offered serials courses. While at Emory I served on the committee headed by Ann Vidor that set up the NASIG student grant program. This is an achievement of which I am also proud. Despite the fact that my public library position did not include much in the way of serials work, I did manage to end up being the “go to” person when questions about serials did arise. I guess once a serials librarian, always a serials librarian. I now find myself deeply engaged in volunteer work both with my church and with my county Democratic Committee. I am also trying to make use of my undergraduate degree in art by taking and printing photographs and turning them into cards, gifts, and—who knows—perhaps even a book. I try to fit in as much reading as possible, and am still doing some library consulting. The further I get into retirement, however, the weaker the urge to spend time doing professional work. I do hope to be able to retain a connection to the profession through organizations such as NASIG, and look forward to following the ambitious projects for which it is noted.” Lois’ contact information is available in the NASIG directory.

Describing her title change at the Ewha Womans University Central Library in Seoul, South Korea, **KYUNG HEE YOO** said “I began my new job title as Head, Department of Information Resources Development from April 2004, after working as Acquisitions Librarian for about 22 years, especially purchasing both print and electronic international library materials in

the Technical Services Department. I am now working in the new department, keeping a close connection with the old department. The new department is organized with the Periodicals Room and the Reference Room. It is focused especially on user services such as reference work, interlibrary loan, but is also in charge of technical services work such as acquisitions, check-in, claiming, and binding of periodicals. The number of staff in this department is 4 librarians and 2 paraprofessional assistants for the Periodicals Room and 3 librarians and 1 assistant for the Reference Room with some student assistants. We are in charge of the selection of library materials, including electronic databases, user instruction, and publishing library guides, brochures, etc. too. And we work through forming a team with appropriate staff from all departments if we launch any projects such as system development (ERM) or press e-newsletter, etc. I have to be interested in both person-to-person services and enlarging library resources as it is organized, for strengthening user services in the electronic age in 1996 as compared with my old job. I am proud of our young staff who are capable in various aspects in this department, and think I should exert myself in order to keep in step with them.” Kyung’s phone and fax numbers are now:

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Correction: In the December 2005 issue, the name Rochelle Strader should have been **ROCKELLE STRADER.**

CALENDAR

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[Please submit announcements for upcoming meetings, conferences, workshops, and other events of interest to your NASIG colleagues to Lillian DeBlois, lillian@ahsl.arizona.edu.]

March 20-25, 2006
Public Library Association (PLA)
11th National Conference
Boston, Massachusetts
http://www.placonference.org/registration_fees.cfm

March 23-26, 2006
Electronic Resources & Libraries
Atlanta, Georgia
<http://www.electroniclibrarian.com/conf2006/conf2006.htm>

March 24-26, 2006
Computers in Libraries
Washington, D.C.
<http://www.infoday.com/cil2006/>

March 30-31, 2006
North Carolina Serials Conference
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
<http://www.nccuslis.org/conted/serials2006/serials2006.htm>

May 3, 2006
NASIG
Executive Board Meeting
Denver, Colorado

May 4-7, 2006
NASIG
21st Annual Conference
"Mile High Views: Surveying the Serials Vista"
Denver, Colorado
<http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/>

May 10-12, 2006
Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSL)
Annual Meeting
Bloomington, IN
<http://www.wku.edu/Library/ovgtsl/conf06.htm>

May 19-24, 2006
Medical Library Association (MLA)
Annual Meeting
Phoenix, Arizona
<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2006/index.html>

June 11-14, 2006
Special Library Association (SLA)
Annual Conference
Baltimore, Maryland
<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2006/index.cfm>

June 22-28, 2006
American Library Association (ALA)
Annual Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/2006an.htm>

See also the *American Libraries* "Datebook".

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