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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Mary Page, NASIG President

UKSG CONFERENCE

One of the great honors and privileges that comes with serving as NASIG's President is the opportunity to attend the United Kingdom Serials Group's conference as NASIG's delegate. Some of you may have read the blog (<http://www.nasig.org/uksgblog/>) that I kept about my experience there, but I'll say it again for the record: the UKSG conference is fantastic, and if you ever have the chance to attend, don't pass it up.

You know how the NASIG conference has its own distinct personality that keeps us returning year after year? UKSG has that kind of feel to it as well: different from NASIG, but you have that sense you're participating in something special. The programs were excellent, and everyone kept talking about the issues over lunch and during breaks. There are more publishers at UKSG, and it was enlightening for me to hear about their perspective. There are exhibits, too. As I wrote in the conference blog, the UKSG exhibits are nothing like ALA's in terms of size or sales pitches. Don't get me wrong: I love the ALA exhibits, but they require some serious time to do them justice, and you have to strategize about what products and services to focus on.

The exhibits at UKSG were mainly publishers and vendors, and unlike ALA, there were no elaborate booths, or people in funny hats, or magic acts on the hour. Many of the representatives were people I already knew, either from NASIG or because I do business with them. Strolling the exhibits was more like catching up with friends and having low-key

conversations about new products and services in general. I always learn something at the ALA exhibits but usually find them a bit tiring, perhaps because of their vast size and the crowds. The exhibits at UKSG were a pleasure! And while I will admit to picking up a few pens, I didn't end up with a shopping bag of catalogs and sparkly plastic objects (which I do have a weakness for, but they can bog you down!).

Beside the exhibits, there were terrific programs and speakers. NASIG's Jill Emery, Rick Anderson, Cindy Hepfer, and Susan Davis all presented (and did us proud!). I wrote up a few of the sessions I attended in the blog and you can also find PowerPoint presentations from some of the programs here (<http://www.uksg.org/events/previous.asp#2006conf>)

THANKS, EVERYONE

It's hard to believe this is my last President's column. The year has flown by so quickly, and it's been an amazing journey. I have learned so much, and I'll always be grateful to the NASIG membership for allowing me this experience. I have worked with some of the smartest people I've ever known, and I've been humbled by their generosity and open hearts. NASIG members share their expertise with each other, and they step up and offer help when there's a problem. We are a professional community with shared interests and values, and we have this fearlessness that I love. Among the NASIG Board, there's a spirit of "why not, let's give it a try," which is balanced by an incredible sense of responsibility to the membership and each other, as well as for its finances and the overall organization.

I'm going to take up just a little more *Newsletter* space to thank some of the people who have offered their time, wisdom, and experience to me this year.

Past-Presidents Anne McKee, Connie Foster, Maggie Rioux, Steve Savage, Dan Tonkery, Susan Davis, October Ivins, Cindy Hepfer, Beverley Geer. Each of you has been a role model and inspiration. I am honored to think of you all as friends and colleagues.

And the Sage Advice When You Need It Most Award Goes To: Anne McKee and Beverley Geer. These two brilliant, resourceful women gave

me blunt advice and helpful hints. They calmed me down and reminded me of the bigger picture. They listened to my frustrations and they kindly talked me down, each and every time. You couldn't ask for better colleagues.

So Much More than Technical Advice: Anna Creech, Emily McElroy, and Step Schmitt helped me set up a blog, ftp files, get membership lists and data, and they never, ever laughed at me. Step Schmitt has had a major role in virtually every online activity this year, and her generosity with her time and expertise made a world of difference. NASIG is so lucky to have people like Step, Anna, and Emily.

The Can-Do Woman of the Year: Joyce Tenney. Who else? Joyce is the most organized, logical, unflappable woman I know. No more rooms at the hotel? Joyce makes them reappear. A \$6,000 lunch bill? I don't think so. Not only is she smart, resourceful, and hard working, she is a heck of a good time. I can't tell you how many dreary days were brightened for me with an email exchange with Joyce. She's on top of everything, and she's funny. Could you ask for a better friend and colleague?

The Kitchen Cabinet: Marilyn Geller and Emily McElroy. What can I say? Soul sisters, partners in crime, chief advisors, and potential cellmates, these two are the smartest, funniest, most excellent pals a NASIG president could ever have. They can advise on any issue, any subject at all, from leadership to ethics to appetizers and shoes. (Actually, I'm the shoe advisor. But they know their appetizers.) I'd be sunk without them.

Finally, thanks to all the NASIG members. I especially want to thank those of you who took a moment to send me an email, either to say something nice or to voice a concern. What makes NASIG special is that its membership is actively engaged: everyone really cares about the organization. Next year, NASIG will be in good hands with incoming President Denise Novak and President-Elect Char Simser in the wings. With its amazing volunteers, active members, and outstanding leadership throughout the organization, NASIG will thrive.

Can't wait to see you all in Denver!!

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 March 23, 2006. Current assets are \$277,328.38. This includes \$214,966.61 in bank balances and \$62,361.77 in the investment accounts.

Balance Sheet
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 3/21/2006

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Charles Schwab-Cash	\$ 31,866.57
CHECKING-264	130,827.61
SAVINGS-267	84,139.00
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$246,833.18
Investments	
Charles Schwab	\$ 30,495.20
TOTAL Investments	\$ 30,495.20
TOTAL ASSETS	\$277,328.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	\$ 0.00
EQUITY	\$277,328.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$277,328.38

NASIG Budget Expenditures
1/1/06 Through 3/23/06

Administrative - Board Expenses	\$-9,658.03
Awards & Recognition	-0
By-Laws	-0
Continuing Education	-263.05
Conference Planning	-1,141.56
Conference Site	-0
Database & <i>Directory</i>	-0
Electronic Communications	-1,200.00
Evaluation	-0
Finance	-2,719.80
Nominations & Elections	-2,669.58
<i>Proceedings</i>	-94.35
Program Planning Committee	-0
Publicist	-0
OVERALL TOTAL	\$-17,746.37

NASIG is, for the most part, financially stable. As has been stated before, the organization needs to keep an operating reserve in the event of an emergency.

2006 ELECTION RESULTS

Anne McKee, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee

The 2005/2006 Nominations & Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2006 elections.

Vice-President/President-Elect (3 year term)

Char Simser
Kansas State University

Secretary (3 year term)

Joyce Tenney
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Member at Large (2 year term)

Rick Anderson
University of Nevada, Reno

Alison Roth
Swets Information Services

Bob Schatz
Coutts Information Services

The newly elected 2006/2007 Board will be one of the most diverse Boards in years,

representing all facets of the serials information chain with 1 publisher, 2 subscription agents, 1 book vendor and 7 librarians.

The N&E Committee would like to sincerely thank all the nominees for their eagerness to serve this dynamic organization.

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2006)

CPC UPDATE

Wendy Highby and Paul Moeller, Co-Chairs

The 21st annual conference is close at hand and we'd like to remind you of some planned activities. Pre-conferences, walking tours, and the First Timers Receptions will be followed by a conference opening session at 3:45 on Thursday. NASIG President Mary Page will greet you and Dr. Tom Noel will speak about local history and the world-famous Red Rocks Park. We will then bus out to the lovely Red Rocks Visitor Center for the Thursday evening opening event. 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.

Friday night activities include dine-arounds and a downtown Art Walk. For late Saturday afternoon, a Tattered Cover Bookstore event is planned. Saturday night activities feature dine-arounds and a 6:05 p.m. Colorado Rockies v. Houston Astros baseball game. Post-conference walking and bus tours are in the works for Sunday afternoon. See our tours page for more information: <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2006/tours.htm>.

Please check out the wealth of information accessible on and through the conference website: <http://nasig.org/conference/2006/denver.htm>. The Conference Planning Committee is excited about the conference and is looking forward to welcoming you to Denver.

PPC UPDATE

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

In addition to the conference program, the Program Planning Committee has planned a variety of special program events for 2006 conference attendees to attend. PPC members form subcommittees that invest much time and detail into planning these special events to add value to your conference experience. Special program events include poster sessions, informal discussion groups, user group lunches, and a focused vendor demo.

Poster sessions provide an opportunity to share innovative ideas and new applications of technology. Posters will be on display in the conference registration area of the Denver Marriott City Center on Friday, May 5th, from 9:30-5:30. Presenters will be available to discuss their topics during both break periods. Posters this year include:

- Steven A. Knowlton, "Continuing Use of Print-Only Information by Researchers: A Study of Impact Factor as One Measure, 1993-2003"

- Athena Hoepfner, "What's It Worth? Coursepack Permissions in E-journal Licenses"
- JoAnne Deeken, "Connecting Your ILS with an Outside Accounting System"
- Jonathan David Makepeace, "A to Z List vs. Catalogue Access to E-serial Titles at the University of Windsor"
- Susanne Clement, "To Renew or not to Renew Databases - That is the Question: A Practical Approach to Collecting and Disseminating Electronic Usage Statistics as a Tool for Collection Development"
- Gary Ives, "Indexing Lag Time Between Current Contents and Web of Science"
- Dianne Gordon Conyers, "Through the Looking Glass: Content, Integration and Access - Staff Workflows and Client Pathways"
- Sarah Sutton and Christine Freeman, "Rising Journal Costs: Comparing Local Collections to the National Average"

- Timothy Skeers, "You Can See Forever: Archiving New Mexico Digital Serials for the Future"
- Michaelyn Haslam and Xiaoyin Zhang, "Adding Vendor Subscription Format Data to Library Systems to Aid in Finding Subscription Format Discrepancies"

Informal Discussion Groups are scheduled during lunch on Saturday, May 6th, 12:00-1:00 p.m. The purpose of these discussion groups is to promote interaction among conference attendees who have a shared interest in a topic, idea, workflow, or problem. Each group discusses a broad topic. Each discussion is guided, but not designed, by a facilitator. Topics for Informal Discussion Groups include:

- People who have decided that they are not going to purchase link resolvers
- Other than academic: librarians in public, federal and special libraries
- MARC record services
- Digitized journal backfiles: what is their value?
- Challenges of implementing a MARC record service
- Preservation and disaster preparedness

Please watch the conference website for any additional Informal Discussion Groups. Registration for Informal Discussion Groups is not required.

User Group Lunches will take place on Saturday, May 6th, 12:00-1:00 p.m. User Group Lunches provide an opportunity for people to come together and discuss product implementation, identify challenges and successes, and meet with colleagues in a non-

commercial setting. As of March 23, 2006, there will be User Group sessions on SIRSI, III, Endeavor, SFX and SerialsSolutions. Please watch the conference website for any additional User Groups. Registration for User Groups is not required.

The topic for NASIG's third annual Focused Vendor Demo is subscription vendor services to libraries. Come and hear answers to questions such as:

- What subscription services are provided, and more specifically, how have services been adapted to help libraries manage electronic publications?
- Can services help libraries integrate electronic publications into the existing workflow?
- How do services accommodate the many and varied demands of electronic subscriptions?

Participating vendors are Basch, Ebsco, Harrassowitz, and Swets. The Focused Vendor Demo is scheduled for Friday, May 5th from 2:00-3:30. Each vendor will have approximately 15-20 minutes to describe their services, and there will be a Q&A component.

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 and the PPC guru Marilyn Geller.

NASIG PROFILES

Maggie Rioux, Profiles Editor

PROCEEDINGS EDITORS

So what do **you** do at a NASIG Conference? If you're like most people, you relax and enjoy the social events, see a little of the host institution city and spend a lot of time just soaking up new information at the various sessions. However, if you were one of the subjects of this month's

profile (or their predecessors or successors), your conference experience would be a little different. Let's take a look at how Meg Mering and Elna Saxton, co-editors of the NASIG 2005 Conference *Proceedings*, probably spent their time last May in Minneapolis.

First of all, the work actually started well before the conference. Once the program is set, all the Vision (plenary) and Strategy (concurrent) session speakers get contacted and given information about delivering a written paper for the *Proceedings*. Also recorders (human) for the Tactics (workshop) sessions must be recruited. Arrangements have to be made to record the Vision and Strategy sessions on tape since some of those speakers won't provide a paper. These sessions will be covered in the *Proceedings* by a transcription of the tape recording. Once the conference actually convenes, the editors attend the speakers' meeting where they give a pep talk to the human recorders and also to the speakers to encourage them to turn in their papers. Then they spend the entire conference making sure that all the recorders (human and tape) end up in the right place and functioning and also dropping in on as many sessions as possible just to make sure that all is going well. This past year, Meg and Elna split the responsibilities. Elna took care of the volunteers for sessions needing recorders and Meg worked with the presenters who were preparing papers. The social events are relaxing though – no *Proceedings* obligations coming out of these!

After the conference, it's nag, nag, nag. Presenters and recorders are given about four weeks to get their papers submitted to the editors and a few of them always take a bit of reminding. Once manuscripts are in, the editors divide up the papers for reading and editing. Each paper is gone over at least twice. The completed *Proceedings* manuscript is due to Haworth Press by October 31 each year.¹ Then in December or January, an indexer for the volume is recruited. The page proofs come back from Haworth in February for final editing and delivery to the indexer. At last, usually in May or June, the final product appears in official publication – perfect and shining like your newborn child. And the prettiest part is the editors' names right there in print on the title page.

I asked Meg and Elna to share some personal feelings about serving as editors this past year. First I asked them why each of them applied for the job (yes, applied – you actually have to ASK to take on all this work). This is Meg's second year as editor. She said that she first applied to do the 2004 *Proceedings* because Pat French, who had done 2003, wanted to do another year and was looking for a new co-editor. Meg and

Pat had co-presented at a number of workshops and had been a good fit, so they applied as a team. Meg decided to apply with Pat because she wanted to have the experience of editing a manuscript. She had served as a recorder at various sessions and had been a member of the Program Planning Committee for a past conference and thought this seemed like a natural progression. Meg decided to do the second year to put into practice all she'd learned during the first go-round. Elna decided to apply as a 2005 co-editor for some of the same reasons Meg originally did – she had enjoyed writing conference reports in the past and saw editing the *Proceedings* as a natural progression. As to why she actually got picked, Elna claims to have no idea. I personally think it's because of her tremendous talents.

Both Elna and Meg are librarians in the academic sector. Elna is Head of the Serials and Electronic Resources Department at the University of Cincinnati, where she's worked in serials since 1996. She's been a NASIG member since 1997 and has served on the Database & *Directory* and Publications Committees. Meg is the Principal Serials Cataloger at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has been a NASIG member since 1986. Meg has been a member the Awards & Recognition and Program Planning Committees and co-chair of the Continuing Education Committee. She was also NASIG's Secretary from 1998 to 2002. Both have given presentations, reported on sessions and written articles, both inside and outside of NASIG. Meg got into librarianship as a more practical career alternative to her dream of running a used bookstore. She fell into serials through a student placement in the library's Serials Department while a library school student at the University of Arizona. Elna, on the other hand, ended up in librarianship somewhat by chance. She was trying to escape from a job in accounts payable at a software company, applied to the University of Delaware and ended up as head of the Bindery Unit. Discovering that libraries are fun places to work, she decided to get her masters degree at the University of Missouri at Columbia and from there learned about serials doing technical services at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College near Duluth, Minnesota. From there, she continued to work in serials in Rochester, New York, before landing in Cincinnati.

I asked Meg and Elna to share what they see as the biggest problem and also the biggest reward of being *Proceedings* editors. As the biggest problem, both cited the heavy time commitment. There's a whole lot of work that goes on from August, when all the papers and reports are finally in, through October, when the manuscript is delivered to Haworth. Meg also mentioned difficulties getting a few presenters to deliver their papers. They keep getting reminded that it's expected, but there is always one or two that act as if they've never heard of such a thing. As to greatest reward, Meg said she most enjoyed working with all the different people – recorders, presenters, folks from Haworth and probably even those presenters who had to be goaded into paper delivery. Elna also cited the process, but emphasized the coolness of turning all the stuff representing an entire conference into a final published *Proceedings* that folks who were present, or not, can refer to and look back on. She says that she has felt privileged to be able to make this contribution to NASIG. (Elna – I think it's really us NASIGers that are privileged that you and Meg have chosen to make this contribution.)

As you all read this profile, Meg and Elna have wrapped up their work on the 2005 *Proceedings* and are just awaiting the birth of the final, published, beautiful version with their names sitting there nicely on the title page. A new team has now taken over and is hot on the trail of recorders and presenters' papers for the 2006 conference in Denver. The 2006 co-editors are Carol Ann Borchert, Coordinator for Serials at the University of South Florida, and Gary Ives, Assistant Director of Acquisitions & Coordinator of Electronic Resources at Texas A&M University. So watch out for these two patrolling the halls of the Denver Marriott searching diligently for missing recorders and presenters. They'll be the two who look very, very serious and busy, but who aren't wearing funny CPC t-shirts (or hats or bandannas). Give them a nod and a thank you for the work they're starting out on, and if you see Meg or Elna, give them a big thank you for the great job they've completed over the last year.

[†] Haworth Press has been our long-standing *Proceedings* publisher, paying NASIG generously for the privilege. Each year the *Proceedings* appears both as an issue (or two) of *Serials Librarian* and also as a stand-alone monograph.

OTHER NASIG NEWS

2006 AWARD WINNERS

Jessica Gibson, Jeff Slagell, Sarah Sutton, Co-Chairs, Awards & Recognition Committee

After a long process of reviewing many qualified applicants, the 2006 Awards and Recognition Committee would like to announce the 2006 NASIG grant and award winners:

NASIG Conference Student Grant Award winners:

- Gregory Schmidt - University of Alabama
- Sarah Morris - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Lisa Harrington - Simmons College
- Laura Baker - Simmons College

Mexico Student Grant Award winner:

- Martha Alejandra Alatorre Betancourt - Universidad Autonoma De San Luis Potosi Escuela De Bibliotecologia E Informacion

Fritz Schwartz Serials Education Scholarship winner:

- Claire Rasmussen - University of Wisconsin at Madison

Horizon Award winner:

- Jennifer Arnold - Central Piedmont Community College

And for the first ever *Serials Specialist Award*, the winner is Wendy Lichte from Arizona State University.

Please extend a warm NASIG welcome to these award winners when you see them in Denver!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Marla Chesler, Co-Chair

The Membership Development Committee was formed at the end of February 2006.

The Co-chairs are Tina Feick and Marla Chesler. Committee members are Bob Boissy, Morag Boyd, Pam Cipkowski, Linda Newman Cox, Linda Griffin, and Alice Rhoades. October Ivins has agreed to be a consultant and our NASIG Executive Board Liaison is Kim Maxwell.

The overall goal of the Membership Development Committee is to maintain or increase membership numbers each year once the optimal levels have been reached.

We are evaluating the current list of members who have not renewed and examining the current mix of NASIG membership to determine which groups need to be targeted for increased membership.

Once the committee has researched the current state of NASIG membership, we will submit a Membership Development plan to the NASIG Executive Board for their Fall 2006 meeting.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Char Simser, Editor-in-Chief

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far...

Sorry, I couldn't resist. This is my last issue as editor-in-chief. Honestly, it doesn't seem like I've been editor of the *NASIG Newsletter* for the last 4 years!

My service to the *Newsletter* goes back further than my 2 terms as editor. I learned this trade as HTML editor beginning in December 1998, and that's where my thanks begin: to former editor-in-chief Steve Savage who mentored me and turned over the reins of the *Newsletter* in the summer of 2002 and continued to offer advice; to my board liaisons Eleanor Cook, Anne McKee and Joyce Tenney; to other board members who helped poke and prod committee chairs to turn in reports; lastly, to the editorial board members past and present who (mostly) have made this job easy.

Special thanks to editorial board members who are leaving (or left) the team this year: James Michael is putting up his final PDF with this issue. James has served as PDF editor since December 2000. Beth Bernhardt joined the board in June 2002 as submissions editor and rounded up many fine serials reports over the years. Mykie Howard, who stepped down after the December issue, had to live with many template changes and experiments with the HTML version of the *Newsletter*.

The *Newsletter* will be in good hands. I've had the pleasure to work with incoming editor-in-chief Kathryn Wesley on this issue and on the March issue. I look forward to Kathryn's leadership and hope that I don't cause her any headaches when it's my turn to write the President's Corner!

REMINDER ABOUT NASIG-L

Emily McElroy, Co-Chair, Electronic Communications Committee

As the outgoing Co-Chair for ECC, I thought it would be helpful to send out some reminders on NASIG-L.

What are considered appropriate topics for NASIG-L?

- Announcements, news, meetings, reports, and issues of concern to members that may affect the NASIG organization
- All information on NASIG's annual conference

- Announcements of NASIG sponsored conferences

Here are common types of messages that are not approved for NASIG-L.

- Job announcements are referred to jobs@nasig.org for posting on the website
- Announcements of conferences or events not sponsored by NASIG are referred to more appropriate discussion lists

Who can send messages to NASIG-L? Any member of NASIG! The list is not intended for just committee chairs or board members.

How do I update my email address? Please send a message to data-dir@nasig.org so your email address can be updated in the membership *Directory*. All of these changes are sent to the list managers. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe from NASIG-L, please email lists@nasig.org.

How come I don't receive NASIG-L messages? On occasion, the list managers need to unsubscribe members because of bounced messages or your email system thinks NASIG email is spam. If you have any questions,

please contact lists@nasig.org and we can check on the status of your email address. We do make every attempt to contact people before unsubscribing them from NASIG-L.

Why is there a delay when posting messages to NASIG-L? All NASIG-L messages are approved by the list managers who are all volunteers. While we make every attempt to approve messages as soon as possible, there will be delays on messages sent on weekends or evenings. During the regular weekday days, we make every attempt to provide as much back-up coverage for the primary list manager. Please consider the weekend/evening delays if you are sending out time sensitive emails.

OTHER SERIALS NEWS

ALCTS & SERIALS AT ALA

Alice Rhoades

On behalf of the ALCTS Serials Section Serials Standards Committee (formerly the Committee to Study Serials Standards), I would like to announce the following program at ALA Annual 2006 in New Orleans:

Serials Standards Update Forum

Sunday, June 25, 2006

10:30 a.m.-noon

(Place to be announced later)

ALCTS-SS

Track: Collection Management & Technical Services, Management, Systems & Standards
Generously supported by: Swets Information Services (<http://informationservices.swets.com>)

With the increasing uses of link resolvers and electronic resource management software, interoperability among standards has been in

discussion among libraries, publishers and vendors. This forum will present updates on serials standards developments affecting library serials management. The topics include ISSN revision; ONIX for Serials transactions (Serials Release Notification, Serials Online Holdings, and Serials Products and Subscriptions); the Digital Library Federation's Electronic Resource Management Initiative (ERMI); and the Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative (SUSHI).

Speakers will be Regina Romano Reynolds, Head, National Serials Data Program (U.S. ISSN Center), Library of Congress; Priscilla Caplan, Assistant Director for Digital Library Services, Florida Center for Library Automation; and Tim Jewell, Head of Collection Management Services, University of Washington Libraries.

TITLE CHANGES

Susan Andrews, Columns Editor

[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.]

At Florida Atlantic University, **TERESA L. ABAID** wrote about her title change. "My title as Head of Serials was actually only a name

change in 2004. I was appointed to Coordinator of Serials Management and Acquisitions in August 2002 at which time I assumed

responsibility for acquisitions of serials/electronic resources and serials management for the FAU Main library and 2 peer campuses.” No changes were made to her contact information.

AIMEE ALGIER was promoted to the Head of Technical Services at Santa Clara University July 1, 2005, after a downsizing that left her as the only technical services librarian in the department. In addition to continuing to be the serials librarian, she took over the jobs of two other colleagues who had left the university. One job was Head of Monographic Cataloging and Acquisitions and the other was Head of Technical Services. She inherited double the staff, reorganized the department and is, to say the least, very busy! Aimee’s contact information remains the same.

Formerly Licensing Manager at Springer, **ROBERT W. BOISSY** is now Springer’s Manager, Agent Relations. He phoned to let us know that his new job “is a substantive job change.” He now primarily handles relationships with subscription agents. There are three primary tasks associated with this new job: service level agreements (including designing, coordinating and ensuring quality service to mutual clients), operational management (including day-to-day publisher/agent stuff), and business development (including rolling out new products for agents to sell, which, for this year, includes new books in packages). Only Robert’s e-mail has changed:

E-mail: robert.boissy@springer.com

The new Area Manager – Southeast Region for Coutts Library Services, **KATHY BRANNON**, who was Regional Sales Manager at Swets, said “I love my new job and really enjoy working with Bob Schatz.” She started her new position on November 1, 2005. Her new contact information is:

Coutts Library Services
332 Bedford Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806
Phone: (225) 388-9725
Fax: (225) 343-6836
E-mail: kbrannon@couttsinfo.com

SALLY CARROLL-RICKS has changed both job title and her name. She was formerly Sally Carroll, the Head Librarian at Northwestern State University of Louisiana’s Nursing

Education Center Library. She is now Systems/Electronic Resources Librarian at Texas Lutheran University. Sally can now be reached at:

Texas Lutheran University
Blumberg Memorial Library
1000 West Court Street
Seguin, Texas 78155
Phone: (830) 372-8103
Fax: (309) 407-5883
E-mail: sallykcarroll@hotmail.com

In November 2005 **LINDA CRACKNELL** changed jobs from Head, Acquisitions/Serials to Digital Repository Librarian at Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario, Canada. About her title change she wrote “Many libraries in North America and throughout the world are setting up Institutional Repositories to house digital material created by faculty and community members. The key idea is that any information placed in the repository is freely available in an open access environment. An Institutional Repository can contain a wide variety of formats such as pre- and post-print journal articles, conference papers, book chapters, data sets, images and sound recordings. My task as Digital Respository Librarian for Wilfrid Laurier University is as an educator, marketer, and support for those who decide to deposit their material into our Laurier Digital Collections. At the present time, we are in test mode.” Her contact information is unchanged.

2005 NASIG Student Grant Award winner, **CHRISTINE FREEMAN**, formerly Serials Assistant at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi has accepted the position of Serials Librarian at Texas A&M University – Kingsville. She wanted her NASIG colleagues to know “I started my new position on February 20, 2006. I have been in my new position as a librarian for one month now, and it is exciting. It is taking time to adjust to being a librarian, and being in new surroundings with new people. As I become more familiar with my new library I look forward to many new serials projects! It was hard leaving a place where I was comfortable and knew my job, but I was ready for a change that would allow me to ‘spread my wings’ as a librarian. I feel this position is the start to a very bright future in librarianship.” Christine can now be reached at:

Texas A&M University - Kingsville
James C. Jernigan Library
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Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's **TERESE JEROSE** has changed jobs from Head of Public Services to Assistant Director. Only her phone number changed to:

Phone: (919) 761-2321

MELODY MAZUK's title did not change, but the name of her institution did. Formerly the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, she now works at the newly re-named Palmer Theological Seminary.

Now Collection Management Librarian at the University of Great Falls, **STANLEY MCBAIN**'s previous position was at the University of Sudbury in Ontario, Canada as the Serials Cataloger. His new contact information is:

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DEBBIE MONTGOMERY e-mailed "The change from Head of Serials and Electronic Resources to Head of Electronic Resources at the University of Texas at Dallas has provided me an opportunity to address the rapid growth of 'all things electronic.' What we are finding at UTD is that we are purchasing more and more electronic books, as well as electronic serials. My new position allows me to direct the workflow of e-journals, e-books, electronic government documents and e-reserves. This process includes ordering, invoicing and payment of electronic resources as well as the cataloging of these resources, the goal being to provide access through the library's online catalog to all purchased resources." Debbie's contact information did not change.

Student Grant Award winner for 1991, **STEVEN J. OBERG**, formerly Electronic Resources Librarian at Taylor University, wrote "After 3 1/2 years at Taylor University, I began to look

around for a job that would enable me and my family to move back to the Chicago area due to some serious health problems my wife was experiencing. We felt we needed to be closer to her family to have their support as we were going through this difficult time. One day in June, out of the blue, I got an e-mail from Endeavor asking if I might be interested in having my old job back. I responded in the affirmative, and began my new/old job there September 1. I am doing some of the same things as before except that in addition to Voyager, I also get to work on Meridian, Endeavor's ERMS, as well as Curator (formerly ENCompass for Digital Collections) and other new initiatives." Steve is now Business Analyst II at Endeavor Information Systems, Inc. He can currently be reached at:

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While still adjusting to city life, **BONNIE PARKS** is excited about her new job as Head, Serials Cataloging Section, CAMS at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries which she started in February 2006. Bonnie was Head, Serials and Electronic Resources Cataloging at Oregon State University. Her current contact information is:

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LINDA M. PITTS, now Assistant Head, Serials Cataloging at the University of Washington Libraries, was previously their Head, Serials Receipts Section. She has this to say about her new job "I started my new job as Assistant Head, Serials Cataloging Section in the UW Libraries Serials Division on July 1, 2005. This change was a result of reorganizing the Serials Division to eliminate the Serials Receipts Section. Having a separate section to do check-in was a legacy from the days when we did this manually, using Revo files full of Kardex cards; with all of our bibliographic and check-in records now online, we no longer needed to be organized that way. We still check in our serials,

but the Receipts staff who did this are now part of Serials Acquisitions. Receipts staff who did online records maintenance are now part of Serials Cataloging, where they are being trained as copy catalogers. I supervise their work and am even getting to do some cataloging myself! I'm absolutely delighted with this change. I became a librarian because I wanted to be a cataloger, and I feel unbelievably lucky to get to catalog serials for a CONSER library." Linda's contact information did not change.

At St. John's University Law School, **ALLAN RYAN** was Cataloger and is now the Assistant Director of Technical Services. He may be reached using his old contact information.

The former LIMS3 Implementation Coordinator at the University of Maryland, College Park, **MARLENE W. VIKOR** is now their LIS librarian. Her contact information is unchanged.

In early December 2005 **GLEN WILEY** changed jobs from Serials and Electronic Resources Cataloging Librarian at North Carolina State University Libraries in Raleigh, North Carolina to Digital Resources & Metadata Librarian at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He commented "I changed for various personal and professional reasons. I am enjoying the change from a large ARL university library to a small, almost all electronic college library. I get to dabble more hands-on with various aspects of technical services. My responsibilities include leading the digital resources collection development strategies, managing e-resource administration tasks, coordinating cataloging/metadata activities,

supporting the Libraries' digital asset management system and institutional repository work, as well as aiding the integration of new technologies." Glen's new contact information is:

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Formerly Regional Sales Manager at Swets Information Services, **JENNI WILSON** is now Sales Manager at Alexander Street Press. About her change she said "After many years of working for various serials subscription agencies I am now working for a database publisher, Alexander Street Press (as of August of last year). Alexander Street publishes in the humanities area and focuses primarily on the higher education market, though we do market some of our products (streaming music) to public and K-12 libraries. While I'm not dealing with serials subscriptions anymore, we do sell our databases on a subscription basis and we do have a lot of the same issues and concerns that electronic journal publishers have. I thought it would behoove me to stay involved with NASIG and to keep on top of the advances in electronic reference services for libraries." She can now be reached at:

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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, Indiana

<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 21-24, 2006

American Theological Library Association

(ATLA)

ATLA Annual Conference

Chicago, Illinois

http://www.atla.com/member/conference/conf_2006/conf06_home.htm

June 22-28, 2006

American Library Association (ALA)

Annual Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/bannual/2006a/2006an.htm>

July 8-12, 2006

American Association of Law Libraries

99th Annual Meeting & Conference

St. Louis, Missouri

<http://www.aallnet.org/events/>

October 26-29, 2006

LITA National Forum

Nashville, Tennessee

November 3-9, 2006

American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T)

Annual Meeting

"Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future for All"

Austin, Texas

<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM06/am06call.html>

November 8-11, 2006

Charleston Conference Issues in Book and Serial Acquisitions

26th Annual Conference

Charleston, South Carolina

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