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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Denise Novak, NASIG President 2006/2007

Sitting here in my home office looking at the wind blow leaves from the trees I'm reminded of the changing seasons and how much I dislike autumn because it means winter is fast approaching. Winter is not my favorite season. I know everything is constantly changing, not just the seasons. Change keeps life interesting but that doesn't mean I have to like all of it.   But change can be exciting, which brings me to the heart of my column.

The Executive Board meeting is scheduled for the first weekend in November in Louisville, Kentucky. I can tell you we have a jam-packed agenda and will be discussing a plethora of possible changes in the way we

1. renew our memberships
2. increase the number of NASIG members
3. decide what gets posted on NASIG-L
4. select venues for conferences

Membership renewal will be online this year but a printed form will be available if you have to send your membership renewal with a check. The Board understands that many institutions require a check and will not pay online.

The new Membership Development Committee has been hard at work brainstorming ideas to get new people to join NASIG. They have some fabulous ideas that the Board is being asked to consider.

NASIG-L has been very quiet for the past few months. There is a proposal being made to expand the scope of NASIG-L and allow the posting of more topics.

The Site Selection Committee has been busy looking over proposals for conference sites. This is always an exciting though difficult responsibility. The committee takes members' suggestions very seriously and works hard to make contact with those cities members think would be good venues. There will be more on site election in later issues of the *Newsletter*.

The Board has also approved an RFP for the publishing of the NASIG Conference *Proceedings*. We'll see where that takes us and who might be interested in publishing the *Proceedings*. It's always good to review current practice and see what other possibilities might exist.

In the next couple of weeks I'll be posting a report on NASIG-L outlining the highlights of the meeting. Until then, start unpacking those warmer clothes. Any bets on when the first snow falls?

NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Joyce Tenney, NASIG Secretary

Date: August 22, 2006, 10am-11:30am
Place: Conference Call

Attending:
Denise Novak, President
Char Simser, Vice President/President-Elect
Mary Page, Past President
Rose Robischon, Treasurer
Joyce Tenney, Secretary

Members-at-Large
Rick Anderson
Adam Chesler
Katy Ginanni
Kim Maxwell (joined meeting at 11:19am)
Alison Roth
Bob Schatz

Ex Officio member:
Kathryn Wesley (joined meeting at 10:44am)

Novak called the telephone conference to order at 10:02am. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any additions to the agenda. Novak reported that Maxwell would join the group soon.

1.0 Update on action items (Tenney)

Tenney asked for any updates to the Executive Board Action Items from May 2006. Novak noted that the first Action Item was in process. A report will be given later in the meeting on the status of the Netspoke web conferencing. She noted that the second item was completed.

PPC was notified in May. Ginanni reported that the fifth item was completed. Tenney noted that the sixth item was completed. Please report any updates to the secretary as they occur.

2.0 Treasurer's update (Robischon)

Robischon reported that we are in good financial standing. The annual conference had a profit of $53,000. There is still one speaker payment outstanding, but the figures are complete enough to call it a success. Chesler inquired how this compared to past years and Robischon reported that the last two conferences had a profit of approximately $30,000 each.

3.0 Quick updates on committee work

3.1 Archives (Tenney)

Tenney reported that Sheryl Williams had been appointed archivist-in-training. She is working with the current NASIG Archivist to produce a NASIG Archives Manual. Ginanni suggested that upon completion of the manual, a *Newsletter* article on the archives would be a good idea. Tenney will relay that to the committee.

3.2 Awards & Recognition (Anderson)

Anderson reported that A&R is hard at work. Alan Diehlman had been appointed to serve as the Mexico Student Grant Coordinator for the committee, as Tony Harvell was unable to

complete his term. Written procedures for the Mexico Student Grant process are being developed. The committee members are updating library school lists and contact information. Statistics on the number of applicants for awards and other items have been complied by the committee. Anderson noted that there has been a drop in the number of applications for the Marcia Tuttle Award and the Fritz Schwartz Award. He reported that the committee is interested in raising awareness of these awards. They are also discussing possible fund raising scenarios. Novak asked that they include Savage from the Financial Development Committee in any planning.

3.3 Continuing Education Committee (Schatz)

Schatz reported that a call for ideas had been issued and there was lots of energy on the committee. He noted that it was too early in the year to determine if they would need additional ideas. In July CEC hosted an EJournal/EResource program and in September they would be hosting an SCCTP program.

3.4 Evaluation & Assessment (Chesler)

Chesler noted that the committee had completed the processing of evaluations of the 2006 conference and had distributed them. He reported that there is some ambiguity in the documentation regarding the distribution of the report. E&A will look at revising the manual to avoid future confusion. He will give an update at the November meeting.

3.5 Bylaws (Ginanni)

Ginanni reported that the co-chairs of the committee were leading the discussions of the review of the bylaws. They will encourage each of the committee members to contribute in the review process. They have not encountered many needed revisions yet. Page noted that in order to go to online voting there may be some changes needed in the bylaws. Ginanni has reported this to the committee and they are looking at that issue.

3.6 Database & *Directory* (Chesler)

Chesler reported that one of the co-chairs, Buddy Pennington, is a new dad and is taking a little time off from the committee, but all is going smoothly. There was one resignation from the

committee, and Greg Matthews from Washington State University was appointed to fill the vacancy. Chesler reported that D&*D* was having some problems running reports, but were working with the Electronic Communications Committee to get the issues resolved. D&*D* also reported that there were some dead links on the NASIG Committee section of the NASIG website. Chesler will find out where the problematic links are and report back.

3.7 Financial Development Committee (Novak)

Novak reported that Savage has almost completed the document detailing how the various accounts to follow the Financial Plan would be set up. He will be in touch with Robischon.

3.8 Library School Outreach Task Force and Mentoring Task Force (Maxwell)

Novak reported for Maxwell that the committees would be reporting in September. The committees have been fairly inactive this summer due to vacations.

Maxwell reported the following after the conference call.
The Library School Outreach Task Force is reviewing the comments from the Board on their April 2006 report. They've been retooling their recommendations for a Library School Ambassador Program, and hope to have a report out for comment well before the November Board meeting. Their final report will be given to the Board no later than October 27, 2006.

3.9 Membership Development Committee

The Membership Development Committee was so charged up after the Denver conference, they agreed to meet at ALA Annual in New Orleans! Almost everyone was able to attend, and the discussion was lively. They are still working on their report to the Board, which will be ready by or before October 27, 2006.

3.10 *Newsletter* (Simser)

Simser reported that the blog format for the *Newsletter* went live with the special summer issue. She noted that Wesley reported some issues with formatting, but those issues were being solved and it seems to be working fine.

Wesley may consider hiring someone to assist in formatting at a later date. Please send Wesley feedback on the blog format. She reported that more articles on serials related areas are needed. Simser asked everyone to announce to their committees that they need serials-related articles for the *Newsletter*.

ACTION: All Board Members should announce to their committees that the *Newsletter* is looking for articles on serials-related issues.

3.11 Nominations & Elections (Page)

Page reported that a call for nominations was issued. She will get actual figures on the number of nominations from the co-chairs and report them to the group. The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2006. The committee has a conference call scheduled right after that deadline. There has been discussion within the committee on the difference in the review of regular candidates, as opposed to the petition candidates. There was discussion on how the process of the petition was established. Anderson noted that there may be a lack of knowledge about the process and how N&E does their review process. He suggested that there be a document or link to a document (if it already exists) when the call for nominations goes out to the membership. Ginanni noted that there was an article in the *Newsletter,* so it might be possible to add the link to that article in the Call for Nominations.

ACTION: Page will ask N&E to include the link to the *Newsletter* article in the next Call For Nominations and put it in the procedures to do it routinely.

3.12 *Proceedings* (Anderson)

Anderson reported that the *Proceedings* editors have received all of the papers from the speakers from the 2006 conference and are in the editing and reviewing process. The editors visited Haworth Press and found the session helpful. The indexer for 2006 *Proceedings* will be Melissa Beck. Novak reported that there had been a problem with one of the papers for the 2005 *Proceedings*. Regina Reynolds's paper was put into the *Proceedings* with an incorrect title and summary. Apologies were issued to Reynolds and steps have been investigated to get a corrected copy of the paper published. This has caused the online version to be delayed. As soon as agreement is reached on the steps to be taken, Novak will inform the board.

3.13 Publications and PR (Page)

Page reported that an RFP for the publication of the conference *Proceedings* had not been written yet, but she would get the process started immediately. It was agreed that we would renew the contract with Haworth Press for one year.

ACTION: Novak will contact Haworth Press to renew contract for publication of *Proceedings* for one year.

ACTION: Page will get an RFP drafted and sent to the board for review for the publication of the *Proceedings* before the November Board meeting.

4.0 Conference Planning Committee (Roth)

Roth reported that the CPC is hard at work. Roth sent an update of committee activities to the board before this discussion. The next meeting of the CPC will be September 22 and at this meeting they will review where they are and what needs to be done. Roth asked that anyone with input or questions please contact her. Novak complimented the CPC and expressed her delight with the logo. Ginanni suggested an outing to Churchill Downs and Roth reported that CPC was investigating this for a Sunday tour option, as an all conference event to Churchill Downs would be too expensive. Roth noted that there may be issues with the public transportation in Louisville, as the there may be some budget cuts to the city and the trolley may be cut. CPC will keep this in mind as they plan events for the conference.

5.0 Program Planning Committee (Simser)

Simser reported that PPC had received 34 proposals from the first Call for Ideas. The committee is reviewing them and seeing where they may need to target the second Call for Ideas. A possible vision speaker is Bob Stein, Director of the Institute for the Future of the Book. Frick has been in contact with him to investigate options for a vision session. PPC has been reviewing the evaluations from the 2006 conference to see what they need to revise. They have noted the comments on the

schedule and are looking for ways to enhance the User Groups and Informal Discussions. Ginanni expressed a hope that the Brainstorming session would be later in the day and Roth noted that it would be later in the morning. Ginanni suggested a program on Project Transfer. Simser will relay that to PPC. Simser asked that any ideas on vision speakers be sent to her as soon as possible. Novak complimented PPC on their hard work.

6.0 Update on RFP for *Proceedings* publisher (Page)

Information discussed under *Proceedings* Committee update.

7.0 Update on RFP for Outsourcing Technology (Page)

Page reported that she had a task group working on the drafting of the RFP. The task group consists of Maggie Rioux, Anna Creech, Dalene Hawthorne and Mary Page. Mary distributed to the board earlier in the morning a listing of items to be included in the RFP. Robischon noted that membership processing, new and renewal, should be included. Page noted that there were many companies that did this, so we should get some good bids. Novak asked the timeline for the project and Page reported that the draft RFP would be ready for the November board meeting. Novak noted that this would not be in time for the update of the 2007 conference for Online Registration. Novak will contact the programmer that has been working on the current Online Registration system and ask him to work with it again this year.

ACTION: Novak will appoint an Online Registration Task Force for the 2007 conference and ask the programmer to continue his work with the system for this year.

ACTION: Page will have a draft technology RFP ready for the November board meeting.

8.0 Update on Netspoke Web Conferencing (Robischon, Novak, Maxwell)

Robischon described the system and costs involved ($.32 per minute in addition to the regular $.15), She would like to see a few selected committees test the system. Ginanni suggested sending a message to Chairs-L

asking for volunteers to test the system with committee work. Robischon will draft a document to send to Chairs-L and have Novak and Maxwell review. She noted it is a good system for committees that need to share documents for review and updating, but we need to control costs.

ACTION: Robischon will draft an announcement to go to Chairs-L to ask for volunteers for web conferencing test.

9.0 Novak asked if there were any additional items for discussion. The following items were discussed.

Robischon announced that she would be sending annual budget request information to committee chairs soon. Please make sure that the deadlines are met.

Anderson noted that the *Newsletter* article mentioned on the nominations and elections process is probably not sufficient or formal enough for the membership. Ginanni agreed and suggested a task group be established to draft a formal document. The group could consist of past Nominations & Elections chairs and liaisons. Novak asked that nominations for that group be sent to her immediately.

ACTION: Novak will appoint a task force to draft a formal document detailing the procedures of the Nominations and Elections committee for the membership.

9.1 Fall Board meeting, Midwinter Board meeting (Novak)

Novak reminded everyone of the Fall Board meeting times. Tenney requested that anyone not staying for the entire time please email her, as she must make the hotel reservations soon. Novak announced that the Midwinter Board meeting would be at the Seattle Public Library. Sherry Palmiter has been very helpful in making the arrangements.

Wesley reported that she would be adding more categories (e.g. one for each individual committee). She noted that she is working with Anna Creech and they are investigating whether WordPress would allow publishing to another host (i.e., using WordPress software on their site, but publishing the files to NASIG's site). Wesley noted that the September issue of the

Newsletter is on target and should be published around the first of the month. She reported that there was a favorable mention of the *Newsletter* blog in Steve Oberg's blog. Wesley inquired if everyone was comfortable with turning on the comments section of the blog and it was agreed to turn it on an experimental basis. Simser noted that it would be a good idea to add a link to the pdf. Wesley agreed and suggested it be added in the Table of Contents section.

Novak asked if there were any additional items to be discussed. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21am.

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 October 26, 2006. Current assets are $298,255.89. This includes $234,215.21 in bank balances and $64,040.68 in the investment accounts.

Balance Sheet 10/26/2006
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 10/26/06

ASSETS
Cash and Bank Accounts

Charles Schwab-Cash	$ 32,057.31
CHECKING-264	149,779.78
SAVINGS-267	84,435.43
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	$266,272.52
Investments	
Charles Schwab	$ 31,983.37
TOTAL Investments	$ 31,983.37
TOTAL ASSETS	$298,255.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	$ 0.00
EQUITY	$298,255.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	$298,255.89

The 2006 budget is on track.

NASIG Budget Expenditures
1/1/06 Through 10/26/06

Admin Board Expenses	$-20,012.10
Archives	-0
Awards & Recognition	-7,489.18
By-Laws	-0
Continuing Education	-2,748.40
Conference Planning	-1,705.56
Conference Site	-0
Database & *Directory*	-1,000.0
Electronic Communications	-5,900.00
Evaluation	-0
Membership Development	-36.90
Nominations & Elections	-2,783.84
Proceedings	-94.35
Program Planning Committee	-0
Publicist	-0
Treasurer	-7,433.38
OVERALL TOTAL	$-49,298.06

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.

The conference invoices have been received and paid.

**2006 Denver Conference
Summary Report
10/1/05 Through 10/26/06**

INCOME
Conference Registration (includes Pre-Conferences)	$232,043.55
Conference Souvenirs	2,587.25
TOTAL INCOME	$234,630.80

EXPENSES
Elite Expo Services	$ 455.00
Printing Postcards	265.88
SCCTP Workshop Materials	400.00
Conference Entertainment	825.00
Conference Meals	139,411.89
Conference Souvenirs	2,741.42
Conference Photocopying and Printing	4,175.07
Conference Postage	878.84
Conference Supplies	884.44
Conference Speakers	9,315.25
Conference Transportation	4,896.00
Conference Parking	615.00
Conference Travel	85.00
Conference Other	5,190.95
Conference Refund	975.00
Conference Program	1,125.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	$172,239.34
TOTAL INCOME-EXPENSES	$62,391.46

22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2007)

CPC UPDATE
Angel Clemons and Tyler Goldberg, Co-Chairs

Preparations are well underway for the 22nd annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The Thursday evening event will be held at the Frazier International History Museum (http://www.frazierarmsmuseum.org), whose collections offer visitors a view of 1000 years of history. Besides musical entertainment, we will see reenactments by Elizabethan sword masters and enjoy panoramic views of the Ohio River and downtown Louisville from the roof-top garden. Make sure to arrive in time for this event.

The conference will be held at the Galt House (http://www.galthouse.com), located within walking distance of several downtown museums, as well as 4th Street Live, Louisville's premier entertainment and retail district. We are still planning evening activities, including a dinner cruise on the Ohio River. More details will follow on our website, soon to go live. The Conference Planning Committee looks forward to seeing you May 31-June 3, 2007 in Louisville at NASIG's annual conference.

PPC UPDATE
Rachel Frick and Sarah George, Co-Chairs

The NASIG 2007 Program Planning Committee has spent the past few weeks reviewing proposals and scouting out hot topics and speakers. As we write this, the committee is making final decisions about which proposals to accept. We hope to confirm all of our speakers by late November. By December 15th, we plan to announce the finalized program. So stay tuned!

This year we received over 50 proposals and ideas from two calls. It was hard to make decisions with such great applications, but the committee persevered! We are confident that you are going to enjoy the 2007 slate of presenters and topics.

PPC is pleased to announce the continuation of "no conflict" scheduling for the conference. For 2007, strategy and tactics sessions won't overlap in order to provide the most for your conference dollar. Look for a healthy selection of pre-conference opportunities this year, in addition to past conference favorites such as informal discussion groups, poster sessions, and user groups.

Special thanks to each PPC member, the NASIG Board, and especially our Board liaison, Char Simser.

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2006)

CONFERENCE EVALUATON SUMMARY REPORT
Marla Baden, Chair, Evaluation & Assessment Committee

Committee members: Marla Baden (Chair), Joe Badics, Carole Bell, Jana Brubaker, Sarah Corvene, Sandy Folsom, Carole McEwan, Anne Mitchell (Co-Chair), Lori Terrill, Adam Chesler (Board Liaison)

NASIG's 21st annual conference was held in Denver, Colorado, at the Marriott City Center Hotel. The conference began with a selection of preconference workshops, held its opening reception at the Red Rocks Conference Center and finished up with post-conference walking tours highlighting the Denver area. This year's conference again included a variety of vision, strategy, and tactics sessions.

Three hundred and two conference evaluation forms were completed, which represented 49.27% of total conference attendees. This was the first conference in which evaluation forms were made available in an online format. One hundred and ten evaluations were completed online and 192 were submitted in paper (88 conference, 14 poster, 90 preconference). University librarians continue to be the overwhelming majority of respondents at 193. College libraries made up the second largest group of respondents at 18. Five community college libraries responded, bringing the total of academic library responses to 219. As in past years, the academic libraries represented the largest group of respondents.

Medical libraries ranked third in responses with 15. Representation from the various vendor groups (automated systems vendor, publisher, book vendor, database provider, subscription agent) was 38, which was higher than last year's 15. Those indicating they were with automated systems vendors showed a marked increase in responses from 0 (2005) to 14. Government, national or state libraries represented remained the same as last year with 11 responding. Law libraries and special or corporate libraries were represented by 6 (down from 8 in 2005) and 5 (down from 8 in 2005) respectively. Both public libraries and library networks or consortia represented less than 1% of the total respondents, which was a drop in representation. Less than 1% of the respondents chose the category "Other."

The number of respondents with over 10 years experience dropped for the third year in a row to 51.2% (56.9% in 2005). Those with 7-10 years experience represented 14.2%, an increase from 10.1% last year. Those with 4-6 years showed a slight increase with 16.95% and 1-3 years of experience stayed the same at 13%. Those with less than 1 year experience represented 4.5%, a slight gain from 4% in 2005. 45% of respondents had attended 1-5 previous conferences, and first time attendees at 21% were up from 16.5% in 2005. Those attending 6-10 were 20%, 11-15 were 9% and 16-20 were 6% of those responding. All of these categories showed a drop in percentages from last year.

The overwhelming majority of respondents, 365 (325 in 2005), identified themselves as serials, electronic resources or catalog librarians. Acquisitions librarian (84) and collection development librarian (69) were the next highest groups, showing a slight increase from 2005. Reference librarians (36) and processing/binding units (30) showed a slight decrease from 2005. Automated systems (20), customer relations (23), sales (20) and training & development (27) all showed a slight increase from last year. There were 16 respondents identifying themselves are paraprofessionals, which was an increase from 12 in 2005. Those identifying themselves as assistant/associate directors (12), library directors (2) and president/CEO/vice president (1) were up from those in 2005. As usual, many respondents identified themselves with multiple categories and "other" designations.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being high), survey respondents gave the 2006 conference a rating of 4.52. The attendees rated the overall conference facilities and local arrangement at 4.59. This again showed approval of the conference hotel setting. Denver as the location for the meeting rated slightly higher than Minneapolis (4.34) at 4.51. The hotel (4.56) and

meeting rooms (4.26) received just a slightly lower rating than last year. The meals (4.27) and social events (4.25) were both rated higher than last year and seemed satisfactory to conference attendees. Breaks were rated at 4.08 just slightly higher than last year. The business meeting (3.83) rated higher than last year with a number of positive comments for holding the meeting during a sit-down luncheon.

The Denver conference continued a number of special programming events. The User Group Meetings and Informal Discussion Groups rated 3.89 and 3.99 respectively. The overwhelming majority of respondents wanted both these types of sessions to continue, although there were several comments suggesting that the two events be scheduled at different times so that they could attend both. The First Timer/Mentoring Meet and Greet received a 3.92 rating with a number of comments suggesting more time should be scheduled for this event. The Focused Vendor session received a rating of 3.59 which was much lower than the 4.12 rating in 2005. Respondents seemed to feel the topic was too broad and not focused enough and commented that there were no actual demos. While most comments indicated that the topic was not as strong as in previous years, they wanted the session to continue.

This year the conference presented three vision sessions. Vision Session 1, "Things Fall Apart" with Robin Sloan received a 4.56 rating. Vision Session 2, "All the News that's Fit to Digitize: Creating Colorado's Historic Newspaper Collection" with Jill Koelling received a 3.66 rating. Most respondents liked the program but questioned if it really was a topic for a vision session. The final Vision Session 3, "What's a Serial When You're Running on Internet Time?" with T. Scott Plutchak rated a 4.66.

Strategy Sessions generated ratings from 3.78 to 4.56 with 7 out of 10 sessions rating over 4.0.

The highest session rating went to "Mountains, Valleys, and Pathways: Serials Users' Needs and Steps to Meet Them" with Regina Romano Reynolds and Lynn Silipigni Connaway. The sessions averaged an overall rating of 4.13 and the speakers' averaged an overall rating of 4.11.

There were 16 tactics sessions offered at this conference. Ratings ranged from 3.81 to 4.59 with 11 sessions rated at 4.0 or higher. The highest rated tactics session was "Linking the Library and Campus Course Management System" presented by Claire Dygert. The sessions averaged an overall rating of 4.19 and the speakers averaged an overall rating of 4.17.

There were only 43 respondents for the poster sessions. The overall rating for the poster sessions was 4.09, down from last year's rating of 4.50. The majority of respondents (34) felt they had enough time to visit the posters. There were several comments that suggested more room and keeping posters away from the break/food area. The individual poster rankings ranged from 4.4 to 4.9. The highest ranking was for "Connecting Your ILS with an Outside Accounting System" presented by JoAnne Deeken.

There were four preconferences offered this year and all were very well received with ratings from 4.71 to 4.87. The preconferences had a much better evaluation response rate this year with each session having at least a 50% or better return rate. The comments were overwhelmingly positive for all the sessions.

The Evaluation & Assessment Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out the evaluation forms. Your comments and feedback are important as NASIG continues to strive to provide positive conference experiences. We welcome suggestions regarding the evaluation forms. Please address comments to Marla Baden, **badenm@ipfw.edu**.

Maggie Rioux, Profiles Editor

KATHRYN WESLEY

The more of these profiles I write, the more I am struck by the preponderance in our field of accidental serialists – for many of us our karma seems to have caused us to just fall into some aspect of serials and then gotten hooked on them. Serials definitely are addictive.[i] Also their showing up at odd intervals (particularly the irregulars) causes them to fall into a pattern of random-interval reinforcement, which I learned, in a graduate course in a former lifetime, is the most strongly addictive of all.

This issue's profile subject, Kathryn Wesley, exemplifies both the accidentalness and the addictiveness of this area of endeavor. Kathryn first got hooked on librarianship as a way of making herself employable. She started in college (Northeast Louisiana University – she's definitely a southern girl) as a biology major, switched to English, and was persuaded by a cousin to get a minor in library science. She became both employable and a cataloging junkie. She worked for several years at the public library in Natchez, Mississippi, doing reference, cataloging and acquisitions (no serials yet to speak of).

Southern belles Carol Green, Kathryn Wesley and June Garner discover the joys of Polish food during NASIG 2004 in Milwaukee. Photo courtesy of NASIG member Paula Webb.

In 1991, Kathryn tried to break away from the path that fate had laid out for her, but even though she tried this before serials had taken hold as the final addiction, her attempt was doomed to failure. Seeking a life outside of librarianship, she took a job related to her original field of biology as a lab technician for a mid-sized poultry company in Jackson, Mississippi, where she was now living (how's that for a career change?). The company had several feed production and processing plants scattered across Mississippi and Alabama and the lab was a separate facility which did quality-control testing of various sorts. It was a broad

range of test subjects: nutritional content of feed and feed ingredients, pesticide residues in fat samples, assorted microbiological subjects (salmonella, listeria and other bad guys) and even QC testing on the wax-covered boxes that are used to ship chicken to restaurants and grocery stores. She started out doing calcium and phosphorus assays, then moved to doing prep work on fat samples. She says that wearing a lab coat to work was wicked cool, but unfortunately, that was about the only perk – the job paid minimum wage. She moved to an administrative assistant position and ended up in charge of the HazMat database for the company. There she was – cataloging and organizing data again, but not near as much fun as doing it in a library.

About this time Kathryn's spousal unit decided he needed more education and they packed up and moved to Mississippi State University where our intrepid heroine found herself another library job (no lab coat, but decent pay), this time in acquisitions and serials. While hubby studied, Kathryn got herself hooked on serials.

Hubby finished his schooling and it was Kathryn's turn. They went straight to library school at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received her MLIS in 1997. The next stop was Clemson University in South Carolina (moving steadily east, but definitely staying south) where she started in March 1998 as a serials cataloger. She gets to solve all sorts of interesting database and cataloging problems, but no lab coat. No salmonella, either.

It was here, as soon as she started, that Kathryn was told by her supervisor that she was going to want to join NASIG and attend the conference. That first conference was Boulder, Colorado, and Kathryn says it was great positive reinforcement for both serials and NASIG. She was hooked on both. She decided to get involved in committee work and volunteered for Database & *Directory*, figuring that her experience in both cataloging and the database in the chicken lab gave her a solid background.

She was right. Kathryn spent four successful years on D&*D*, the last two as chair. She was also a consultant to the group which developed our online conference registration system. She then moved on to spend two one-year terms on the Nominations & Elections Committee, again as chair in her second term. This past spring (for her sins), Kathryn was appointed editor-in-chief of the *NASIG Newsletter* (succeeding the wonderful Char Simser) and is now my new boss.

What's next? Well, first there are a whole bunch of *Newsletter* issues to get out. Kathryn was well-oriented by her predecessor and thinks she's starting to get the hang of it (Of course, she's aided by a marvelous and highly-talented staff, especially the profiles editor). She's done a lot of editing for friends and colleagues over the years, although on an informal basis, and says she's actually more comfortable editing than writing. And of course we know she's really well organized (there's that chicken lab again). She also sees the *Newsletter* continuing to evolve. First we went all-electronic and now we're starting to move from the static html format to a potentially-interactive newsblog format. "The *Newsletter* has always been one of the primary avenues of communication for the organization, but now that communication has the potential to be two-way." Also, she says we should look for less capitalization – she wants less capitalization of Non-Proper Nouns. Yes, ma'am.

And after the *Newsletter*? Well, who knows. Our last two editors-in-chief have gone on to become NASIG presidents, so who can say, but if she's elected, I think she should open the conference wearing a lab coat and maybe even carrying a rubber chicken. Don't you agree with me, gentle reader?

[1] Gentle reader, I think I don't have the right term here. What seems more appropriate is to call this habit "serialism," but that doesn't sound quite right either. So I guess I'll stick with just plain serials until a better term comes along.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There's a new kid in NASIG-town. Well, make that a new committee, or actually an almost-new committee. The committee which was, in years past, the Membership Committee has been re-defined and re-invented as the Membership Development Committee, with the emphasis on the Development part. Both the committee and

the membership parts are intended to be the objects of the development part.

Back in the olden days, everybody knew what serials were – paper things that showed up periodically (pun intended) in a library. Everybody knew who the players were: publishers, subscription agents, librarians, back issue dealers. And everybody knew there was one organization where they could all get together – NASIG. Well, now that all has become so last millennium.

Now serials come in all flavors and media. They seem to show up in various places (mail boxes, computer screens, CD drawers) at random. The players still include the original three, but now there are also computer geeks, institutional repository people, archivers (dark and light), database managers, you name it. However, the idea continues that there should still be one organization where we can all get together – NASIG. It's the charge of the new Membership Development Committee to make sure we all know about it and feel welcome in the organization.

The committee is taking its charge seriously. Since being appointed last spring, they've been hard at work, meeting face-to-face in Denver and at ALA in June, participating in several conference calls and burning up the email lines in their efforts to help make NASIG more relevant to current and potential members. One good source of ideas was the brainstorming session at the Denver conference (if this gets done again in Louisville next May, be sure to attend if you can). The things they are working on cover a broad range.

One thing the group did this year was to follow up on all non-renewing members to see why they didn't re-up. Some folks just couldn't be located. Most didn't renew because serials were no longer a part of their jobs and only a few cited the dues increase. One suggestion has been to include NASIG membership in the higher conference registration rate for non-members. Also, it is important to get all members to attend the first-timers reception at the conference (not just first-timers) so that new folks can be greeted and made to feel welcome.

A major part of the committee's charge is to work at enlarging NASIG membership so that it is representative of all parts of the serials chain in proportion to the size of the sector. Yes, we definitely want better representation from publishers and other commercial sector folks of all ilks, but it may not be a bad thing that we have a lot of library-based members – there are an awful lot of library-based serialists out there in North America. The group is looking at what NASIG can offer some of these constituent groups in the way of programming and conference experiences that will make their membership valuable and worthwhile. Also, as the serials world expands to include new groups of folks (see above) we need to look at how to appeal to them as well.

Just to show you that everything is on the table if it will develop membership, the committee has even kicked around the idea of changing NASIG to NACIG, with the S for serials changing to a C for content. This might reflect our broader constituency base and also make it easier for those in a non-traditional part of serials to get support for membership and conference attendance. At least it's a thought.

And who are these intrepid explorers – those who would dare even speculate on changing the sacred NASIG acronym? Well, there are two co-chairs: Tina Feick, who has been in NASIG since the very beginning, has attended all the conferences and knows everyone and everything, is one. The other co-chair is Marla Chesler, who also has a broad serials background, having worked for both libraries and vendors and who knows *almost* everyone and everything. The rest of the group, the full list of which you'll find on NASIGWeb, is an excellent mix of library- and commercially-based folks.

By the time you read this, the Membership Development Committee will have made its major report to the Executive Board at its fall meeting. They'll be hard at work beginning to implement some of the things they've learned and the recommendations they've taken to the Board. Please help them with their task by continuing to promote NASIG among your fellow serialists, welcoming new members either at the conference First Timers Reception or even by sending an email to someone you know on the list of new members posted to NASIG-L and last, but not least, by continuing to share ideas for developing NASIG and providing programming which will appeal to and benefit all of our varied serialist constituencies.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

[Ed. note: Most of the following updates are highlights from reports submitted for the fall board meeting.]

BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Adolfo Tarango and Konstantin Gurevich, Co-Chairs

The Committee is continuing its ongoing review of the Bylaws per the Executive Board's request. To date, the Committee has identified various editorial changes and some more substantive changes that could be made to the NASIG Bylaws. A listing of recommended revisions is presented under separate cover for the Board's review.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Paoshan Yue and Betty Landesman, Co-Chairs

2006 PROGRAMS AND BUDGET

An e-journal / e-resources workshop at Mississippi State University was successfully completed in July. A distance education program for SCCTP trainers to develop online teaching techniques was also completed in September, where seven SCCTP trainers took part in the "Teaching Courses in a Live Online Environment" taught by the Continuing Education Librarian of Amigos Library Services in four live online sessions.

Additionally, due to the cancellation of three planned events as noted in the 2006 annual report (April), $2,250 of the 2006 CEC budget became available for reallocation. An effort was made in early June to put out a call for program proposals to dispose the fund, but it did not generate new proposals.

Two CEC members, Steve Oberg and Paoshan Yue, also serve on the Library School Outreach Task Force (LSOTF). They participated in group discussions on planning a NASIG Library School Ambassadors pilot project, which will be proposed by the LSOTF.

2007 BUDGET AND PROGRAMS

The 2007 co-chairs put out a call for programming ideas and firm proposals in July. As a result, several proposals and ideas were received that have been incorporated in the 2007 budget proposal. These include three events which CEC has supported in the past and two new programs regarding CONSER access level record for serials and metadata standards and applications. Funds have also been requested for a pilot project to develop an online training course.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Anna Creech and Dalene Hawthorne, Co-Chairs

List manager Dalene Hawthorne is revising the policy for postings to NASIG-L. The revision comes in response to the Executive Board's request to broaden the scope of the list, which has historically included only information directly related to NASIG. The board wants to allow postings of potential interest to members, such as announcements of serials-related events outside of NASIG.

In response to a question from ECC on non-committee members and committee lists, the board confirmed that only committee members should be included on committee listservs. Non-committee members who need to communicate with a committee should do so through committee chairs.

The committee worked with NASIG's ISP Bee.net to provide access to online conference handouts posted in the members-only area of NASIGWeb to non-members who attended the conference. The board will decide on a policy for next year's conference handouts.

At the request of President Denise Novak and Vice President Char Simser, ECC members Abigail Bordeaux and Anna Creech inventoried and weeded files from NASIGWeb's root directory. Paper copies of weeded files were sent to the Archivist.

ECC reported that since the beginning of May, NASIGWeb has received a total of 1,092,003 hits averaging 7,137 per day.

EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
Marla Baden and Anne Mitchell, Co-Chairs

Though online conference evaluation forms were available this year, 192 paper forms were submitted. The committee converted this data to electronic format in July. When this task was completed, committee consultant Stephanie Schmitt worked with programmer Paul Seeman to create the evaluation reports. E&A requested clarification from the Executive Board on guidelines for distribution of evaluation reports.

Conference speakers received individual summaries of their evaluation reports via email during August and September.

The committee recommended to the board that evaluations for the 2007 conference be all online.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Marla Chesler and Tina Feick, Co-Chairs

The committee is currently revising the NASIG membership brochure. They have been actively discussing strategies to increase membership and to help NASIG reach a better balance among academic librarians, other librarians, students, and members from the commercial sector. Some of these strategies include:

- Make it possible for conference registrants to join NASIG while registering
- Make MDC a permanent committee
- Conduct various projects on a regular basis, such as contacting members who did not renew for the new year
- Support the Library School Outreach Task Force
- Support the Mentoring Program

In support of NASIG's strategic direction of broadening the membership, the committee is working to identify needs of the commercial sector and to suggest conference programming to benefit those in the commercial sector.

Over the past five years, NASIG membership has stabilized at around 1250. Based on an analysis of NASIG membership numbers from past years, committee member Bob Boissy noted several trends:

- The content/service provider segment has dropped from 257 in 1998 to 156 in 2006, a decrease of 40%
- Each year membership in the conference area increases by 30-50 and drops by about the same number the following year
- Public library participation has increased from 21 in 1996 to a high of 40 in 2004, an increase of 100% (2006 membership is 38)
- The increase in dues for 2006 had little effect on membership, except for those who change jobs and/or do not consider NASIG as a primary professional membership

Committee recommendations include:

- Increase the number of content/service providers, especially publishers
- Increase the number of non-academic library members
- Increase the number of library school students
- Continue to focus on retaining our core base
- Increase the total number of members in order to meet the above objectives

OTHER NASIG NEWS

2007 RENEWALS TO GO ONLINE
Buddy Pennington, Database & *Directory* Committee Chair

Those goldenrod renewal forms? A thing of the past.

The NASIG Database & *Directory* Committee is implementing online renewals for the 2007 renewal cycle and will not be sending out print forms in the mail. This change, approved by the NASIG Board this spring, is being put into action this year. Not only will it save NASIG money by reducing printing and postage costs, but the online environment makes it much easier for the NASIG Treasurer and the committee to process the renewals in much less time than it took with the paper forms.

But wait, there's more. This year, NASIG is providing renewing members with the opportunity to make a personal donation to make the best organization devoted to "all members of the serials information chain" even better. The committee has been working to integrate this new online donation opportunity into the renewal process for the 2007 cycle. When implemented, NASIG members will see a separate online donation form when they renew their membership online and be able to make a contribution to strengthen the support and services provided by NASIG to its members.

AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS
Clint Chamberlain and Sarah Sutton, Co-Chairs

The Awards & Recognition Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of its application cycle for NASIG's 2007 grants, awards, and scholarships. Every year, NASIG awards student travel grants, awards for promising serialists, scholarships for library school students, and an international award to aid in serials research. Since 1988, NASIG has granted over 130 student grant awards— including 6 grants for Mexican students, 5 Marcia Tuttle Awards for international serials research, 9 Fritz Schwartz educational scholarships, 22 Horizon Awards to recognize up-and-coming members of the profession, and, in 2006, the first ever Serials Specialist award to an outstanding serials paraprofessional.

Expanding awards promotion has been a priority on A&R's agenda for the year. For 2007, we are excited to have the opportunity to work with the Library School Outreach Task Force's Library School Ambassadors Pilot Project, to be conducted over the next seven months. Based on a recommendation from A&R last year, the Library School Ambassadors Pilot Project consists of NASIG members serving as liaisons to select library schools for the purpose of promoting serials work in general and NASIG in particular. For more awards information, please visit the NASIG Awards Web page at http://www.nasig.org/awards/. All awards will be presented at the 22nd Annual Conference in Louisville, KY.

2005 NASIG CONFERENCE *PROCEEDINGS* NOW AVAILABLE!
Carol Ann Borchert, 2006 Co-editor

Roaring into Our 20's: NASIG 2005 has been published by Haworth as volume 50, no. 1-4 of the *Serials Librarian* and as a separate monograph. Edited by Meg Mering and Elna Saxton, the *Proceedings* provide an in-depth reporting of the various sessions at the conference which took place May 19-22, 2005,

in Minneapolis. This includes transcripts of the vision sessions, so for those of you who missed the presentations by Leif Utne and Marshall Keys, along with our fabulous preconference, strategy session, and tactics session speakers, now is your chance to read up on what happened!

OTHER SERIALS NEWS

POWERFUL ENERGY SURGING!!
SCCTP SERIAL HOLDINGS WORKSHOP, MANOA, HAWAII
Reported by Keiko Okuhara

Again, we are very lucky to host the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program's (SCCTP) workshop at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus, Hawaii. The Serial Holdings workshop was offered on March 29, 2006 at the UH Law School. Thirty attendees took advantage of the luxurious classroom of the law school and welcomed an energetic instructor, Linda S. Geisler, from the Library of Congress.

With a serials background and considerable experience giving serials training at the Library of Congress, Linda was able to bring firsthand knowledge to her serial holdings instruction. After receiving a lei, Linda got the workshop off to a smooth start with an overview of the Z39.71 standard for the display information and MARC format for Holding Data (MFHD). Because of her pragmatic serial holdings concept, her instruction was in tune with how users actually see serial holdings from the standpoint of holdings display and communication standards.

Linda tackled various workflows for a holdings process and emphasized the practical aspects of displaying serial holdings with standardized and simplified punctuation. Then the workshop proceeded to the details of MFHD, the leader and MARC fields from 001 through 852, and how to record holdings and patterns. Holdings information is recorded in two different fields that are paired and linked. While fields 853 (serial), 854 (supplement), and 855 (index) include the caption and the publication pattern, fields 863, 864, and 865 contain the enumeration and chronology. The fields are linked through the 853 subfield 8. Pattern information is also coded and allows the system to predict the forthcoming issue. Since the textual holdings are used for the Hawaii Voyager system, discussions on free-text format combining captions with enumeration and chronology date in the 866 field were especially useful for the trainees.

The concept and goal of updating a holdings record are well addressed in articulating how the holdings are complete for a title, the most currently received issue, and how you can plan for cancellation, etc. One of the challenges in maintaining holdings information is to factor in physical volume change due to binding, and it is critical to pay close attention to issue numbering and dates to understand the publication pattern. Because the attendees' level of experience was varied, Linda tried to focus on the basics of maintaining serial holdings.

Last, but not least, we are very thankful to the Hawaii Library Association (HLA) and the NASIG Continuing Education Committee for their generous financial support to allow us to hold the workshop in Hawaii for three years in a row. Also, I am grateful for local support from the William S. Richardson Law Library and School of Law of the University of Hawaii at Manoa. All these various support and assistance made the workshop a great success.

Mahalo.

ERRATUM

The conference report on the Tactics Session called "The Shape of Things to Come: Resource Description and Access (RDA)" published in the September issue of the *Newsletter* contained an error. The session was presented by Ed Jones and reported by Mavis Molto.

The first item in the list of RDA's new features should have been "No ISBD punctuation in the examples" instead of "ISBD punctuation in the examples." The posting in the newsblog has been corrected.

The *Newsletter* editorial board regrets the error.

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.]

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In August 2006, **ELIZABETH BOGDANSKI** started her new job as Public Affairs Officer at the Detroit Public Library. She e-mailed about her new position that she "Develops relationships with community groups and the City of Detroit, initiates and collaborates on system wide library projects, works with marketing and other stakeholders to promote the library." Beth was Product Manager at Proquest Information and Learning. Contact information is now:

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About her new job as Member Services Representative with OHIONET, **MORAG BOYD** said "Although I am adjusting to no longer being actually in a library, I find that my new position has a lot in common with what I did before – helping libraries and their staff do their work as effectively as possible. Another great thing is working with libraries of all kinds and having the opportunity to visit them. My main responsibilities are supporting OCLC cataloging and WorldCat services and providing training on a variety of topics, so I get a lot of variety each day. I am keeping a hand in the serials side of things by assisting libraries with local holdings and working with a committee planning an e-resources workshop." She joined OHIONET in August 2006. Morag previously worked at Illinois State University as Bibliographic Services Division Head. She can be reached at:

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BEVERLY GECKLE, Government Documents Librarian & Serials Cataloger at Middle Tennessee State University had a few comments to add to her entry from the last *Newsletter*. She wrote "I started my new job May 1, 2006. It is a big change for me since I had worked at the University of Baltimore's Law Library since 1992. In addition to relocating to a different part of the country, I have also moved from an academic law library to a general academic library. But I am still working with serials!" Beverly's contact information has not changed from the September *Newsletter*.

Starting September 25, 2006, the new Serial Cataloger at Harvard Business School's Baker Library is **SARAH CORVENE.** She was Serials Cataloger at Harvard College Library. Reach Sarah at:

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At the University of Alabama, Birmingham's Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, **SYLVIA MCAPHEE**, moved from the paraprofessional position of Serials Library Associate I to the professional position of Serials Librarian. She phoned to tell her NASIG colleagues of her promotion and also to let them know that she is very open to working with others on presentations and/or publications. Her first appointment as a librarian began July 12, 2006. Sylvia's updated contact information is:

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The new Electronic Resources and Serials Cataloging Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, **SHANA L. MCDANOLD** commented about her job change "I started my job here at Penn on September 5th and have really hit the ground running. There were several things that attracted me to the position. One of my reasons for applying was purely geographic. I'm originally from the Northeast so moving to Philadelphia put me closer to family and back near the ocean. The position here at Penn presents me with new challenges. The biggest challenge at the moment is developing and implementing policies and procedures to handle the ever increasing amounts of electronic materials (all types: serials, integrating, monographs, the ?? stuff) and developing a workflow and working relationships with other departments such as Electronic Acquisitions. In addition, Penn is a larger institution, so there's the challenge of a new scale to conquer as well. Right now getting a handle on our electronic resources is really my focus. I have an experienced and very knowledgeable staff person (Bibliographic Specialist) working for me that has the print materials under control and can take care of the routine print serial issues, so I really can focus my efforts on the electronic stuff. And I don't have to catalog any media (videos, DVDs, etc.) except those that are serials here at Penn, but I still get to do websites. My job at SLU was "serials and everything that's not a book or manuscript". Here at Penn my job is focused back on just serials and electronic resources, which is what I really enjoy and want to focus my career on. I wasn't unhappy at SLU, what drove me to Penn was the new opportunities and challenges here." Shana was Serials and Non-print Formats Cataloger at Saint Louis University. Current contact information is:

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The former Serials Cataloger (and Editor, Bowker) at the Library of Congress' National Serials Data Program, 2002 NASIG Student Grant Award winner, **VANESSA MITCHELL**, is now Senior Cataloger at ASRC Aerospace. Her current e-mail is:

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Previously the Regional Sales Manager at Swets Information Services, **ALISON C. ROTH** moved to SAGE Publications to become their new Senior Journal Sales Manager – Northeast on July 31, 2006. She said that "SAGE is a wonderful company to work for and I am glad to be working for them." Alison can now be reached at:

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WILLIAM SHAKALIS wrote about his new position "I started my new position as Serials Librarian on August 4, 2006, at the Ruth Haas Library of Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, part of the Connecticut State University System. This special appointment, in a temporary position, is giving me a wonderful introduction to serials librarianship, electronic collections management, EBSCO electronic journals, and the problems of a move from the traditional serials librarian job description to a new title of "electronic resources librarian". I am enjoying the support of my colleagues and the challenges of professional academic librarianship. I am working to write an Electronic Resources Development Policy, working with government documents, especially as to its migration to digital copies, and writing a Government Documents Development Policy. I received my MLS from Simmons College in 2005, and have transitioned from a career in MIS in the private sector." William was University Assistant at Central Connecticut State University. William's new contact information is:

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"2001 Horizon Award Winner, **JEFF SLAGELL**, has been appointed Director of Library Services at Delta State University. He has previously served as Interim Director, Assistant Director, and Serials/ILL Librarian. Jeff was also elected Vice President/President-Elect of the Mississippi Library Association." Only his phone number has changed:

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http://www.nasig.org/members/forms/volunteer.html

Appointments will be made during late winter/early spring.

CALENDAR

Lillian DeBlois, Calendar Editor

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

January 18, 2007
NASIG
Executive Board Meeting
Seattle, Washington

January 19-24, 2007
American Library Association (ALA)
Midwinter Meeting
Seattle, Washington
http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/
midwinter/2007/home.htm

January 23-26, 2007
International Conference on Open Repositories
Achieving Interoperability in an Open World
San Antonio, Texas
http://openrepositories.org/

February 22-24, 2007
Electronic Resources and Libraries
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia
http://www.electroniclibrarian.com

March 1-3, 2007
Public Library Association (PLA)
Spring Symposium
San Jose, California
http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/2007plaspri
ngsymposium/2007plaspringsymp.htm

April 16-18, 2007
United Kingdom Serials Group (UKSG)
Annual Conference and Exhibition
University of Warwick
Conventry, United Kingdom
http://www.uksg.org/events/annualconf07.asp

April 16-18, 2007
Computers in Libraries
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia
http://www.infotoday.com/CIL2007/

May 30, 2007
NASIG
Executive Board Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky

May 31-June 3, 2007
NASIG
22nd Annual Conference
Place Your Bet in Kentucky: the Serials Gamble
Louisville, Kentucky

May 18-23, 2007
Medical Library Association
Annual Conference
Information Revolution: Change is in the Air
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 3-6, 2007
Special Library Association (SLA)
Annual Conference
Denver, Colorado
http://www.sla.org/content/Events/index.cfm

June 21-27, 2007
American Library Association (ALA)
Annual Conference
Washington, DC

See also the *American Libraries* "Datebook."

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