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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Denise Novak, NASIG President

In just a few short weeks, we'll be convening in Louisville, Kentucky, for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NASIG Conference. Whew! This year has flown and now I'm composing my final column for the *Newsletter*. There have been a couple of bumps in the road, but for the most part, I've had a blast serving as your president.

One of the highlights of my presidency was the opportunity to attend the United Kingdom Serials Group Conference as your representative. The conference sessions were excellent and the differences between UKSG and NASIG are superficial, although they do have exhibits. Both groups focus on the content of the conference. NASIG was ably represented by Clint Chamberlain, Jill Emery, and Dana Walker, who made an excellent presentation.

At the UKSG conference each year there is a quiz held after dinner. People sign up for a table and those people make up teams. This year Jill and I started a table which rapidly filled up. Our table had international representation which helped us answer questions. There were 5 rounds of 10 questions which covered all of the continents. I am thrilled to report that our table came in 5th with 42.5 points! If you ever get the chance to attend the UKSG conference, I urge you to go.

Your Executive Board has worked very hard this year. Membership renewal has moved online. We currently have an RFP for technology out to various vendors. That task force will have a recommendation for the board at the May conference. This year all of the NASIG



committees have been working hard at improving what NASIG does for you.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank some very special people. Without their advice and help, I would have had a much more stressful year:

Char Simser and Joyce Tenney, my friends and fellow Site Selection Committee members.

Anne McKee, past president of NASIG, was an invaluable source of information. Whenever I had questions she was my go to gal. Thanks, Anne.

Alison Roth, CPC liaison, had a lot of OJT this year. She's done a great job of working with the CPC.

And last but certainly not least, my husband, Paul. He has been my intrepid companion during my tenure on the Executive Board. Paul has helped balance the NASIG checkbook, listened to me fret, been my sounding board, taken me to the airport at 3 o'clock in the morning, lugged my suitcase numerous times, and done too many other chores to mention here. He accompanied me to the UKSG conference.

Give a very BIG thank you to our out-going board members, Kay Ginanni, Adam Chesler and Mary Page. You will be missed BUT we know where to find you.

When you get to Louisville, you will see what an absolutely AMAZING job the CPC and PPC have achieved this year. I coerced Angel Clemons and Tyler Goldberg, the CPC co-chairs, to take on the responsibilities of conference planning. Boy, they fulfilled my expectations and I'm so darn proud of them! Rachel Frick and Sarah George, the PPC co-chairs, have totally outdone themselves. I think you'll be mighty impressed with the conference program. Kudos to all of the committee members for an outstanding job!

Welcome to all the new board members, Jill Emery, vice president/president-elect; Peter Whiting, treasurer; Anna Creech, member-at-large; Kim Maxwell, member-at-large; and Jeff Slagell, member-at-large. Congratulations and I look forward to working with you!

And finally, I would like to thank all of you, the NASIG membership, for allowing me the privilege of serving as the president of NASIG. You are some of the finest people I've ever known. Your commitment and enthusiasm for this organization leave me speechless. I just can't come up with the words to express how I feel.

## NASIG EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Joyce Tenney, NASIG Secretary

### MIDWINTER BOARD MEETING

Date: January 18, 2007, 8:30 a.m.-4:35 p.m.  
Place: Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA

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

Members-At-Large:  
Rick Anderson

Adam Chesler  
Katy Ginanni  
Kim Maxwell  
Alison Roth  
Bob Schatz

Ex-Officio Member:  
Kathryn Wesley, *NASIG Newsletter*, Editor-in-Chief

Guests:

Angel Clemons, Co-Chair, 2007 Conference Planning Committee

Rachel Frick, Co-Chair, 2007 Program Planning Committee

Sarah George, Co-Chair, 2007 Program Planning Committee

Tyler Goldberg, Co-Chair, 2007 Conference Planning Committee

1.0 Welcome (Novak)

Novak called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and she welcomed everyone. Novak reported that Robischon was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. The board wished Robischon a speedy recovery.

2.0 Secretary's Report (Tenney)

2.1 Approval of board actions since November meeting

Final revision of reimbursement policy posted (October 2006).

\$150 approved for *Proceedings* Committee (November 2006).

Minutes of November Executive Board meeting approved (December 2006).

2.2 Action items from November meeting

The list of pending action items was reviewed and updated.

2.3 Board Items Status List

Tenney reminded board members to check the NASIG Working Calendar for timelines and needed committee actions. Please send any updates or revisions to the Working Calendar to the NASIG Secretary.

3.0 Treasurer's Report (Robischon)

3.1 Report

Robischon was unable to report due to illness. Novak will send any updates she receives to the board after the meeting.

3.2 Georgia PO Box

Novak reported on problems with the PO Box in Georgia. After discussion it was agreed that the official PO Box for NASIG would be moved to

New York, as NASIG is incorporated in New York. Novak noted that the PO Box in Georgia would still be active until June 2007.

**ACTION ITEM:** Novak will contact a NASIG member in the state of New York to assist in finding a new PO Box location for NASIG.

There was general discussion as to the work load of the treasurer and the need for backup knowledge of the various functions. It was agreed that the NASIG Vice President/President-Elect would become the back up for the Treasurer.

4.0 Technology RFP (Page)

Page distributed the revised RFP. Board members were asked to read the RFP carefully and send comments to Page by January 26, 2007. The following timeline was agreed upon by the board:

Final RFP would be distributed to vendors by 2/9/07.

Vendors should have questions back to NASIG by 3/1/07.

Responses to questions should be given by 3/15/07.

Review period will be 3/15/07-4/30/07; finalists may be asked to give a Web-based demo to the board during this time period.

Contract start date will be 7/1/07.

The following people were suggested as candidates for the RFP Review Committee:

- Rick Anderson, Chair
- Char Simser
- Gary Coker
- Buddy Pennington
- Bob Persing, Consultant

Chesler volunteered to participate in review discussions as needed.

**ACTION ITEM:** Board members should review Technology RFP send any revisions to Page by 1/26/07.

**ACTION ITEM:** Page will ask suggested candidates if they would be willing to serve on the RFP Review Committee (Ginanni will contact Gary Coker at EBSCO, who is not a NASIG member). Page will finalize the RFP for distribution by 2/9/07.

## 5.0 Committee Reports

### 5.1 Archives (Tenney)

Tenney sent email to NASIG Archivist requesting all materials be inventoried and sent to NASIG Archives. The archivist and archivist-in-training were requested to continue working on an Archivist Manual.

### 5.2 Awards & Recognition (Anderson)

All of the award documentation has been published and applications are starting to come in. The Mexican Award process is moving forward and should be on schedule.

#### 5.2.1 Corporate sponsorship of awards

Anderson reported that the Awards & Recognition Committee was interested in obtaining additional funding for awards. The option of corporate sponsorship was proposed. After a lengthy discussion the board agreed to move forward with the idea of establishing an endowment for NASIG awards.

Schatz moved that the board should form a working group to outline the process and guidelines for soliciting contributions from individuals and organizations to support NASIG awards and scholarships.

Anderson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM:** Novak will work with the Financial Development Committee to set up a working group to develop the process and guidelines for soliciting contributions from individuals and organizations to support NASIG awards and scholarships.

### 5.3 Bylaws (Ginanni)

A draft Bylaws ballot was presented and discussed. Several revisions were suggested. Ginanni will relay those revisions to the Bylaws Committee.

Chesler moved that the proposed Bylaws ballot be accepted as amended. Page seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 6.0 Program Planning (Frick, George, Simser)

The program is set and a call for posters will go out in early February. Frick suggested a Hot Topic discussion for the conference on ILS

vendor mergers and what impact that will have on the industry.

The proposed preconferences for the 2007 conference are as follows:

- SCCTP Electronic Serials Cataloging Workshop – led by Steve Shadle (1 day)
- Publishing 101 -- The Basics of Academic Publishing – led by Zac Rolnik (half day)
- Metadata Standards and Applications – sponsored by NASIG CEC, presented by Diane Hillmann, Cornell University and Sherry Vellucci, Rutgers University. (2 days)
- SCCTP Integrating Resources – led by Joseph Hinger (2 days)

Ginanni moved to accept the proposed preconferences and Roth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Frick noted that the core conference will consist of 3 vision sessions, strategy sessions, tactics sessions, user group meetings, informal discussion groups and a poster session.

The board commended Program Planning for an exciting schedule and all of the hard work that went into planning it.

## 7.0 Conference Planning (Goldberg, Clemons, Roth)

### 7.1 Schedule, Events

Goldberg and Clemons reported on the schedule of activities for the conference. The opening reception will be held at the Frazier Museum on Thursday evening and a band has been booked for that event. An optional event will be a cruise on the Spirit of Jefferson; sign up will be on the conference registration Web site. There will be an optional bourbon tasting event to raise money for the scholarship fund on Friday evening.

The Web site with conference information will go live soon.

### 7.2 Budget

The conference budget was approved.

### 7.3 Conference Fees

After discussion, Anderson moved that the following be accepted as conference fees for the 2007 NASIG Annual Conference.

**Preconferences**

Member ½ day	\$50.00
Non Member ½ day	\$75.00
Member 1 day	\$100.00
Non Member 1 day	\$150.00
Member 2 day	\$150.00
Non Member 2 day	\$200.00

**General Conference Fees**

Member Rate	\$375.00
Non Member	\$500.00

**Daily Rate (1 day only allowed) \$150.00**

Guest price for Frazier Event	\$60.00
Guest price for Cruise	\$60.00

Roth seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5.4 Continuing Education (Schatz)

The Continuing Education Committee worked with the Program Planning Committee to develop the “Metadata Standards and Applications” preconference.

Schatz reported that they are working on a manual for committee operations. He commended them for a productive year.

5.5 Database & Directory (Chesler)

The Database & Directory report noted the following:

The renewal season was publicly announced on NASIG-L on November 15. The announcement indicated that the goldenrod forms would not be mailed out and provided complete instructions on how to renew online.

The renewals for 2007 have lagged behind the renewals for 2006. The committee has come up with the following items that may explain the lower turnout compared to 2006:

- The lateness of announcing on NASIG-L. Traditionally, the goldenrod forms were mailed out in mid-September. It is hoped that if the NASIG-L announcements are made around that time in 2007, more members will renew in time to be eligible for voting.
- Announcing by NASIG-L list. There is some speculation that a number of folks were not reading their emails, or that the NASIG-L emails were caught by spam filters.

- We received a few indications that members were not comfortable paying online, leading us to believe that many were assuming that renewing online meant paying online. We need to make more explicit to members that they can pay by check and are not required to pay online.
- The instructions may have made the process seem more complicated than it was.

A few ideas for communicating with the membership on the renewal process were discussed.

Regular postings on NASIG-L, one each month

A reminder box in the *Newsletter*

Have a handout in the conference packet

Have a reminder noted in each President’s Column in the *Newsletter*

**ACTION ITEM:** Chesler will ask Database & Directory to compile statistics on past years renewal trends, noting the peak times and numbers. Novak will forward to the board any information she has from old treasurer reports.

There was additional discussion on extending the deadline for renewal for inclusion in voting. Schatz moved that the membership renewal deadline for inclusion in voting in the NASIG election be extended to close of business on January 26, 2007. Roth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chesler will notify Database & Directory of the extension of the renewal deadline and ask them to send an announcement to NASIG-L.

5.6 Electronic Communications (Ginanni)

The draft welcome message to NASIG-L was discussed. It was agreed that there should be two messages. One message will be just a general welcome to NASIG and the second message would include the technical information for NASIG-L and the NASIG website.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chesler and Ginanni will work with their committees to have these two messages developed. The general welcome message will be given to Membership Development for comment.

Ginanni noted that the committee had concerns over the board decision to expand the type of

messages posted to NASIG-L. They did not want to be responsible for determining what was appropriate for the list. They also felt that duplication of messages that appear on the other lists might be resented by the membership. The board agreed to revert to the former restrictions on NASIG-L posting with the exception that board members may ask for general serials announcements to be posted. If the committee receives this type of message from a board member, they will post it. If it comes from another source and they have any questions, they should send it to their board liaison for review.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ginanni will report to the Electronic Communications Committee that the focus of NASIG-L will revert to announcements and discussions of specific organizational business.

**ACTION ITEM:** After the renewal deadline has passed and Database & *Directory* has deactivated non-renewing members, Buddy Pennington will notify the Electronic Communications Committee, who will then change the username and password for the NASIG Web site, and the Electronic Communications Committee will make an announcement to all active members.

#### 5.7 Evaluation & Assessment (Chesler)

Chesler reported that there were 302 completed evaluations and that 192 were in paper format. The board discussed ways to encourage the use of online evaluations. One idea that might be possible for the 2007 conference is to have a drawing for a prize for those that complete online evaluations. The form should be altered to include a spot for names, if you wish to be included in the drawing.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chesler will have a line added to the online evaluation form to include name and email address. He will ask Evaluation & Assessment to investigate the procedures for doing a drawing after the 2007 conference for those using the online evaluation form.

Also, a plan for the publicity before, during and after the conference should be included in the procedures.

Chesler noted that the committee suggested abolishing the paper evaluation form. After discussion, it was decided to keep the paper

forms for the 2007 conference and possibly abolish them for the 2008 conference.

#### 5.8 Financial Development (Novak)

Novak reported that there had been no report from the committee. She will speak with the chair to find a way to move the committee forward.

**ACTION ITEM:** Novak will contact the chair of Financial Development Committee.

Page noted that some members had expressed an interest in donating to a specific fund, i.e. scholarships, etc., on the donation box on the membership renewal. She asked if there was a way to do this. Novak noted that the treasurer and Financial Development Committee would have to work on this issue.

#### 5.9 Library School Outreach (Maxwell)

No report from that committee.

#### 5.10 Membership Development (Maxwell)

No updates from that committee. Maxwell will discuss specific deadlines for some of the actions proposed in the fall.

#### 5.11 *Newsletter* (Wesley)

Wesley reported that the "Newsflash" for NASIG-L seems to be working well. She noted that an article on the Program Planning Committee is in process and should be in the March issue. Also, the group profile for March will be Conference Planning Committee. Wesley suggested posting individual articles to the blog, as they are finished, and then hold the PDF until the entire issue is complete. The board endorsed this suggestion. She noted that members are not making comments on the blog, so she will send a message to NASIG-L encouraging members to comment.

#### 5.12 Nominations & Elections (Page)

The slate of candidates was announced by Nominations & Elections prior to the meeting. The slate is:

Vice President/President-Elect: Meg Mering  
Treasurer: David Bynog, Peter Whiting

Member-at-Large: Carol Ann Borchert, Abigail Bordeaux, Anna Creech, Sandra Hurd, Kim Maxwell, Jeff Slagell, Sarah Sutton

Page reported on the difficulty in getting members to stand for election for Vice President/President-Elect. The board discussed why this is such a problem and possible solutions. It was decided that this should be the topic of the brainstorming session at the annual conference this year. A possible partial solution would be to find a way to get clerical assistance for the president. It is a large commitment to ask of a volunteer. It was suggested that October Ivins might have some information on association management organizations that offer these services.

**ACTION ITEM:** The brainstorming topic at the annual conference this year will be a discussion of why members do not want to run for Vice President/President-Elect and ways to encourage members to stand for election.

Page noted that the Nominations & Elections Committee had concerns about when in the review cycle references were contacted. They would like to change the procedures. The board agreed with this change.

Wesley noted that she would make the needed changes to the Nominations & Elections procedures.

#### 5.13 *Proceedings* (Anderson)

Anderson reported that Haworth Press had sent the PDF of the *2005 Proceedings* and the committee was waiting for the *2006* to edit. He noted that the *Proceedings* Manual needed updating and we need to find editors for the *2007 Proceedings*.

**ACTION ITEM:** Anderson will ask Gary Ives to stay on for another term as *Proceedings* editor. Anderson will work with the *Proceedings* editors to get a call for editors out to the membership as soon as possible. The current editors and the board liaison for the *Proceedings* Committee will review the applications.

#### 5.13.1 RFP for *Proceedings* Publisher (Page)

No action since November board meeting. Page will have a draft ready by the May meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Tenney will contact Haworth Press to obtain the one year revised contract for Novak's signature.

#### 5.14 Publications and PR (Page)

The committee is looking for ideas for new NASIG Guides. Also, they are working on updating the NASIG Human Resources *Directory*. They hope to have a plan and a schedule for this project by the May meeting.

#### 5.15 Publicist (Page)

Page reported that she had worked with Sarah Sutton on a mailing list for the awards announcements.

#### 5.16 Site Selection (Novak, Simser, Tenney)

Simser reported that the contract for 2008 conference signed with Tapatio Cliffs, Phoenix, AZ. Room Rate will be \$125 per night plus tax. <http://www.pointehilton.com/indextc.cfm>. The dates for the conference are June 3-8, 2008.

Bids for 2009 conference are being received and we are reviewing and doing site inspections. There was an in-depth discussion as to the requirements for a viable conference location and the process for selection. It was agreed that there should be a survey of the membership to determine the room rates, locations and areas that would be acceptable.

**ACTION ITEM:** Site Selection will gather additional bids and present a short list to the board for the 2009 conference location.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ginanni will ask the Electronic Communications Committee to work with the Site Selection Committee to develop an online survey for the membership on site selection issues.

#### 8.0 Old/New Business

Ginanni reported on the investigation of Anna Creech on Moodle and Confab for posting conference handouts. Creech's recommendation was to take a closer look at Moodle.

**ACTION ITEM:** Gianni will ask the Electronic Communications Committee to look at any costs

involved in the services and see if there is time and interest in developing it for the 2007 conference.

Simser reported that she is starting the process of committee appointments for 2007/2008. She will be notifying committee chairs and board liaisons for recommendations. The call for volunteers went out in the December *Newsletter*

and will go out again in March. A call will also be posted to NASIG-L after ALA Midwinter.

Novak ask for any additional items. None were reported. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved 3/5/07

## APRIL CONFERENCE CALL

Date: April 4, 2007, 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m., EST  
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  
Alison Roth

### Unable to Attend

Bob Schatz

### Ex Officio member:

Kathryn Wesley, *Newsletter*, Editor-in-Chief

Novak called the telephone conference to order at 10:04 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested comments on the first agenda item.

### 1.0 When to change the NASIGWeb password

After a detailed discussion of possible options, the following was decided:

Chesler will ask Database & *Directory* to send a current list of NASIG members to the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC). ECC will deactivate all non-renewing members, and then send the new username and password out over NASIG-L to the current NASIG members. ECC will devise a password structure without any of the current naming convention guidelines. Ginanni will ask ECC to put a "Forgot your password?" button on the NASIGWeb pages that are for members only and other pages

where links to the *NASIG Proceedings*, the membership *Directory* and other restricted items are listed. The "Forgot your password?" button will be monitored by ECC.

It was noted that the Technology RFP has sections in it dealing with the renewing and membership databases. Some of these issues may be solved by the new system, which will hopefully be in place by the end of 2007. If there is a delay in the implementation of an integrated system, it was agreed that all non-renewing members will be purged next year before the ballot for the NASIG election is issued.

### 2.0 Update on Renewals

Chesler reported for the Database & *Directory* Committee that the current renewal count for NASIG members is 762.

Maxwell reported that the Membership Development Committee had contacted non-renewing members in March to follow up on the reasons for non-renewal. They had several suggestions for making the next renewal cycle easier and smoother for members. Maxwell distributed their document to board members for review.

Simser asked if there was a good response to new memberships or renewals at the time of conference registrations. Roth and Robischon will investigate. Simser asked if membership numbers and conference statistics could be reported to the board list monthly. Chesler and Novak agreed to forward that information monthly to the list. Novak reported the current conference registration statistics. As of this week, 231 people have registered for the conference (203 members and 28 non members).

### 3.0 Membership Brochure

Maxwell reported that Morag Boyd from the Membership Development Committee has volunteered to update the membership brochure information. It was noted that this project needs to move forward quickly, as we are completely out of English language brochures and they have been requested by a conference being held in May, 2007. Maxwell will relay the time constraints to the committee.

### 4.0 Technology RFP

Page reported that she has completed the final RFP and will be sending it to Simser for one last review for distribution to vendors by April 6, 2007. She is sending out invitations to the committee members suggested at the January board meeting. Responses will be due back to Page by April 27, 2007. Page will put a copy of the final document in the Executive Board webspace after it goes out to vendors. She will keep the board updated on progress with the review.

### 4.0 New Business

Novak reported that a NASIG member requested that program information on the conference be made available earlier next year. It was agreed to add into the Conference Planning Committee Manual and the Program Planning Manual (if it is not already there), a statement to have preliminary information up on the website in December or January of each year.

Anderson asked for comments on the *Proceedings* Manual. It was noted that it had not

been received by the board. Anderson will resend and asked for any comments by April 6, 2007. He noted that there needs to be additional action on the search for new *Proceedings* Editors for next year. Ginanni recommended contacting the last five or six years of editors and ask for their recommendations of people that would be good candidates for this committee. Anderson agreed and he will reissue the call for editors on NASIG-L.

Maxwell inquired about the need for committee annual reports in early May. Simser noted that they were needed then for publication in the May edition of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

Anderson reported that the Awards & Recognition Committee would like to start a blog for NASIG Award winners to ask conference and NASIG related questions off of NASIG-L. The board endorsed the idea and Maxwell suggested that they add past award winners as monitors of the blog, as well as current Awards & Recognition Committee members.

Mentoring partners for incoming board members were decided:

Rose Robischon will mentor Peter Whiting  
Kim Maxwell will mentor Jeff Slagell  
Joyce Tenney will mentor Anna Creech  
Jill Emery has been on the board before and will be working closely with the incoming President, Char Simser.

No additional informational items were noted. Novak adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

## 2007 ELECTION RESULTS

David Burke, Chair, Nominations & Election Committee

The 2006/2007 Nominations & Elections Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2007 elections.

#### *VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT*

(Three year term: Vice President/President-Elect 2007/2008; President 2008/2009; Past President 2009/2010)

Jill Emery  
University of Texas

#### *TREASURER*

(One training year: 2007/2008; Three year term: 2008/2009-2010/2011)

Peter Whiting  
University of Southern Indiana

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

(Two year term: 2007/2008-2008/2009)

Anna Creech

Central Washington University

Kimberly Maxwell

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Jeff Slagell

Delta State University

These officers will assume their positions immediately after the conclusion of the NASIG Annual Conference in Louisville, May 31-June 3.

The Nominations & Elections Committee thanks all the candidates who demonstrated their devotion and dedication to NASIG by standing for office.

## IN MEMORIAM – ROSE ROBISCHON

### NASIG MOURNS TREASURER

Rose Robischon, NASIG's treasurer, died May 2 following a valiant battle with cancer. Rose was serials librarian at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. She had served as treasurer since 2005.

Following an announcement on NASIG-L, several members posted messages expressing their shock and sadness. Some of their comments are reproduced here with their permission:

This is shocking and very sad news. I have known Rose for many years and always enjoyed speaking with her. She was a great believer in NASIG and will be sorely missed. If the board has not already considered this, I would like to suggest that the 2007 conference proceedings be dedicated to Rose. — Susan Davis, University at Buffalo

I am also saddened by this news and had the same thought as Susan regarding dedicating the conference proceedings to Rose. — Karen D. Darling, University of Missouri-Columbia

I whole-heartedly support the proposal that NASIG commemorate Rose's contributions by dedicating the conference proceedings to her. Unfortunately, I was not able to know Rose long, but I hold close to my heart those too few moments I had to speak with her at past conferences. She was a warm, caring individual whose fortitude and

character strengthened not only NASIG but also the profession of serials librarianship. — Buddy Pennington, University of Missouri-Kansas City

As the incoming NASIG treasurer I am also saddened by this news. She made a strong contribution to the organization. — Peter Whiting, University of Southern Indiana

Indeed, Rose was always great to talk with and very dedicated. She carried out her treasurer duties for NASIG until the end. She got back to me in February with a receipt I needed and apologized about a delay because of hospital visits. — Kay Johnson, Radford University

Having had the honor of serving on the NASIG Board while Rose was the chair of the Database & *Directory* Committee, I can attest to her professionalism, dedication and love of NASIG. She was simply one of those people one could turn to when something (usually a thankless job) HAD to get done and get done correctly and quickly. — Anne McKee, GWLA

Rose joined NASIG in 1986, and attended almost every conference, where she was a familiar sight. She was dedicated to NASIG and an active member. Before her election as treasurer in 2005, she served on the Program Planning Committee and the Database & *Directory* Committee, including a two year appointment as chair of D&D.

## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2007)

### CPC UPDATE

Angel Clemons and Tyler Goldberg, Co-Chairs

We'll be seeing you all here in Louisville in just a few weeks. Final preparations are underway and the air is crackling with excitement. In addition to great programming, here's some of the fun and excitement awaiting you.

Food! Southern food, Kentucky style. Be sure to sign up for the dinner cruise on the Ohio River (which, by the way, along the Kentucky border, is wholly in Kentucky. Indiana starts at the northern shore). Enjoy a dinner buffet while on a stately riverboat. Don't forget the dine-arounds. They are so good we are having them on two nights, Friday and Saturday. This is your chance to try country ham, grits, Kentucky style green beans, and the local specialty, a hot brown. What's that? Order it and find out. Or make your friend do it.

What's food without the drink? Kentucky is the only place worldwide where bourbon is produced. Sample some and see what makes it special at the Jockey Silks Bar of the Galt House, home to one of the largest bourbon collections anywhere. This is guilt-free drinking; it's a scholarship fundraiser.

Along with culinary arts, the fine arts abound in Louisville. On Friday join us for the Gallery Hop -- take a trolley to the downtown Art Zone, an area where galleries flourish. Don't forget to hit

Muth's Candy Store, right in the middle of the galleries, for some handmade bourbon chocolate and other regional sweets.

Such indulgence requires some exercise. Burn off that hangover on a 3 mile walk/run along the Ohio River, Saturday, at 6:00 a.m. If the thought of that just annoys you, opt for a walking tour of the downtown hosted by a professional tour guide. To see more of the town, join us for a bus tour (so much for exercise). Three different tours will take you through Old Louisville, one of the largest Victorian neighborhoods in the US, and Churchill Downs, where you will visit the Kentucky Derby Museum. Another tour visits the Louisville Stoneware factory and store, home to one of the oldest stoneware manufacturers in the US. Finally, try the historic Louisville bus tour, which starts with a brunch and takes you to prominent historic sites in town and across the river in Indiana. A tour that starts with food -- now that's sightseeing.

For details on any of these events, see the conference home page. Keep in mind that some of these events are limited in number, so don't delay. Check it out now!  
<http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/tours.html>

Join us for the fun and make this one of the best NASIG meetings ever!

### PPC UPDATE

Rachel Frick and Sarah George, Co-Chairs

Are you ready for Louisville?

The Program Planning Committee has been hard at work to provide an innovative and exciting program this year. We hope that there is something for everyone, with vision speakers to get you thinking, strategy sessions to get you planning, and tactics sessions to hone your skills. We also have some new opportunities, like our first ever speed dating round (otherwise known as getting to know your

vendor/publisher/librarians) to provide all of us an opportunity to get up close and personal with our serials partners.

This is going to be a fun ride, so place your bets early! Go to <http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/program.html> for more detailed program information.

See you in Kentucky!

## AWARDS

### 2007 AWARD WINNERS

Clint Chamberlain and Sarah Sutton, Co-chairs, Awards & Recognition Committee

After a long process of reviewing many qualified applicants, the 2007 Awards & Recognition Committee would like to announce the 2007 NASIG grant and award winners. Please extend a warm NASIG welcome to these award winners when you see them in Louisville!

#### *NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT AWARD WINNERS*

- Toni Fortini, Southern Connecticut State University
- Jessica Ireland, University of South Florida
- Joann Palermo, Louisiana State University
- Erin Sharwell, University of Washington
- Barbara Shipman, Wayne State University
- Sanjeet-Singh Mann, UCLA

*MEXICO STUDENT GRANT AWARD WINNER*  
Jorge Alberto Mendoza-Torres, Escuela Nacional Biblioteconomía y Archivonomía (National School of Library and Archive Sciences in Mexico City)

*FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNER*  
Angela Slaughter, Indiana University

*HORIZON AWARD WINNER*  
Chandra Jackson, University of Georgia Libraries

*SERIALS SPECIALIST AWARD WINNER*  
Rita Johnson, Wright State University

### PLACE YOUR BET IN KENTUCKY: THE SERIALS GAMBLE

Chandra Jackson, 2007 NASIG Horizon Award Winner  
Serials Librarian, University of Georgia Libraries, Athens, Georgia

As we gather in Louisville, birthplace of the Kentucky Derby, we will be discussing with our colleagues the unpredictable nature of current initiatives populating the serials field. Some seem to have started strong out of the gate, leading the pack, only to falter in mid-stride, as other practices have overtaken through sheer staying power and the ongoing progress of technology. The “horses” in our serials race are backed by an array of stakeholders, including commercial publishers, learned societies, researchers, faculty members, librarians, and institutional governing bodies. Unlike a traditional horse race, however, the finish line will never arrive; there will be no blanket of roses draped ceremoniously over the winner. When we as librarians survey the field, we must make decisions every day as to which horses we’d like to chance our budgets and our staff hours on in order to provide the best service. Like seasoned gamblers, we weigh the odds of success or failure given past performance and current competition. We try to ensure that we’re placing our bets on the “sure things,” all the while knowing that the “sure thing” more often than not will change with any new technological

development. After all, it wasn't too long ago that electronic data in the form of CD-ROMs was an exciting new technology to assist our users! We have since seen this technology eclipsed by developments in Web-based systems that allow information to be disseminated electronically to our users in ways that we could only dream of twenty years ago.

Horse racing has often been referred to as the “Sport of Kings” because of the costs involved. No matter how large or small our materials budgets are, chances are good that the percentage spent on serials is larger than for any other format, and that that percentage is likely to grow. While none of us have riches untold at our disposal like the kings of old, (would that we did!) what we do have is precious and we are beholden to use these resources to our greatest advantage. What are some of the gambles we have been taking, and will continue to take, with our betting stakes?

#### *OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS*

In the last fifteen years, we have seen the implementation of various open access

initiatives, proposed by a variety of stakeholders, including traditional commercial publishers, learned societies, government bodies, and academic institutions. There are many questions still awaiting answers concerning the staying power of these initiatives; currently, most of us seem to be steering a middle path, unwilling to commit wholly to a philosophical ideal while still attempting to reap budgetary benefits from available open access options. What will be our best bets that ultimately benefit our researchers, our users, and our institutional shareholders?

It seems likely (although by no means certain) that a modified open access model based on institutional subscriptions to entities such as the Public Library of Science, will continue to be the option that serves our institutions well. As with all gambles, however, the outcome is uncertain. The commercial publishers' forays into limited open access should be seen as a welcome new addition to the field.

#### *CONSORTIAL AGREEMENTS*

As the cost of journals continues to rise, we're sure to see more, and larger, consortial agreements being negotiated, particularly with regard to the large STM publishers. However, there is a legitimate fear, particularly among smaller institutions involved in consortial deals with very large institutions, that the loss of local control over serials collections will prove to be a mistake. This loss of local control, of course, is offset by the fact that smaller consortial partners will usually gain access to hundreds of titles, through Big Deal packages, than they could ever hope to be able to acquire on their own. It is a gamble for those institutions, but one in which the outcome seems, so far, to be a positive.

Of course, the consortial agreement gamble is but a small part of the largest bet of all; that is, that our customers will continue to prefer, in the main, electronic journals to traditional print journals. At my institution, the faculty, researchers, and students have made it clear that having access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on- or off-campus, to the research tools they need is of primary importance. Our role as serials librarians and electronic resource professionals is to ensure that the bets that our stakeholders have placed on us will continue to pay off. They rely on the knowledge and experience that we gain by networking with our peers and colleagues through organizations such as NASIG to provide them with the services they desire.

#### *SERIALS: A PERSONAL GAMBLE*

I have been fortunate in my career to have worked with serials as a classified staff person long before I decided to go to library school. That certainly made my gamble to specialize in serials and electronic resources in library school much less of a long shot than it could have been, given that I had already been initiated into the fascinating and ever-changing serials world. I believe exciting things are happening, and will continue to happen, in the field of serials librarianship, and I'm excited to see what new "horses" will enter the field. Learning how and when to place my bets on future trends in serials and serials librarianship is experience that I will continue to gain from those that came before; in the same fashion, I hope I will provide that same counsel to those that follow me in the profession. With the evolving nature of technology and its impact on serials librarianship, I'd say it's a safe bet that serials librarians and their partners in NASIG will stand at the forefront, betting tickets in hand, ready to back their winners.

## PROFILES

Maggie Rioux, Profiles Editor

### BOTH SIDES

I've heard it said that there are two kinds of people in the world: those that think everything can be divided into two groups and those that don't. Well, it seems to me that NASIG is in the first group of those two. We tend to think that NASIGers fall into two groups: serialists that work in libraries and serialists who work in non-library settings (notably subscription agents, publishers and other content providers, and miscellaneous vendor-types). The problem comes not with the taxonomy, but when we start to see whichever group we, personally, fall into as "us" and the other group as "them." When this happens, we also tend to see the membership in each group as unchanging (i.e., once a "whatever," always a "whatever"). This fits neither the concept of NASIG as a whole bunch of miscellaneous serialist "us'ns" nor the reality that serialists have a perverse tendency to change jobs. Often this job change involves "crossing the street," so to speak.

NASIG includes all serialists and has always aimed at providing a "perspective-neutral" setting in which to network and learn. We have also sought to have our conferences include programming of interest to all types of serialists and also to allow us to see the world from others' perspectives. Sometimes these goals have been elusive, but that doesn't mean we quit trying. In view of this history and purpose, I thought it might be worthwhile to take a look at some NASIGers who have, as alluded to above, worked both sides of the street in order to see how NASIG has worked for them in each role and also to see what led them to cross over.

The group for this profile was assembled entirely unscientifically. I started with a group of names that my editor (the lovely and talented Kathryn Wesley) and I came up with through a little brainstorming. I emailed these folks with some questions and several of them suggested other names that would be good to include. All told, I ended up with responses from twenty NASIGers

who have been employed at one time or other in both library- and non-library-based settings.

Since all the people we're looking at have worked in library-based settings, it's not surprising that their educational background is library-oriented rather than business-oriented. Most of the folks started out in a library-based setting after, or shortly before, getting a master's degree in library science. Some of them started in serials because they developed an interest in the field during graduate school or in a previous position (often a student internship). Several fell into serials accidentally when that was the job that opened up. However they got into serials, all of them discovered that serials are cool and decided to remain as serialists. A couple of our subjects did actually start their careers in a non-library-based setting, but one into which they were hired because of their library education and interests. The types of entry positions reported were quite varied – collection development, serials cataloging ("I swore I'd never be a serials cataloger, and then I became one."), customer relations, etc.

The reasons that led the members of our subject group to change between library-based and non-library-based settings tended to fall into two groups. The first group changed spheres for the most practical reason around: "I needed a job and they had one." This usually had to do with a family move to a new location, but I think we can include in this group the folks who switched from library to non-library because of the offer of a major pay increase.

The other folks who switched sides offered more philosophical reasons. Those going from library to non-library were attracted by the chance to do more travel, meet more people and be in a less bureaucratic setting. Those moving the other way were looking for something with less travel and less uncertainty – something a little more predictable, maybe. One person who moved from a library to a subscription agent in order to

get out of the office went back to a library when she realized that all the agents at the airport recognized her by sight. Time to stay home for awhile!

The most important questions I asked the group to answer had to do with their experiences in NASIG and whether there were differences depending on which side of the street they were working at the time. The first NASIG-related question was whether both types of employers had supported their NASIG membership and activities. Interestingly enough, most folks said that their non-library employers had been more supportive, especially with financial help for attending conferences. While library employers thought membership in the organization was good, there was less money forthcoming when conference time rolled around. There was also a tendency by library employers to push ALA.

Everyone thought that NASIG had been equally helpful to them in both types of positions. Programming and networking were both mentioned. Some respondents were new on one side of the fence, but felt that they were going to get good benefit from NASIG in their new positions. Even the respondents who worked with monographs in the non-library sector found NASIG conferences to be worthwhile.

I also inquired as to personal benefit from NASIG contacts and conferences. Specifically, I wanted to know if NASIG contacts had helped them get a job, especially when crossing the street. While several people said that they thought being able to put NASIG involvement on a resume had helped them get a job or promotion, only two actually were actually able to attribute getting a specific job to a NASIG event. One person was recruited to a new job over late-evening beer at a NASIG conference. Another respondent says she first met the person who is now her boss on the Ohio River cruise at the Carnegie Mellon conference (Hmm, there's a river cruise at the Louisville Conference and it's even on the same river. Anyone looking for a new job? Several folks intimated that NASIG contacts and programming had helped them broaden their horizons in seeking new situations. The opportunity to interact with and learn from other serialists from many different venues gave them more options (at least mentally) when looking for a new job.

I also wanted to know, in general, how NASIG had helped them in their varied serialist careers. You can probably come up with the answers yourself with just a little reflection: networking, learning, staying up-to-date on the latest serials issues. NASIG proved especially valuable in keeping current on broad serials issues and aspects of serials in which they were not directly involved at the moment.

As stated several times above, networking was one of the most valued benefits of NASIG. My respondents valued this on both sides of the street. As library-based serialists, they appreciated being able to interact socially with non-library-based colleagues, some of whom they already knew from business relationships. When based outside the library, they especially enjoyed being able to be sociable with, and learn from, library-based colleagues and also colleagues who work for other companies. They valued having non-business interaction with other serialists, being able to be informal and not having to be "on duty" all the time. However, one respondent did say that while vendor-based he always felt that people saw him as a representative of his company even at NASIG.

My last area of inquiry was to ask what my respondents thought NASIG could do to improve diversity and make serialists of all flavors feel welcome. This, after all, is a basic purpose of NASIG – the proverbial level playing field. Every one of my respondents indicated that they felt equally welcome at NASIG conferences no matter which side of the street they were working at the time. One indicated that while subscription agents and vendors were welcome (which is what most of my respondents are or had been), she thought that publishers might have been greeted with less enthusiasm at times. Replies to my request for suggestions were mostly along the lines of "keep providing a variety of programming at conferences that will be of interest to all serialist flavors." There was interest in programming where the audience can view the world from another's perspective and also a couple of people said they thought the publisher speed dating being offered in Louisville is an excellent idea. The main point was to keep people talking to each other and I think, looking at the program for Louisville, this is what my respondents had in mind. Personally, I think the social events and meals are just as important, since they are a chance for us all to interact on an informal basis. One person did,

however, mention that as we greet old friends from the other side of the street, we shouldn't forget the newbies.

Speaking of newbies, something else we need to work at is getting new members from all sectors. One respondent suggested that vendor and agent reps might volunteer to be NASIG good will ambassadors and promote NASIG informally in some of their customer visits, especially with management-level serialists and librarians. (Library-based NASIGers might also mention NASIG to the reps when they visit, just in case they're not yet members.) Membership Development Committee, please take note. I know that, in the past, some commercial NASIG members have had brochures in their booths at ALA and other meetings, but I don't think anything has ever been done in an organized fashion. Other programming suggestions included offering professional technical training which could attract corporate-library-based and commercial-sector attendees to our conference, offering traveling workshops at other conferences (perhaps a mini-seminar with a multi-sector panel) and including sessions in the conference dealing with big-picture topics. A frequent theme of suggestees was to concentrate on common interests, which will make NASIG appealing to all sectors of our membership.

My conclusions: only a few that haven't been covered. First, it seems that NASIG is pretty

much doing okay with its purpose of bringing together all flavors of serialists; we just need to keep doing it, only more so. Second, we should all be aware that serialists don't just stay in one sector: just as they change jobs, they also change arenas, going from library to non-library, vice versa and back again. So it all seems to come down to where we started: there isn't (or at least shouldn't be) any "us" and "them" in NASIG – there should only be one big WE.

P.S.: thanks to the following twenty NASIGers who responded to my request for information. It's greatly appreciated.

Amira Aaron  
Barbara Albee  
Rick Anderson  
Bob Boissy  
Morag Boyd  
Kathy Brannon  
Marla Chesler  
Tina Feick  
Rachel Frick  
Beverley Geer  
Katy Ginanni  
Judy Luther  
Anne McKee  
Steve Oberg  
Alison Roth  
Bob Schatz  
Reeta Sinha  
Christine Stamison  
Dan Tonkery  
Davette Zinik

## RIOUX RETIREMENT

Gentle readers – This will be my last column as your *NASIG Newsletter* Profiles Editor. I've been doing this for four years now and I think that's enough, so I'm retiring from the *Newsletter* Editorial Board. Kathryn Wesley, my esteemed

and talented editor, said I could have some space in this issue to say a few final words to you all (after all, it's only a few extra electrons, not like it costs more money to publish or anything).



**Now Maggie will have more time for her origami**

First off, I want to thank Kathryn and her predecessor, Char Simser, for allowing me to occupy this bully pulpit for four years. As I was finishing my past-presidential year in 2003 I figured out that I was sure to get tagged for some other assignment the minute I was off the board, so I thought I'd find my own slot. One of the things I enjoyed most about my term as president was writing the "President's Corner" column for the *Newsletter*. Unlike a formal professional article, with the column I could relax and just write as if I were talking to you all face to face. The profiles editor slot was vacant at the time so I harassed Char until she hired me for it. (I reminded her that she owed me one since I'd appointed her as editor-in-chief the year before.) I promised her three things: 1) I would always answer any email she sent me; 2) I would not disappear from the face of the earth without notice, and 3) I would always get my copy in by deadline. I think I've kept my promise pretty well.

I also want to thank the subjects of all the profiles I've written over the past four years. Thank you for responding to my emailed questions and demands for CV's with good grace, reasonable promptness and not too much nagging on my part. Thank you also for being good sports when I teased you in print and destroyed whatever shreds of dignity you might

have been clinging to. I did have one bit of leverage in getting subjects to answer questions (which I never had to resort to, I'm glad to say): I threatened that if I didn't get answers on time, I reserved the right to make something up.



**Maggie can also spend more time hanging out with her friends**

And a final thank you to you, gentle readers. Thank you for reading the profiles and taking them in the spirit of fun in which they were meant. It's been a lot of fun for me and I hope for you all too.

One last note – I'm retiring from the *Newsletter*, but not from my place of employment or from NASIG. I'll hope to see you all in Louisville real soon.



**See you around!**

## COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

### ARCHIVES

Marie Seymour-Green, Archivist; Sheryl Williams, Archivist-in-Training  
Joyce Tenney, Board Liaison

2006-2007

This is the first year of the archivist-in-training position, developed to ensure a smooth transition in the fulfillment of responsibilities of the position from one individual to the next. We are working on defining the assigned duties of the archivist position, and how the archivist-in-training assists in those duties; all of this information will be included in an Archivist's Manual.

This focus has led to the development of an archives policy and guidelines. Still under construction, we have relied on committee minutes to determine the intention of the position; the correspondence with the Archives Department at the University of Illinois-Champaign (UIC) for the procedures for submitting archival; and procedures from numerous organizations and institutions as examples. This document will include:

1. Guidelines regarding the type of material to be retained in the Archives.
2. Procedures for processing archival material for shipment to the University of Illinois-Champaign.
3. Procedures for requesting materials from the UIC archives.
4. A timeline for requesting archival material from NASIG Board members and committees.
5. Other information as identified.

The policy will be available on the NASIG website.

A listing of NASIG materials is available on the UIC website: <http://web.library.uiuc.edu/ahx/archon/controlcard.php?id=3140&q=nasig>

#### *ACTION ITEMS*

1. Continue the development of the manual and policy, to be completed by September, 2007.
2. Retrieve materials and ship to UIC by September, 2007.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Sarah Sutton and Clint Chamberlain, Co-chairs

Date of Report: April 24, 2007

Committee members: Chris Brady (Baylor University), Evelyn Brass (University of Houston), Patrick Carr (Mississippi State University), Clint Chamberlain (Trinity University) Co-chair, Susan Chinoransky (George Washington University), Alan Diehlman (ACS Publications), Carole Ficken (Bierce Library, University of Akron), Marcella Leshner (St. Mary's University), Smita Parkhe (George Washington University Law Library), Sarah Sutton (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), Chair

Board Liaison: Rick Anderson (University of Nevada – Reno)

#### *NARRATIVE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT*

In February the committee reviewed and scored award applications. The breakdown of applications received is as follows:

- 9 Student Grant Award applications
- 7 Fritz Schwartz Scholarship applications
- 4 Horizon Award applications
- 11 Serials Specialist Award applications
- 0 Marcia Tuttle International Grant applications

The committee of Mexican library school deans selected the recipient of the Mexico Student Grant Award and notified us of his name.

The complete list of 2007 award recipients is as follows:

**NASIG CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT AWARD WINNERS**

Toni Fortini, Southern Connecticut State University; Jessica Ireland, University of South Florida; Joann Palermo, Louisiana State University; Erin Sharwell, University of Washington; Barbara Shipman, Wayne State University; Sanjeet-Singh Mann, UCLA.

**MEXICO STUDENT GRANT AWARD WINNER**

Jorge Alberto Mendoza-Torres, Escuela Nacional Biblioteconomía y Archivonomía (National School of Library and Archive Sciences in Mexico City)

**FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Angela Slaughter, Indiana University

**HORIZON AWARD WINNER**

Chandra Jackson, University of Georgia Libraries

**SERIALS SPECIALIST AWARD WINNER**

Rita Johnson, Wright State University

Award recipients were contacted and committee member Carol Ficken is currently making their travel arrangements to attend the 2007 annual conference. Their NASIG memberships were arranged by the Database & Directory Committee to facilitate their conference registration. Their names were announced on NASIG-L and at the committee's request, a section of the NASIG forum ([nasig.org/conference/bbs/forum/default.asp](http://nasig.org/conference/bbs/forum/default.asp)) was arranged to further their communication with the committee, prior award recipients, and the general NASIG community. Each award recipient will be paired with a mentor for the conference. Committee members who volunteer as mentor will be assigned to award recipients when possible.

Committee co-chair Clint Chamberlain is working with our supplier to purchase plaques and gifts and have them shipped to the conference site for distribution at conference events.

Committee members Chris Brady and Patrick Carr took part in a virtual conversation with members of the Membership Development

Committee regarding descriptions of NASIG's scope and purpose used in award announcements (among other places).

Shortly we will be requesting that the treasurer send conference stipend checks to each award recipient.

Additional highlights of our year's work include:

- Collecting feedback from the 2006 award recipients which we reported on in the September 2006 *NASIG Newsletter*.
- Conducting a series of email conversations among committee members on the following topics: increasing awareness of awards and alternative funding sources for awards, which resulted in a suggestion that the board consider seeking corporate sponsorship of awards.
- Alan Diehlmann joined the committee to administer the Mexico Student Award.
- Committee member Chris Brady compiled some interesting statistics about numbers of award recipients which are summarized below:

Top 13 Library schools at which Student Grant recipients have been enrolled:

University of Illinois (11), Catholic University (7), Emporia State (7), University of Maryland (7), Kent State (6), Simmons (6), University of Texas (5), British Columbia (4), Louisiana State (4), UNC – Greensboro (4), UNC – Chapel Hill (4), University of North Texas (4), CUNY Queens (3).

Ratio of applicants to recipients:

Student Grant Award – ranged from 10% (1992) to 52% (1999), 25% in 2006

Horizon Award - ranged from 7% (2004) to 30% (1998), 14% in 2006

(Number of recipients dropped from 3 in the late '90s to 1 for the past four years except 2005 when the Horizon Award wasn't given) Fritz Schwartz Scholarship - the ratio is fairly meaningless for this award since it's a \$3,000 scholarship, we can only afford to give one each year, but it is interesting to note that the number of applicants has dropped steadily from 14 in 2003 to 3 in 2006.

Mexico Student Grant Award – unfortunately, since the applications are reviewed by the team of library school directors in Mexico, we have no data from which to calculate a ratio for this award.

Marcia Tuttle Grant – very little data available for this grant, during the past four years we've had only two applicants (one in 2003 and one in 2004) and awarded only one grant (in 2004).

Serials Specialist Award – since this was “born” last year (five applicants), there's not much data to report.

Champion Award – since this award is given every five years and was “born” in 2005, there's not much data to report.

#### *ANY CHANGES OR EXCEPTIONS TO BUDGET*

With the Executive Board's approval, the committee gave two more student grant awards than had been budgeted for using funds originally budgeted for the Marcia Tuttle

International Grant (for which we received no applications this year).

#### *STATISTICAL INFORMATION*

None

#### *ACTIONS REQUIRED BY BOARD*

None

#### *QUESTIONS FOR BOARD*

None

#### *RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD*

None

#### *NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT*

Sarah Sutton

## **BYLAWS**

Adolfo R. Tarango, Chair

April 2007

Committee members: Janet Arcand (Iowa State University), David M. Bynog (Rice University), June Garner (Mississippi State University), Konstantin Gurevich (Co-Chair, University of Rochester), Elizabeth Parang (Pepperdine University), Sandhya Devi Srivastava (Columbia University), Adolfo R. Tarango (Co-Chair, University of California, San Diego), Veronica Walker (North Carolina State University)

Board Liaison: Katy Ginanni (EBSCO Information Services)

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Bylaws Committee for 2006/2007.

The committee held its annual meeting at the NASIG annual conference in Denver, CO, on May 6, 2006. David Bynog volunteered to continue as the committee's web liaison. The committee reviewed its past year's work, its charge, annual report, and committee guidelines. In fulfillment of a specific charge by the Executive Board to systematically review the bylaws to identify language tied to past practices that may no longer be relevant, the committee began a review of proposed revisions suggested to date. This review has continued throughout the year. For this election cycle, the committee was able to submit four amendments to the membership for consideration (see Appendix A)

as a result of this review. The ballot was mailed to eligible voting members on February 12, 2007, along with the Nominations & Elections Committee ballot for NASIG officers: the postmark deadline for the ballot was March 15, 2007.

Ballot results were as follows:

Amendment 1: 272 voting yes, 5 voting no = 98% approved

Amendment 2: 273 voting yes, 4 voting no = 98% approved

Amendment 3: 175 voting yes, 1 voting no = 99% approved

Amendment 4: 262 voting yes, 8 voting no = 97% approved

Per Article XII of the NASIG Bylaws, each having received a least a two-thirds vote in favor of adoption, the amendments became effective immediately.

The committee will continue with its ongoing review of the Bylaws.

As a concluding note, I my sincerest thanks to my fellow committee members, to my Co-Chair, Konstantin Gurevich, and to Katy Ginanni, our board liaison, for being such great group to work with.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE STATISTICS**

Number of questions/proposals received: 0  
Number of questions/proposals in progress: 0  
Number of Bylaws Committee proposals submitted to NASIG membership: 4

**APPENDIX A**

**NASIG Bylaws Committee Ballot 2007**

Colleagues:

The Bylaws Committee presents the following four amendments for your consideration. A “yes” vote means you approve of amending the bylaw as stated. A “no” vote means you do not approve of amending the bylaw as stated.

Over the past year and at the request of the Executive Board, the Bylaws Committee has undertaken an extensive review of our bylaws. The Board especially wanted the Committee to review the bylaws for language that would be a barrier to adopting technological developments for carrying out NASIG business more effectively. The first two proposed amendments below address this by removing or changing text having to do with mailing ballots. This is proposed so that the Board can move forward with online voting. In the proposed amendments below, deleted text is struck out and in bold, added text is given in bold italics.

Amendment 1: Shall Article III. Membership, Section 2. Dues and fiscal year, be amended to read:

Article III. Membership.  
Section 2. Dues and fiscal year.  
Dues, which shall cover a fiscal year of January 1 through December 31, shall be remitted to NASIG annually by individuals desiring active membership. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate with the Executive Board and shall be voted upon by the membership by ~~a mail~~ ballot. A two thirds majority of those voting shall constitute a decision. Corresponding membership shall be complimentary.

Yes  
 No

Amendment 2: Shall Article VIII. Meetings, be amended to read:

Article VIII. Meetings.  
An annual business meeting shall be called by the Executive Board, to be held at the site of, and in conjunction with, the Annual Conference. Other meetings as deemed necessary may be called by the Executive Board. Notice of meetings shall be **distributed** ~~mailed~~ to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the meeting and shall include notice of business to be transacted.

Yes  
 No

The Board also asked the Committee to address problems with committees being referenced by name in the bylaws. The issue is that anytime the specified committee changed its name, a vote would need to be taken to change the name in the bylaws. In the following proposed amendment, the reference to the specific committee is made general. This amendment also removes a reference to mailing a ballot. It also renames the article to better reflect its content and deletes the section header since it is not needed.

Amendment 3: Shall Article XII. Bylaws, be amended to read:

Article XII. **Amendments to** Bylaws  
~~Section 1. Amendments.~~  
Proposed amendments may be submitted in writing to the **committee responsible for bylaws** ~~Bylaws Committee~~, or may be presented at any meeting of the membership. Proposed amendments shall be distributed to the membership by the **committee responsible for bylaws** ~~Bylaws Committee~~ at least thirty days prior to the call for vote. Voting shall be by ~~mail~~ ballot. Adoption shall be by two-thirds majority of those voting. An amendment shall become effective after adoption, unless otherwise stated.

Yes  
 No

The fourth proposed amendment completely revises Article VII by charging the Nominations and Elections Committee with setting an election calendar that accommodates the changing dates of the Annual Conference from year to year, gives the membership adequate time to seek nominations by petition, and shortens the period to challenge election results. The latter is made possible by current communication technologies that allow members to act more quickly. The revision also deletes reference to mail ballots and uses general language in reference to a committee. Because this article was completely revised, the original text follows after the question is called.

Amendment 4: Shall Article VII. Nominations and Elections, be amended to read:

Article VII. Elections and Nominations.

Section 1. Elections.

The committee responsible for nominations and elections shall submit an election calendar for the upcoming election cycle to the Executive Board no later than sixty days after the Annual Conference. The election calendar shall state the steps and deadlines for nomination to eligible offices and officers, and members-at-large of the Executive Board, of announcements for the pending and final slate of candidates, for receiving nominations by petition, and for execution of the ballot for said election cycle. The Executive Board shall approve the calendar and report it to the membership within fifteen days after submission.

The election calendar deadlines shall be set to accommodate the following time requirements:

1. Ballots for an election shall be distributed at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference and completed ballots shall be accepted for thirty days after distribution.
2. Persons seeking a nomination by petition shall be allowed at least fifteen days from the time of notice to the membership of the pending slate of candidates, to gather and submit their petitions to the committee responsible for nominations and elections.

Candidates receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected. In case of a tie vote, the committee responsible for nominations and

elections shall decide the election by lot. Notice of those elected shall be communicated to the membership prior to the Annual Conference, with a declaration made also at the Annual Conference.

Section 2. Nominations.

Nominations may be made by committee, by petition, or by write-in.

Nominations by Committee: The committee responsible for nominations and elections shall present candidates for the position of vice president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large, as required. The committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to insure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of the membership. As specified in the election calendar, members may submit nominations to the committee responsible for nominations and elections for the above stated positions.

Nominations by Petition: Nominations may be made for any open position on the Executive Board by petition. Such petitions shall include endorsement by at least ten active members of NASIG as well as the written acceptance of the candidate. The petition must be submitted to the committee responsible for nominations and elections by the deadline stipulated in the election calendar. Any nomination which meets the petition requirements shall be included on the official ballot.

Write-in Candidates: Space shall be provided on the ballot for write-in candidates for each office to be filled.

Section 3. Challenges.

Challenges to the election results must be made to the President within ten days of the announcement of the election results.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Original text of Article VII:

Article VII. Nominations and Elections.

Section 1. Nominations.

Nominations may be made by committee, by petition, or by write-in.

The Nominations & Elections Committee shall present candidates for the position of vice president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and Executive Board members-at-large when required. The Committee shall endeavor to present at least two candidates for each office to be filled. Candidates shall be selected in such a manner as to insure as broad a representation as possible of NASIG constituencies and of the geographic distribution of membership. A notification of the pending slate of candidates shall be sent to the general membership no later than January 15, along with a request for any nominations by petition.

Nominations by Petition: Nominations may be made for any open position on the Executive Board by a petition. Such petitions shall include endorsements by at least 10 active members of NASIG as well as the written acceptance of the candidate,

and must be submitted in writing or by email to the Nominations & Elections Committee by February 1, after the initial notification of the slate of candidates. Any nominations which meet the petition requirements shall be included on the official ballot.

Write-in Candidates: Space shall be provided on the ballot for write-in candidates for each office to be filled.

Section 2. Elections.

Elections shall be held by mail ballot at least sixty days prior to the Annual Conference. Candidates receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected, and be so declared at the Annual Conference. In case of a tie vote, the Nominating Committee shall decide the election by lot. Notice of those elected shall be communicated to the membership prior to the Annual Conference.

Section 3. Challenges.

Challenges to the election results must be made in writing to the President within sixty days of the announcement of the election results.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Betty Landesman and Paoshan Yue, Co-chairs

Date of report: April 24, 2007

Committee members for 2006/2007: Betty Landesman (National Institutes of Health Library) and Paoshan Yue (University of Nevada, Reno), Co-chairs, Michael Bradford (Harvard Divinity School), Valerie Bross (University of California, Los Angeles), Cris Ferguson (Furman University), Jessica Gibson (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois), Jill Grogg (University of Alabama), Tim Hagan (Northwestern University), Lei Jin (Ryerson University), Kay Johnson (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Steve Oberg (Endeavor Information Systems, Inc.), Jayne Sappington (Texas Tech University), Virginia Taffurelli (New York Public Library), Sarah Tusa (Lamar University), Bob Schatz (Coutts Information Services), Board Liaison.

Committee members for 2007/2008: Valerie Bross (University of California, Los Angeles) and Betty Landesman (National Institutes of Health Library), Co-chairs, Michael Bradford (Harvard Divinity School), Cris Ferguson (Furman University), Jessica Gibson (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois), Jill Grogg (University of Alabama), Lei Jin (Ryerson University), Steve Oberg (Endeavor Information Systems, Inc.), Jayne Sappington (Texas Tech University), Virginia Taffurelli (New York Public Library), Sarah Tusa (Lamar University), Kim Maxwell (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Board Liaison.

*NARRATIVE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT:*

- CEC events successfully sponsored and completed: January – April 2007
  - March 2007 – North Carolina Serials Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, led by Christie Degener et al. and coordinated by Lei Jin -- \$750
- Forthcoming CEC events and projects for May – December 2007

- May 10-11, 2007 – CAT21: Metadata Standards and Applications, Northridge, California, led by Helen Heinrich and coordinated by Valerie Bross (\$1000)
- May 14, 2007 -- SCCTP Electronic Serials Cataloging workshop, Cambridge, Massachusetts, led and coordinated by Michael Bradford (\$1000)
- May 30-31, 2007 – NASIG Preconference Workshop on CAT21: Metadata Standards and Applications, Louisville, Kentucky, led by Diane Hillmann and Rhonda Marker, coordinated by Paoshan Yue
- Summer, 2007 – E-journals/E-resources Workshop, Starkville, Mississippi, led by Patrick Carr (\$1000)
- September 2007 – SCCTP Distance Education Train-the-Trainers Program, led by Laura Kimberly of the Amigos Library Services and coordinated by Jayne Sappington (\$1000)

The Amigos Library Services submitted a proposal for this program in March 2007 to request for the funding that was made available due to the withdrawal of the previously approved "CONSER Access Level Record for Serials: Training Material Development" program (see "Events Cancelled" below). The Amigos program proposal was approved by the Board in April 2007.

- Distance Education Development: a Pilot Project, led and coordinated by Betty Landesman (\$1000)

In exploring the next steps for our proposed pilot project for developing an online course, we touched base with Virginia Taffurelli, Chair of the ALA ALCTS SS Education Committee and a NASIG CEC member. The new lead is to contact Christa Easton (Stanford University) and Trisha Davis (Ohio State University), who are developing online courses for e-resources and print serials for ALCTS, for possible collaborative opportunities.

- Events cancelled; funds reallocated
  - CONSER Access Level Record for Serials: Training Material Development (\$1000)

This program will not take place as it was proposed because Les Hawkins of CONSER formally withdrew his request for the grant on March 9, 2007.

- CEC Manual – A subcommittee within CEC has been formed to put a CEC manual together. The subcommittee will be meeting shortly to work on this project.
- Review of Committee Charge – In response to the request from the Vice President/President-Elect of NASIG, the CEC will discuss the committee charge at the annual meeting in June to see if it needs any adjustment or modification.
- New England Technical Services Librarians (NETSL) -- Dodie Gaudet, the Vice President/President-Elect of NETSL, contacted the CEC in March inquiring possibilities of offering some programs in conjunction with NASIG. In response, the CEC requested additional information about the kind of projects NETSL had in mind and also provided two possibilities for NETSL to consider: 1) collaboration on a non-conference event such as co-sponsoring or jointly planning a preconference that is serials-related in a broad sense; 2) Some of the sessions that have been presented at NASIG annual conferences could be incorporated to NETSL conference, if interested.

*STATISTICAL INFORMATION:*  
None

*ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY BOARD:*  
None

*QUESTIONS FOR BOARD:*  
None

*RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD:*  
None

*NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT:*  
Paoshan Yue and Betty Landesman

## **DATABASE & DIRECTORY COMMITTEE**

Buddy Pennington and Lisa Blackwell, Co-chairs

Committee members: Alice Bright, Heather Cannon, Ann Ercelawn, Marty Gordon, Smita Joshipura, Julie Kane, Greg Matthews, Bob Persing, Mircea Stefanu  
Board liaison: Adam Chesler

Members rotating off the committee after the annual conference: Smita Joshipura, Buddy Pennington, Mircea Stefanu

New Chair: Lisa Blackwell  
New co-Chair: Marty Gordon  
New Committee Members: Cecilia Genereux, Tzu Jing Kao, Suzanne Thomas  
New Board liaison: Jeff Slagell

### **ACTIVITIES**

- NASIG transitioned from a paper-based renewal system to an online-only renewal system for the 2006 renewal cycle. A contract was negotiated with Paul Seeman to make programmatic updates to both the public and committee renewal pages. Major updates included:
  - Adding in a component to allow NASIG members to make donations.
  - Adding an email manager component to allow the committee to edit the automated emails that are sent out to activated and renewed members. Previously members had to manually send emails to members.
  - A new “view blank membership” line was added so that the committee could more easily delete the blank membership records. These tend to be created when someone repeatedly clicks on the submit button on the online forms.
  - Streamlining the renewal process so that a member can be renewed with a single click. Previously, committee members had to manually edit a number

of fields in the record and submit the changes to renew the member.

- Streamlining the activation process so that a member can be activated with a single click. Previously, committee members had to manually edit a number of fields in the record and submit the changes to renew the member.
- The open of the renewal season was announced on November 15, 2007 and repeated throughout the winter. The renewals lagged behind previous year’s figures. Below are some thoughts on why this might have occurred:
  - Late announcement. The committee should work on opening the renewals in mid-September to give members plenty of time to renew before the ballots are sent out.
  - Members may not be reading their email or the email may be blocked or treated as spam.
  - Perceptions that online renewals meant members had to pay online. Some members voiced a concern about paying online.
  - The announcement did not include membership numbers and some members may have had problems getting their number or didn’t want to deal with it if they did not have it in-hand.
- Board set voting renewal deadline to 1/26/2007 5 p.m. EST. Mailing label data was collected for 625 eligible members and sent to the Nominations & Elections Committee.
- In March, non-renewed members were deactivated. The inactive and active email

lists were sent to ECC to update the NASIG-L email roster.

- The committee continued to run monthly new member reports and announce the new members on NASIG-L. The committee began to send contact information for individuals who had applied for NASIG membership but who were not activated to the Membership Development Committee so that they could follow-up with those individuals.
- Janet Chisman resigned her position on the committee and was replaced by Greg Matthews, Serials and Electronic Resources Cataloger at Washington State University.
- The committee website was revised and given a new look. Several procedures have been revised and the committee plans to continue that process of revising procedures to streamline steps and ensure accurate and timely processing of membership information.

#### RENEWALS

Online renewals first announced on NASIG-L: November 15, 2007.

Active members for current year (as of April 19, 2007): 781 active members.

Active members for previous year (from previous annual report): 1,038 members.

323 2006 members were deactivated on March 21, 2007.

#### EXPENSES

The committee requested \$3,000 to cover programming work contracted to Paul Seeman. The work involved making improvements to the online renewal form, including adding in a new form to allow NASIG members to make donations, as well as improvements to the web admin tools used by the committee.

The committee also requested \$50 to cover potential printing of renewal forms for members by request. The committee did not use any of this money as no forms were requested. NASIG members could easily print out the renewal form themselves.

#### MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Active NASIG members in database: 781 (as of April 19, 2007)

Membership by library/organization type:

Library/Organization Type	Number	%
A. University Library	428	55%
B. College Library	60	8%
C. Community College Library	7	1%
D. Medical Library	34	4%
E. Law Library	32	4%
F. Public Library	18	2%
G. Government, National, State Library	32	4%
H. Corporate or Special Library	32	4%
I. Subscription Vendor or Agency	37	5%
J. Book Vendor	4	1%
K. Publisher	22	3%
L. Back Issue Dealer	2	0%
M. Binder	2	0%
N. Automated Systems Vendor	6	1%
O. Library Network, Consortium, Utility	8	1%
P. Professional Association	3	0%
Q. Database Producer	3	0%
R. Student	18	2%
S. Retired	7	1%
T. Other	26	3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### ANNUAL DIRECTORY

While the printed *Directory* was discontinued after the 2004/2005 year, the NASIG Board has made the decision to maintain a PDF version of the *Directory* and make that PDF version available for download to current NASIG members.

The latest PDF version was updated January 4, 2005. The committee is planning on providing an updated PDF version in time for the 2007 conference in Louisville.

#### **OTHER ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Committee considerations for contract work with Paul Seeman:
  - Add an admin component to update the activation and renewal features. This is especially critical for the membership type field. Currently, the automated features use n07 and r07. Those will need to be changed after July 1.
  - Add a “renewed date” field to the membership database and have the date automatically entered when the committee renews a member. This will help in providing statistical reports to the board.
  - Remove unused fields from the Admin Tool and provide formatting and validation (such as phone numbers, etc.)
- Add pulldown menus to ensure consistent entry (country, state, ILS, etc.)
- Should the committee and NASIG Board consider letting members make updates to their membership profiles themselves? A considerable amount of time was used making updates that members could easily update themselves using an online form. If this were to occur, some mechanism would have to be developed to ensure that:
  - Email changes were forwarded to ECC to update NASIG-L.
  - Title changes were forwarded to the *Newsletter* editor.
  - A minimum level of formatting and validation is used.

### **LIBRARY SCHOOL OUTREACH TASK FORCE**

Sarah Sutton, Chair

Date of Report: April 24, 2007

Committee members: Linda Smith Griffin (Louisiana State University), Steve Oberg (Abbott Laboratories), Sarah Sutton (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi), Paoshan Yue (University of Nevada, Reno)

Board Liaison: Kim Maxwell (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

#### ***NARRATIVE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT***

In October 2006, the Library School Outreach Task Force made a proposal to the NASIG Board for a Library School Ambassadors Pilot Project to be conducted between November 2006 and June 2007. The proposal was approved and a condensed version of it is included at the end of this report.

Below is a description of project results to date. Since the pilot project technically continues until the end of May 2007, any additional progress and accomplishments that are achieved will be reported to our board liaison who can present them to the board at their meeting in conjunction with the 2007 annual conference.

#### ***NASIG LIBRARY SCHOOL AMBASSADORS PILOT PROJECT 2006-07 RESULTS***

1. Selecting Library schools for the pilot project  
We met our pilot project objective for each task force member to select the library school(s) with which to work for the pilot project no later than December 1, 2006. The schools we selected are described in the table at the end of this report. Despite “warning ourselves” that taking on more than one school might be too much work, many of us did so. As we predicted, those of us who had chosen to be ambassador to more than one school found that we were unable to contribute as much time to each school as we would have liked to have done.

2. Making contact with the library schools.  
We also set objectives to make contact with faculty and directors at each school, to make sure that they were aware of the opportunities for NASIG student grant awards, conference and continuing education events, and, when possible, attend a social gathering at the school. All of the task force members made contact with their library schools.

Our attempts at contact met with varying levels of success. In general, it seemed that in cases where the ambassador had an already established relationship with a library school (e.g. working in the campus library, alumni, current student) the ambassador received a warmer reception than in those cases where

there was no relationship other than geographic proximity.

In some cases, prior commitments and responsibilities delayed contact with library schools until after the awards application deadline. Although two 2007 student award winners come from library schools with pilot project ambassadors, the overall number of NASIG award applications did not increase substantially over 2006. We did not provide for a systematic method for discovering conference and continuing education opportunities and communicating them among ourselves. Thus communicating them to our library schools was not as organized as we would have liked it to be.

### 3. Creating support materials

We set objectives that called for each ambassador to “select one new material for potential distribution to library school constituents and will take charge of its creation” and to “work with the ECC to create a web page which would describe the Ambassadors program and be a resource for ambassadors” neither of which we fulfilled. Although we had hopes of fulfilling them as well as all of our other objectives, these were our lowest priority. Most of the task force members underestimated the amount of time and effort that would be required to fulfill the combination of objectives we set for ourselves and so spent what time was available for ambassador work fulfilling higher priority objectives like establishing contact with our library schools and maintaining their awareness of NASIG awards and continuing education opportunities.

### ***RECOMMENDATION: DEVELOP THE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS***

Based on the results above, the task force recommends to the NASIG Board that Library School Outreach become a standing NASIG committee. The committee’s primary charge would be to develop the Library School Ambassadors program based on the procedures described in the original pilot project proposal with the following refinements and goals for the next three years.

#### 1. Committee member selection and responsibilities

It has been useful to have representatives from the Awards & Recognition Committee, the

Continuing Education Committee, and the Membership Development Committee on the task force. We recommend that this be continued and that three “at large” members be added to the committee roster.

Beginning in 2007-08, we recommend differentiating between Library School Outreach Committee members and Library School Outreach Ambassadors in order to more evenly distribute the work load. Committee members would include the representatives from A&R, CEC, and MDC and the at large members mentioned above. Over three years, the committee members would gradually assume a more supervisory role over ambassadors as the number of library schools with whom relationships are established continues to grow. Committee members would be responsible for selecting additional library schools, creating support materials, and establishing assessment mechanisms, as described below.

Ambassadors, on the other hand, would be recruited from among the NASIG membership and would have the responsibility of establishing and maintaining a relationship with their library school. An “Ambassadorship” might be an opportunity for previous NASIG student award recipients to begin contributing to NASIG.

Committee members would not be restricted from also acting as ambassadors but would have the option not to do so if their other commitments don’t allow them to. As an example of the need for this, if NASIG became aware of the need for a speaker at a library school to which an ambassador had not been assigned it would be the committee members’ responsibility to seek a suitable and geographically convenient NASIG member willing to speak at the school. Other committee member duties may include developing ambassador training and support materials and guiding ambassadors in their work as well as fulfilling the goals described below.

In 2007-08, the original task force members would slowly shift from ambassador duties to ambassador supervisory duties as they train the new committee members prior to rotating off the committee. Original task force members would have the option of continuing as ambassadors to the school(s) they selected for the pilot project if they wished. The goal for the year would be to develop a procedure by which ambassadors

could to step down from their duties (since it is unrealistic to expect the same ambassador to continue indefinitely) and smoothly make the transition for the library school from one ambassador to another. Another goal for the year would be to recruit volunteers to serve as ambassadors if the original task force members wish to reduce or eliminate their ambassador roles.

In 2008-09, the original task force members would rotate off the committee. They would have the opportunity, however, to retain their ambassadorship(s). The senior committee members would again shift from ambassador duties to ambassador supervisory duties as they train the new committee members prior to rotating off the committee but would again have the option of continuing as ambassadors to the school(s) they selected for the pilot project if they wished. A goal for the year would be to recruit and train enough ambassadors to communicate with fifteen library schools. An additional goal might be to develop an ambassador training program.

In 2009-10, similar shifts and training would take place. The goal for the year would be to recruit and train enough ambassadors to communicate with twenty library schools as well as to determine what the optimum length for an ambassador's term based on the previous two years' experiences.

## 2. Selecting library schools

In 2007-08, continue relationships with the original nine library schools. The nine schools would be divided among additional committee members or non-committee member ambassadors if the original ambassadors feel that they will be unable to devote enough of their efforts to more than one school. Based on our experience, we recommend that library schools be matched with ambassadors who have an existing relationship with the school if possible.

In 2008-09, based on the additional year's experience, expand the corps of ambassadors and library schools. Select additional library schools based on the availability of an ambassador with an existing relationship with the school and targeting schools that have not produced NASIG award winners. During this year, experienced committee members may begin shifting their responsibilities from working as ambassadors to supervising several

ambassadors as the roster of library schools expands. A goal of adding six library schools this year for a total of fifteen should be achieved.

In 2009-10, again based on the additional year's experience, continue to expand the corps of ambassadors and library schools. Continue making library school selection based on both the availability of an ambassador with an existing relationship with the school and targeting schools that have not produced NASIG award winners. During this year, experienced committee members should continue shifting their responsibilities from working as ambassadors to supervising several ambassadors as the roster of library schools expands. A goal of adding five library schools this year for a total of twenty should be achieved.

## 3. Support materials

We recommend that the new Library School Outreach Committee continue the work started by the task force on creating materials to support the ambassadors' work with their library schools.

For 2007-08, we recommend setting a goal for committee members to work the Electronic Communications Committee to create a Library School Outreach Committee web page for sharing ideas, results, and materials that committee members and/or ambassadors have found useful in their work with library schools.

In 2008-09, as the committee gains more experience with the library schools' needs, they can begin work with the Publications Committee on "creating (individually or collaboratively with other ambassadors and NASIG members) materials for distribution to library school constituents" as well as investigating formal methods (in addition to the committee web site) for communicating information about continuing education opportunities between the CEC, committee members, and ambassadors.

In 2009-10, the goal should be to create additional support materials and investigate new formats in which to provide them to library schools.

## 4. Evaluating the program's success

It will be important to build in some measures of the success of the program, if for no other reason that to give the NASIG Board some

evidence on which to base a decision whether or not to continue it.

For 2007-08, we recommend that the program's success be measured by the number of additional award applications it generates. This is data that is already collected by A&R, who not only observes the number of award applications received each year but can provide award applicants' responses to a question about how they learned of the award which is asked on every application form. The committee member representing A&R would obviously be able to take the lead on achieving this goal.

For 2008-09, success should again be measured by award applicants' numbers and responses on their application forms. Additionally, the goal for the year would be to select or create one additional measure of the programs' success in raising library school awareness of conferences (especially the NASIG annual conference) and other continuing education opportunities, perhaps in collaboration with the Continuing Education Committee.

For 2009-10, the goal would be to continue to carefully collect data for all measurements of success and to report them to the NASIG Board at the end of the year with a recommendation as to whether the program's success warrants its continued operation.

**ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT THE NASIG STRATEGIC PLAN**

The development of the NASIG Library School Ambassadors program directly supports strategic directions #2 in the Strategic Plan: "attract and strengthen involvement of diverse and broad-based constituencies in NASIG" through outreach to both library school students and library school faculty.

**ANY CHANGES OR EXCEPTIONS TO BUDGET**

None

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

None

**ACTIONS REQUIRED BY BOARD**

None

**QUESTIONS FOR BOARD**

None

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD**

See above.

**NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING REPORT**

Sarah Sutton, on behalf of the Library School Outreach Task Force, all of whom contributed to this report.

**PROPOSED NASIG LIBRARY SCHOOL AMBASSADORS PILOT PROJECT (CONDENSED) OCTOBER 2006**

**1. Purpose:**

(A) To test the efficacy of a cohort of NASIG Library School Ambassadors in accomplishing the charges to the task force: increasing awareness and knowledge of NASIG and serials professions among library school faculty and students, coordinating and promoting NASIG's efforts to do the same.

(B) To develop a plan for a full-fledged NASIG Library School Ambassador program for implementation in the summer of 2007 based on feedback from Ambassadors, library school faculty and students, and the general NASIG membership about their experiences with/in the pilot program.

**2. Procedures:**

(A) Selecting library schools.

Current task force members will select two or three library schools to which they will serve as ambassadors based on physical proximity, existing affiliations, and data on which schools have and have not produced past award winners. We recommend that no task force member take on more than three library schools for the initial project and that they take into consideration all of the expectations described below in deciding how many schools they wish to work with.

(B) Expectations and duties of ambassadors.

We recognize that differences exist between ambassadors and between library schools. Ambassadors will be free to choose the methods of contact and level of participation with their selected library schools within the following parameters:

- Ambassadors will be expected to establish and maintain contact with the library school and use existing communication channels

(e.g. listservs, electronic bulletin boards, etc.) to increase awareness of NASIG and NASIG-sponsored activities like awards, conferences, and continuing education opportunities.

- Points of contact with a library school may be formal, including the graduate student organization, the director of the program, and/or faculty members (especially those who teach courses that are likely to include serials related content) or they may be informal, including postings to a public listserv, MySpace or other social networking community where students and/or faculty gather (physically or virtually).
- Items to be communicated include information about NASIG and NASIG activities like continuing education opportunities (workshops, lectures, conferences, forums etc.), venues for learning about serials-related work and issues (potential locations for practical experiences and award and grant opportunities).
- Ambassadors will be expected to keep abreast of the needs of the faculty and students at “their” library schools and to seek out opportunities to promote serials work in general and NASIG in particular there. Ambassadors will be expected to use creativity to meet those needs but not necessarily to bear the entire burden of work themselves. Rather, an ambassador will have his or her finger on the pulse of the library school and then use that information to create connections between NASIG and the school however is necessary. For example, it may not be possible for an ambassador themselves to speak in person in a classroom in another city, but it would be possible for the ambassador to uncover the desire for a guest speaker on serials at the library school and to find a NASIG colleague who lives and works near the school and who would be happy to speak to a library school class. Opportunities may include:
  - Mentoring
  - Guest lecturing
  - Sharing/presenting current research and issues in serials work
  - Acting as a resource for information about serials work in general and their own serials related experiences and interests

- Ambassadors will be expected to participate in creating (individually or collaboratively with other ambassadors and NASIG members) materials for distribution to library school constituents. To begin with, ambassadors can make use of the NASIGuides and other public materials available on the NASIG website. Additional materials in a range of formats (print, audio, and interactive) can be created based on library school needs identified by ambassadors and existing ideas put forward by the task force. Those ideas include creating additional NASIGuides in cooperation with the Publications Committee, creating a brief podcast by the NASIG president about NASIG or about a particular project or issue given by an expert on that particular topic. Other ideas include a blog or wiki discussion of potential serials-related careers that students and faculty may not be aware of to which both students and NASIG members would contribute.
- Ambassadors will be expected to report on what works and what doesn’t work in their association with library schools on an ambassadors list and in conference calls with the group.

### 3. Evaluation:

The successes and failures of the pilot project will be the basis for the final development of a full fledged Ambassadors program. Evaluation will be based on achieving the objectives stated above, on the experiences of ambassadors as reported on their list and in conference calls, on anonymous data from award applications (e.g., the library schools that student award applicants represent and the number of applicants compared to prior years), on informal interviews with award winners, and on library school faculty or students in attendance or volunteering at continuing education events. The evaluation will be presented to the board in the form of a report at their meeting in June during the conference and to the NASIG membership in the form of an article in the summer 2008 issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

<b>AMBASSADORS PILOT PROJECT: Library Schools and Ambassadors</b>		
<b>Library School</b>	<b>Previous award winners from this school</b>	<b>Ambassador</b>
University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science	11	Steve Oberg
School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University	0	Steve Oberg
Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science	1	Steve Oberg
Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies	1	Sarah Sutton
University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science	4	Sarah Sutton
School of Information, University of Texas	5	Sarah Sutton
University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science	1	Paoshan Yue
San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science	2	Paoshan Yue
Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science	4	Linda Griffin

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Marla Chesler and Tina Feick, Co-chairs

### *REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 2006 – APRIL 2007*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Marla Chesler	Co-Chair; 2006 - 2008	Library of Congress –FLICC/FEDLINK
Tina Feick	Co-Chair; 2006 - 2008	Swets Information Services
Alice Rhoades	2006-2009	Rice University
Linda Griffin	2006-2009	Louisiana State University
Meg Walker	2006-2009	Taylor and Francis
Morag Boyd	2006-2009	OHIONET
Bob Boissy	2006-2008	Springer Science + Business Media Sales
Pam Cipkowski	2006-2008	Art Institute of Chicago
Zac Rolnik	2006-2008	nowpublishers
October Ivins	Consultant	Ivins eContent Solutions
Eleanor Cook	Mentor Group	Appalachian State University
Kathy Brannon	Mentor Group	Coutts Library Services
Kim Maxwell	Board Liaison	MIT Libraries

### *NARRATIVE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT FROM OCTOBER 2006*

#### **CONTINUING ACTIVITIES**

- A draft of the revised NASIG brochure has been sent to the NASIG Executive Board for review. Morag Boyd, Alice Rhoades, Linda Griffin, Meg Walker, and Pam Cipkowski

worked on the revision. We will produce one quick set of brochures using a color printer to get the revised brochures out quickly – by May 16. The professionally printed brochures will be available shortly afterward. (Strategic Direction #2 & 4)

- Tina Feick has been in contact with Tyler Goldberg, one of the Louisville Conference Planning Committee chairs to see if there were local serial-related groups that we could send membership brochures to encourage them to join and attend the conference. (Strategic Direction #2 & 6)
- Members of the MDC have volunteered to serve as mentors for the upcoming NASIG conference in Louisville, Kentucky. (Strategic Direction #1 & 2)
- We are still working on a survey to the NASIG commercial sector in order to determine what would keep NASIG relevant to the group and to increase participation in the commercial sector. (Strategic Direction #2 & 6)
- After the conference, the MDC will contact attendees that did not join NASIG to see why they didn't join and to encourage them to join for 2008. (Strategic Direction #2 & 6)
- Mentor Group Activities
  - The first announcement to sign-up for the Mentoring Program was sent out on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and it has been publicized in a number of other locations. The deadline has also been added to the conference important dates.
  - At least two more reminders will be going out before May 14.
  - Updated mentoring forms have also been made available from the main NASIG webpage and the conference page.
  - A list of new members will be sent to us shortly and we will be sending a target announcement to them as well.

#### COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

- The MDC (Membership Development Committee) reviewed our membership and asked Alice Rhoades, Linda Griffin, Meg Walker, and Morag Boyd to accept reappointment of their committee membership for another two years. They all agreed.
- Tina and Marla met at ALA Midwinter in Seattle.
- In February 2007, MDC started sending out personalized renewal notices for members who had not yet renewed. We included their NASIG membership ID to facilitate the

renewal process. (Strategic Direction #2 & 6)

- The committee wrote up a report on the renewal process to submit to the Executive Board. It was suggested that the report be sent to the Database & Directory Committee since they are the group responsible for the renewals. (Strategic Direction #2 & 6)

#### ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT THE NASIG STRATEGIC PLAN

The committee is involved in activities, which support Strategic Directions 1-4 & 6. Please see notes in Continuing Activities and Completed Activities.

#### ANY CHANGES OR EXCEPTIONS TO BUDGET

None

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Renewal Reminders:

- Renewal reminders sent February 2007: 455
- Bad email addresses: 17
- Number indicating they had or planned on renewing soon = 31
- Number indicating they did not intend to renew = 21
- Non-renewed members as of 3/30/2007 = 380
- Number of members renewed after the reminders were sent = 75

#### ACTION(S) REQUIRED BY BOARD

None

#### QUESTIONS FOR BOARD

None

#### RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD

After reviewing our charge, we would like to recommend that the following sentence be removed since we are a standing committee and are required to submit reports to the Executive Board on a regular basis:

The Committee will prepare a Membership Development Plan with specific action items for review by the Executive Board at their Fall 2006 meeting.

## **NASIG NEWSLETTER**

### *ANNUAL REPORT, May 2007*

#### *Newsletter* Editorial Board:

Lillian DeBlois, conference/calendar editor  
(Arizona Health Sciences Library)  
Susan Andrews, columns editor (Texas A&M  
University-Commerce)  
Kathy Kobyljanec, copy editor (John Carroll  
University)  
Sharon Heminger, PDF editor (JSTOR)  
Maggie Rioux, profiles editor (MBLWHOI)  
Naomi Young, submissions editor (University of  
Florida)  
Kathryn Wesley, editor-in-chief (Clemson  
University)

Board Liaison: Char Simser

#### *2006-07 PRODUCTION SCHEDULE*

Summer 2006 business issue (21: suppl.) [first  
blog issue]

Articles were posted to the blog between June  
30-July 4, 2006. The PDF was published on  
July 18. The issue featured the Executive Board  
annual report, committee annual reports, and  
rosters of the incoming Executive Board, board  
liaisons, and committees.

September 2006 issue (21:03)

Blog postings took place August 29-September  
23. The PDF version was published and  
announced on NASIG-L on September 1. This  
issue featured conference reports.

December 2006 issue (21:04)

Articles were posted to the blog version  
November 20-November 30, 2006. The issue  
was announced on NASIG-L on December 1  
with the first *Newsletter Newsflash*. The PDF  
version was published and announced on  
NASIG-L on December 13.

March 2007 issue (22:01)

Blog articles were posted February 13-28, 2006.  
A Newsflash was posted to NASIG-L on March 1  
announcing the issue. The PDF was published  
March 12.

May 2007 issue (22:02)

The target for publishing the May issue is May  
25. Since the conference takes place in late  
May/early June this year, a late May date will

allow for publication of committee annual reports  
in this issue. A summer supplement issue will  
therefore not be necessary. The PDF will  
probably not be published until after the  
conference, early to mid-June.

#### *OTHER ACTIVITIES 2006-07*

Blog version of the *Newsletter*

The html version of the *Newsletter* was replaced  
this year with a blog version. The blog version  
debuted with the summer business supplement.

Advantages of the blog include the capacity to  
publish articles individually instead of all at once,  
and to assign categories to articles, allowing  
sorting by topic. Blog software also allows user  
comments. In addition, the blog provides more  
in-depth and sophisticated usage statistics. On  
the downside, posting is time- and labor-  
intensive.

The blog's commenting function was enabled for  
the March 2007 issue. Many thanks to our  
board liaison, Char Simser, for her technical  
assistance with this process. Comments have  
been added at the top of the sidebar.

#### *NEWSLETTER NEWSFLASH*

In fall 2006, the Publications/Public Relations  
Committee suggested that announcements of  
*Newsletter* issues on NASIG-L include snippets  
of articles with links to the full articles. This  
was instituted with the December issue and  
continued with the March issue. In addition, a  
*Newsflash* was posted to NASIG-L well ahead of  
the full March issue when the article on the 2008  
conference site was posted.

The *Newsflashes* have been very successful.  
Blog statistics consistently show spikes in user  
views on the days that *Newsflashes* are posted,  
and on the business days immediately following.  
The number of views on the posting day plus the  
following business day have consistently been  
1000+ (editor's views are not included). Thanks  
to Pub/PR for the great idea!

#### *PERSONNEL CHANGES*

2006/07

Sharon Heminger, formerly columns editor, took  
over as PDF production editor with the summer  
business issue. Naomi Kietzke Young assumed  
the position of submissions editor at that time.

2007/08

Maggie Rioux, profiles editor, and Susan Andrews, columns editor, will retire from the *Newsletter* Editorial Board following the 2007 conference. Their writing talent, rock-solid dependability, and unwavering dedication to meeting or beating deadlines will be sorely missed.

Kurt Blythe, a new NASIG member from UNC-Chapel Hill, will take over as columns editor following the conference. We look forward to working with Kurt.

The profiles editor position has not been filled yet. A blog editor position will be established and filled this year.

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Blog stats of interest as of April 24, 2007:

- Total views (since June 30, 2006): 11,317
- Best day ever: 729
- Views over the last 30 days (March 26-April 24, 2007): 754
- (editor's views not included)

#### REPORT ON BOARD ACTION ITEMS

The only action item from the board this year was to push specific news items to the membership via NASIG-L. This was implemented as the *Newsletter Newsflash*.

#### REPORT ON GOALS FOR 2006/07

The big goal this year was to make the switch from the html version to the blog version. Starting up the blog, experimenting with workflows, learning its quirks, and actually posting all the articles this year has been so time consuming that it has been difficult to make much progress on other goals.

I have made some new guidelines on general stylistic matters and given them to the copy editor, Kathy Kobyljanec. These will be included in the manual this summer.

#### GOALS FOR 2007/08

1. Find a blog editor.
2. Find a profiles editor.
3. Continue update of manual.
4. Post items to the NASIGWeb news page regularly.

#### KUDOS

Many thanks to the *Newsletter* Editorial Board for their hard work, high standards, and positive attitudes. And to Char Simser, our board liaison, for her experience, support, and unfailing zen-like calm.

Submitted by Kathryn Wesley, editor-in-chief  
April 24, 2007

## NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

David Burke, Chair

Committee Members: Gail Julian, co-chair/web liaison, Michael Arthur, Christie Degener, Beth Holley, Lisa Macklin, Virginia Rumph

Board Liaison: Mary Page, past president

#### NOMINATIONS AND CANDIDATE SELECTION

At the conference, a call for nominations using the forms in the conference packets was made. This resulted in something less than success, considering no one returned a nomination form. After the nominations submission page was activated on the NASIG web site, the chair sent calls for nominations via NASIG-L on June 1, July 27, and August 25 (last two dates approximate), as well as the Special Business Issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

The deadline for nominations was September 1. In retrospect, I should have made the date later in month or even into October.

Through 30 submitted nomination forms, the committee received 16 nominations for vice president/president-elect (8 different people), 9 nominations for treasurer (8 different people), and 54 nominations for member-at-large (35 different people). Following an intra-committee conference call on September 11, each member of the committee called six to seven nominees for permission to forward their names through the nominee-review process. Unfortunately, only 14 member-at-large nominees, 1 treasurer nominee, and none for vice president/president-elect opted to continue. The committee contacted several other NASIG members to broaden the pool; this new pool yielded 1

additional member-at-large prospect, 1 additional treasurer prospect, and 1 vice president/president-elect prospect. Some of these nominees removed themselves prior to the deadline for submitting a completed profile form.

A second intra-committee conference call was held on December 7 to choose the most appropriate candidates for the ballot (after overcoming some technical difficulties with Netspoke). The committee then contacted those candidates' references; no information emerged to eliminate any of the names previously selected. So the committee announced this preliminary ballot on January 15, along with a call for petition candidates:

Vice President/President-Elect: Meg Mering  
Treasurer: David Bynog, Peter Whiting  
Member-at-Large: Carol Ann Borchert, Abigail Bordeaux, Anna Creech, Sandra Hurd, Kim Maxwell, Jeff Slagell, Sarah Sutton

The committee chair received one completed and valid petition by the February 1 deadline. Jill Emery was added to the ballot for vice president/president-elect. The committee was also pleased to see that one of the accompanying bylaw changes would open the door to electronic voting.

### **BALLOTING**

The printer mailed 631 ballots (to addresses specified in the submitted membership list) on February 12. Only those ballots postmarked March 15 or earlier were considered valid. However, an ice storm threw off the distribution, so many members received ballots well past the expected February 15 arrival—online voting cannot come soon enough! Seven ballots postmarked after March 15 were received.

The chair counted 288 ballots (a disappointing 46% return rate), which were recounted by Jutta Seibert (another librarian at Villanova University). Three names were submitted as write-in votes—one for vice president and two for member-at-large.

On March 23, the chair reported the election results to the president and contacted all of the candidates. The NASIG membership was notified of the results through NASIG-L on March 28, and the results were posted on the NASIG website the following week. They will also be reported in the May issue of the *NASIG Newsletter*.

The winners of the election are Jill Emery for vice president/president-elect, Peter Whiting for treasurer, and Anna Creech, Kimberly Maxwell, and Jeff Slagell for member-at-large.

### **COMMENTS ON PROCEDURES**

Many members of the committee had concerns regarding the reference process. A number of references gave very brief or incomplete answers to the questions because they were not especially familiar with a given nominee. Also the information gained in the references could be useful in choosing the top candidates if it was available sooner. The committee recommends future N&E Committees have the option whether to call nominee references before or after they choose the top candidates (depending on the total number of nominees in a given year).

Some members also expressed concern with the petition process in its current form. Considering the extensive review process the originally slated candidates go through, gathering ten signatures seems comparatively easy. Perhaps as NASIG moves to online elections, both the vetting procedures and the petition process should be examined.

In closing, the chair would like to thank every member of the committee and Mary Page, our board liaison, for the hard work and good ideas they contributed to the process during the last several months. This election would not have gone so smoothly without them! The chair would also like to thank Anne McKee and Kathryn Wesley (N&E chairs of the past two years) for their advice along the way.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

Carol Ann Borchert and Gary Ives, Co-editors

### *ANNUAL REPORT, April 23*

Board liaison: Rick Anderson

### *NARRATIVE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST REPORT*

- Gary and Carol Ann visited Haworth Press July 16-18.
- The 2005 *Proceedings* was published in summer 2006, and the monograph version was released in the fall. We anticipate a similar schedule for the publication of the 2006 *Proceedings*.
- The manuscript for the 2006 *Proceedings* was sent to Haworth early in November, a few days past Haworth's October 31 deadline. We received papers from all speakers and recorders. Many thanks to all for their contributions to this publication!
- The co-editors received the final draft copies of the 2006 *Proceedings* at the end of February. Haworth received the document March 21.
- Because the *Proceedings* time schedule has altered from what was originally in the editors' manual, our original indexer for the monograph version, Melissa Beck, stepped down for 2006. Gary contacted Smita Joshipura, and she graciously agreed to be our indexer for the 2006 Conference *Proceedings*. The manual's timeline has been updated.
- Carol Ann sent .pdf files of the 2005 *Proceedings* to the ECC Chair, but they are not yet on the NASIG website. Carol Ann will ask about this when she sends the updated editors' manual to ECC.

- Gary and Carol Ann have both agreed to continue as co-editors for the 2007 *Proceedings*. A call has gone out for a third co-editor to join them this year, hopefully to continue in 2008 as an experienced editor with a new co-editor to train.
- The call for recorders was sent for inclusion in the March 2007 *NASIG Newsletter* and later sent to the NASIG-L listserv. Because we only received 15 applications in our first batch, we have sent out an extended call. We are especially having a hard time finding people who will be able to record for the preconferences.
- Gary contacted the speakers to give them information about submitting papers to us and to give them the copyright forms. Papers from recorders and speakers are due July 2.

### *STATISTICAL INFORMATION*

None

### *ACTIONS REQUIRED BY BOARD*

None

### *QUESTIONS FOR BOARD*

None

### *RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD*

None

Name of persons submitting report: Carol Ann Borchert & Gary Ives

## **PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Rachel Frick and Sarah George, Co-Chairs

### *SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE PROGRAM*

The Program Planning Committee finalized the program featuring 34 sessions involving 65 speakers. In addition, poster sessions and

discussion groups are planned for additional programming opportunities.

*Program Proposals*

<b>Number of ideas/programs reviewed from brainstorming, quick and dirty evaluations, and two calls (total)</b>	<b>118</b>
Quick and dirty evaluations	45
Brainstorming	20
Proposals from 1 <sup>st</sup> call	34 (call closed 8/1/2006)
Proposals from 2 <sup>nd</sup> call	19 (call closed 10/6/2006)
<b>Number of ideas/programs selected (total)</b>	<b>34</b>
Preconferences	4 *(2 two day, 1 full day, and 1 half day)
Vision	3
Strategy	11
Tactics	16
<b>Number of speakers (total)</b>	<b>65</b>
Preconferences	5
Vision	3
Strategy	24
Tactics	33

*Special Program Events*

Informal Discussion Groups	Planning still in progress
User Groups	Planning still in progress
Poster Session	On display 6/1/07 from 9:30-5:30 and staffed during both breaks, 14 posters, 18 presenters

Based on comments from the 2005 and 2006 conference evaluations regarding overlap of program sessions, PPC has successfully presented a “no-conflict” schedule for the 2007 conference. With few exceptions, both strategy and tactics will be presented twice.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM EVENTS**

The Poster Sessions Subcommittee consisting of Meg Mering, Jennifer Arnold, Nathan Rupp, Trina Holloway, Sarah George, and Rachel Frick sent out the call, selected, advertised, and coordinated 14 poster sessions out of 17 submissions. Poster sessions provide an opportunity to share innovative ideas and new applications of technology. Posters will be on display in the East Exhibit Hall of the Galt House on Friday, June 1, from 9:30-5:30. Presenters will be available to discuss their topics during both break periods. Posters this year include:

- Janice Cox – “Hedge Your Bet to Improve the Odds of Going the Distance: Dental Theses Journal Citation Analysis”
- Nancy Beals – “Taking a Gamble: Venturing into the Development of an Electronic Resources Management System”

- Chandra Jackson – “Making a Silk Purse from a Sow's Ear”
- Patrick Carr – “Maximizing Access through Consortial Partnership: Mississippi State University Libraries' Journal Expansion Project”
- Germaine Wadeborn – “Coming Down the Backstretch of Moving Technical Services Out of the Library and into a Dedicated Facility: Will This Be a Long Shot or a Sure Bet?”
- Raleigh Muns – “Comprehensive Serials Information Database Eases Journal Cuts”
- Randall Watts – ““Yes, As a Matter of Fact, We Are Throwing Those Away” : A Small Public University Library Deals with De-Selection
- Janette Prescod – “Partners in Space: Integrating Periodicals and Government Documents”
- Brian McDonald – “Designing a Local Database for Usage Statistics”
- Sarah Sutton – ““I need to find an article on ... ” : What Librarians Need to Know about How Patrons Look for Journal Articles on the Library Web Site”

- Les Hawkins & Hien Nguyen – “The CONSER Standard Record”
- Laurentiu Mircea Stefancu – “Using Open Source Software to Build Your Tools”
- Rebecca Martinez – “The SUPERFECTA – The Best Bet for Winning the Electronic Derby”
- C. Derrik Hiatt – “A Comparison of Journal Impact Factor to Journal Use in a University Library”

The Informal Discussion Group Subcommittee consisting of Stephen Clark, Bonnie Parks, Janice Lindquist, Mary Greci, Sarah George, and Rachel Frick sent out the call and are in the process of selecting, advertising, and coordinating these groups. The purpose of Informal Discussion Groups (formerly known as Networking Nodes) is to promote discussion among NASIG attendees who have a shared interest in a topic, idea, workflow, problem... The emphasis of these sessions is open discussion and the generation of new ideas. Informal Discussion Groups will take place over lunch on Saturday, June 2.

In addition to Informal Discussion Groups, there will be sessions dedicated to user groups of a specific product or service. The purpose of these sessions is to share product implementation or development experiences and ideas. User group attendees will have an opportunity to discuss topics of common interest in a non-commercial setting. This year, user groups will have two distinct sessions. The first session, on Friday, June 1, from 3:15-4:15 p.m., will focus on ERM products and services. On Saturday, June 2, from 4-5 p.m., the sessions will involve other technologies and services used by serialists.

#### *PPC ACTIVITIES SINCE JANUARY 2007*

PPC members have continued to work as liaisons to program speakers. Liaison responsibilities included sending speakers their official notification of acceptance, informing speakers of their reimbursement and audio-visual equipment options and conference and

proceedings responsibilities, gathering biographical information, distributing information for electronic handouts. They also informed selected speakers of their hotel confirmation numbers and answered numerous miscellaneous questions. PPC members managed an average of three speakers each.

PPC Co-chairs worked with Anna Creech, NASIG webspinner, to develop a system for electronic handouts. These handouts will be available to conference registrants in advance of the conference.

Other activities of the PPC Co-chairs:

- Worked with the Evaluation & Assessment Committee regarding the conference survey.
- Worked with the *Proceedings* Editors to help them contact speakers and coordinate receipt of papers from vision and strategy speakers.
- Called for volunteers to introduce speakers
- Coordinated hotel registrations, airline reservations, conference registrations, and AV information
- Managed unexpected speaker changes

#### *ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS*

The PPC Co-Chairs would like to thank the entire committee for their flexibility and hard work. The following people served on PPC and helped shape the 2007 conference: Norene Allen, Jennifer Arnold, Stephen Clark, Jill Emery, Mary Greci, Trina Holloway, Bill Kara, Janice Lindquist, Meg Mering, Bonnie Parks, Erika Ripley, Nathan Rupp, and Jenni Wilson. Special mention goes to Erika Ripley, our liaison to the Online Registration Team, and to Meg Mering and Bonnie Parks who coordinated the subcommittees for poster sessions and discussion groups. We also owe a huge thanks to our board liaison, Char Simser. Although the work of PPC can be intense and hectic, the opportunity to work with such creative and dedicated colleagues makes this work a pleasure.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Marit Taylor, Chair

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006-2007

Members: Linda Pitts (University of Washington), Miki Scholl (University of St. Thomas), Jeff Slagell (Delta State University), Gracemary Smulewitz (Rutgers University), Glen Wiley (Rensselaer Research Libraries), Yvonne Zhang (California State Polytechnic University), Mary Page (Board Liaison).

Linda Pitts was originally chair of the committee but felt the need to resign as chair because of health and work concerns. She remained on the committee and her service is greatly appreciated. The co-chair, Marit Taylor, took over as chair. Jo McClamroch resigned from the committee because of too much to do at work.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PENDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**NASIGuides.** The committee is charged with identifying topics for new NASIGuides and soliciting authors for them from outside the committee, as well as developing a schedule for updating them and other NASIG publications. Glen and Linda reviewed the existing NASIGuides for dead links and anything else needing updating. Linda found no problems, and Glen contacted their original authors to ask them for updates. The committee brainstormed and suggested more ideas for new NASIGuides. Linda sent out a message to NASIG-L asking for volunteers to write new NASIGuides, and listing some recommended topics, and got some positive response. Glen also asked the Continuing Education Committee for input. New guides that are assigned to authors and either planned or already being worked on include ones on working with subscription vendors, cancellation workflow, serials in institutional repositories, MARC for serials, and FRBR. Each NASIGuide will be edited by one committee member for content, and another for style, etc. We hope that at least some will be up by the conference, and others should be ready by sometime in the fall. A new call for authors and ideas for new guides will be posted in the *NASIG Newsletter*.

**Human Resources Directory.** The committee is also charged with revising and updating the

**Directory.** Glen and Jeff had some preliminary discussion on how we might want to update them. There was some concern about whether the *Directory* was much used or needed. Marit sent a message to NASIG-L asking for feedback on that subject, and received a positive response. Some respondents have used the *Directory*, and others did not know about it but might use it now that they know. Several people said they might volunteer to be included in the *Directory*. It is clear that the *Directory* needs more publicity; there will be information about it in the *Newsletter*. There was a problem with the submission form, which Jeff resolved after consultation with the Electronic Communications Committee. The committee discussed changes and updates to the list of subjects for speakers, and Gracemary and Yvonne collected ideas. Gracemary prepared a spreadsheet of topics to add, remove, or change. Jeff suggested that we rename the *Directory*, and the committee agreed on changing it to the *Speakers and Consultants Directory*. Marit asked Mary to submit the change to the board for approval. Jeff drafted and the committee approved a message to be sent to people presently in the *Directory* asking them to update their entry; this should be done at least annually. Jeff has been working on ideas for making the format of entries more consistent. The plan is for the committee to divide up the names in the *Directory* and each contact those people asking for updates.

**NASIG-L.** Mary Page asked the committee to discuss ideas about how the scope of NASIG-L might be changed, and feedback given to the Electronic Communications Committee. After discussion, the committee members felt that the scope did not need to be changed, and Marit reported this to the ECC, which had come to the same conclusion.

The committee has not acted on other elements of the committee charge on the recommendation of Mary Page, because of the pending outsourcing of the NASIG Web pages. These involved selecting a metadata schema for NASIG publications and establishing HTML/XML/PDF standards, and standard announcements.

## SITE SELECTION

Denise Novak, Char Simser, Joyce Tenney

Committee members: Denise Novak, Char Simser, Joyce Tenney

This year we solicited bids for the 2008 conference and we were able to negotiate a great rate with Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. The dates of the 2008 conference will be June 5-8, 2008, and the room rate will be \$125 per night plus tax for a single or double room.

We solicited bids for the 2009 conference and did site visits to Orlando, Florida, Richmond, Virginia and will be looking at additional site

visits this summer. Bids have been received from Columbus, Ohio; New Orleans, Louisiana; Norfolk, Virginia; Portland, Maine; Kansas City, Missouri; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Columbia, South Carolina; Cleveland, Ohio; and others.

A survey to go out to the membership is being developed to get views from membership on conference location and facilities preferences. This information will be used to develop the short list of sites to be presented to the board later in 2007.

## OTHER NASIG NEWS

### CALLING ALL AUTHORS: GOT NASIGUIDE?

Linda Pitts, Publications/Public Relations Committee

Have you been looking for a way to help your fellow NASIG members AND benefit your career at the same time? Well, look no further--the NASIG Publications and Public Relations Committee has the perfect opportunity for you!

As many of you know, the PubPR Committee maintains a web page with links to guides on various topics of interest to NASIG members, such as the ISSN, license negotiations, and serial holdings. See the complete list of NASIGuides at <http://www.nasig.org/publications/guides/>.

The PubPR Committee is currently soliciting members to write additional NASIGuides. Some recommended topics are:

Electronic resources workflow  
FRBR implications for serials

Claiming workflows  
Pricing models  
License negotiations

If you are interested in writing a guide, either on one of these topics or on something else pertinent to serials, please email Linda Pitts at [Impitts@u.washington.edu](mailto:Impitts@u.washington.edu). Please note that we have people already working on guides for MARC Fields for Serials, Cancellation Workflows, Working with Subscription Vendors, and Serials in Institutional Repositories.

Remember, this is a great opportunity to contribute to NASIG Web and to see your name in print as an author (which can be even better than seeing it in lights if you're applying for tenure). So do yourself and NASIG a favor and volunteer today!

## **SPEAKERS AND CONSULTANTS DIRECTORY**

Marit Taylor, Co-chair, Publications/Public Relations Committee

Do you ever seek speakers on a particular subject for a conference or meeting? Do you need advice or information about an unfamiliar area of serials management? Are you familiar with what was the NASIG *Human Resources Directory*, now renamed the *Speakers and Consultants Directory*?

This *Directory* is provided to help you find experts on various topics who are willing to travel and speak at conferences, or be consulted personally about their areas of special expertise. You can browse the *Directory* by name or subject area.

We on the Publications and Public Relations Committee are charged with maintaining and updating this *Directory*. We are aware that

many of the entries need updating, and that the *Directory* as a whole might benefit by reorganizing and making entries more consistent.

We would very much appreciate your input in the following areas:

Have you ever used the *Directory*?

Do you think you might use it now that you know about it, or are reminded about it?

How would you like to see it improved?

Are you willing to submit a profile and add your name to the list?

## **2007 BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

Adolfo Tarango, Bylaws Committee Chair

This year the Bylaws Committee presented, and the membership approved, four amendments to the NASIG bylaws. The impetus for presenting these amendments came from the Executive Board who had asked the committee to perform an extensive review of our bylaws. The board especially wanted the committee to remove any language from the bylaws that would prevent NASIG from adopting technological developments for carrying out NASIG business more effectively. Three of the amendments, to Article III, Section 2, to Article VIII, and to Article XII, addressed this by removing or changing text having to do with mailing ballots, allowing the board to move forward with online voting.

The board also asked the committee to address problems with specifically naming committees in the bylaws. The issue is that anytime the specified committee changes its name, the membership would have to take a vote to change the name in the bylaws. The amendments to Articles VII and XII replaced the specific references to the Nominations & Elections Committee and to the Bylaws Committee with more generic references to those committees. The committee also took the opportunity to rename Article XII to better reflect its content and to eliminate an unnecessary section heading under that article.

Over the years, and especially since the membership approved the nominations through petition process a couple of years ago, the elections process has become very difficult to plan and execute. On a few occasions, because of the early timing of our annual conference, the specified deadlines for various elections processes were nearly missed. The board asked the Bylaws Committee to review Article VII, which outlines our elections processes, to see if we could stage the election process better. After identifying the key conceptual processes of the Article, the committee decided to totally rewrite the article and established a new election process.

The revised article now vests the Nominations & Elections Committee with developing the election calendar every year. This will allow them to accommodate the changing dates of the annual conference and give the membership adequate time to seek nominations by petition. Addressing a different issue, given current communication technologies, the revised article shortened the period to challenge election results, since members have the means to act more quickly. In keeping with the board's requests stated in the previous two paragraphs, the committee also revised the article to delete references to mailing ballots and used a generic reference to a committee.

## SITE SELECTION SURVEY

Char Simser, on behalf of the Site Selection Committee

As announced on NASIG-L, the Site Selection Committee created a short survey to gather input about conference locations and costs from NASIG members. The 11 questions will only take a few minutes of your time! Check your e-mail for a link to the survey!

The survey will remain open from May 14-May 22. Comments and discussion are welcome

here. Comments may be signed or made anonymously. You do have to give your email address, but that information is not used or made public in any way.

Results of the survey will be shared via the *Newsletter* in June. This is your chance to have input, so please take the time to complete the survey. Your opinions are important to us!

## NEWSLETTER NEWS

Kathryn Wesley, Editor-in-Chief

As mentioned earlier in this issue, **Maggie Rioux**, profiles editor extraordinaire, is retiring from the *Newsletter*. After four years of exploring the inner workings of NASIG groups and individual members, while at the same time writing laugh-out-loud prose and beating deadlines by weeks, she's hanging up her visor and taking off those sleeve garter things.

Our stalwart columns editor, **Susan Andrews**, is also saying goodbye. Susan has been with the *Newsletter* for four years. She's been responsible for producing "Title Changes," which is consistently one of the membership's favorite

features. Throughout the year we've been working together, I have been amazed and gratified at how she has managed to keep it fresh and flowing.

As we say farewell to Maggie and Susan, we welcome our new columns editor, **Kurt Blythe**. Kurt is serials access librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He's fairly new to NASIG, and the Louisville conference will be his first. We're looking forward to working with him. Please join us in welcoming him to NASIG and the *Newsletter* Editorial Board.

## OTHER SERIALS NEWS

### DOING SERIALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Stephanie Schmitt, Library and Learning Resource Center, Zayed University

In December 2006, I moved my place of work from the Yale Law Library to Zayed University in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. As soon as I arrived at work (the day that I landed in Dubai), I was told about the 'Serials Problems' in my library and everyone seemed excited about the level of serials-related experience I had listed on my resume. Now only four full months have passed, but I've already begun to wonder whether my skills were based on dependencies on the technologies I had become so used to; the assumptions I had made about being able to work with a reputable binder, any binder for that matter, and the presumption of knowledge about the inanities of serials publications. You think the Germans and Italians have creative enumeration? You've seen nothing compared to

the lovely joys of Arabic language journals. The basics of tackling claims were daunting in my previous jobs, but I have come to long for the slow and painful process of managing claims in the West, given that it takes 3-6 months to receive deliveries of issues that are already long past the publisher claim by dates once we receive them. Electronic serials are a growing solution, but the bandwidth demands for overseas access can be frustrating and deleterious to the expectations of researchers. In addition, regionally produced scholarship has not yet been bought up by the large publishing houses. Electronic versions of local societies and academic publications have thus not yet been exploited. But somehow it all gets done, inshallah.

In the Middle East, many of the routines of serials maintenance do not exist. We do make use of international subscription vendors and jobbers, but vendors of locally produced materials are rare. Government publications are delivered randomly (I guess that is a similar problem everywhere) and local vendors are hesitant to tackle the requested tasks of managing, with regular service, standing subscriptions. Binders who can manage the scale of print resources from the larger institutions here don't exist and the skill sets, tools, and machinery have not yet made their way into the regional, much less local, library marketplace.

Like nearly anywhere in the world, funding for serials is not matching the pace of new publications. As a tome-based society, Arab nations are adjusting to the relatively rapid presentation of ideas in the form of scholarly journals. Printing is growing at a pace unprecedented as ideas and opinions continue to be spread throughout the region. The number and variety of available serial titles is growing. Literacy is increasing. Colleges are popping up everywhere. The students are pouring in. The time is ripe to promote serials librarianship and to create opportunities for training.

The solutions I seek will come by way of networking and collaboration. By encouraging discussion and ideas about serials, we will build the infrastructure we need to maintain our serially produced resources. I encourage NASIG to support the work of serials in the developing nations of the world. Your wisdom

and guidance will enable growth and understanding through the shared values of preserving knowledge. For example, there are few library schools in the Middle East. Basic knowledge of bibliographic structure and instruction in methods of acquisitions and serials control are desperately needed. We will seek to rectify this situation through our local networking connections and by bringing teachers and experts to the region. My hope is that NASIG and the UKSG will find ways to further promote organized instruction on serials issues and then bring these training opportunities to this region. Just as the UKSG inspired the birth of NASIG, my hope is to foster and support the growth of Middle Eastern serialists. Does not a "MESIG" sound great?! I ask you all to help us get started on this good endeavor.

I'll end this short note about my new life in Dubai with a call to you all to consider working overseas. Life is full and good and purposeful anywhere, but it is so joyful to see the sparkle in the eyes of a student who has never seen a scholarly journal in her life when she comes to understand the magnificent amount of information hidden within enumeration and chronology, and then discover even more within its table of contents and index. OK. Perhaps I've been a member of NASIG a little too long, but the enthusiasm remains. And enough humor as well to realize that like you all, I have the crazy mind of a loyal fan of serials. Long live NASIG!

I'll miss you all at conference this year! May it be the best one yet!

## 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.]

Congratulations to **KURT C. BLYTHE** on his first official job as a librarian at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. About this event he commented "I started my new job as the Serials Access Librarian at UNC-Chapel Hill on December 5, 2006. The change is significant to me not just in terms of a new title and new location, but also in the fact that my current position is my first as a professional. My time at

KU was spent as a paraprofessional, and while I will always love Kansas (my undergrad is from that institution), I'm very happy to be in my new role at UNC, and to be living in Chapel Hill." Kurt was previously Library Assistant III/Library Associate/Head, Bindery Preparation Unit at the University of Kansas Libraries. Kurt's current contact information is:

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Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514-8890  
Phone: (919) 962-2050  
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As of March 20, 2007, Ex Libris' new Verde Implementation Librarian is **ABIGAIL BORDEAUX**. She is at their Newton, Massachusetts offices. She was Binghamton University Libraries' Coordinator of Digital Library Initiatives.

Still at Taylor and Francis Ltd., **KEITH COURTNEY** has changed his title from Global Sales Director to Journals Director. No other changes were made to his contact information.

**LINDA CRACKNELL's** job title has changed from Digital Repository Librarian to Collections and Projects Librarian at Canada's Wilfrid Laurier University.

Florida State University's new Serials Coordinator, **ELIZABETH FAIRLEY**, was formerly their Head, Serials Acquisitions Unit. Libby's explanation for her title change was that "We have been working on a reorganization of Collection Services (Technical Services), and we were unable to fill the position of Serials/Metadata Librarian. Thus, the position of Serials Coordinator was created to oversee Serials Cataloging, Serials Acquisitions and Binding. In essence, I assumed responsibility for Serials Cataloging as well as Serials Acquisitions." No changes were made to her contact information.

On July 31, 2006, **HENRIETTE ILYES** became RAND Corporation's Library Information Systems Administrator, a change from being their Electronic Resources Specialist. There were no changes to Henriette's contact information.

**KATHY KOBYLJANEC** e-mailed "As of 2006, I am now Head of Access Services at John Carroll and have also been awarded tenure. But, because serials have always been my favorite part of librarianship, I am still in charge of periodicals and have "just" added circulation, ILL, and overall stacks maintenance to my responsibilities. To keep life interesting, I also created and teach an honors course on animal ethics at the university." Kathy was formerly

John Carroll University's Periodicals/ILL Librarian. Contact information remains the same.

**MICHAEL W. MARKWITH** is now in Sales at WT Cox Subscriptions. He wanted his NASIG colleagues to know "After 6 years as President of TDNet, I joined WT Cox Subscriptions on February 1 with sales responsibility nationally for academic libraries and on the west coast for all libraries. I enjoy the daily contact with serialists much more than managing a company and look forward to more active involvement again in NASIG." His contact details are:

Phone: (toll free) (866) 332-2787 or (714) 224-9882  
E-mail: mmarkwith@wtcox.com

The former Project Manager at the Library of Congress' Office of Strategic Initiatives, **JENNIFER MARILL** had this to say about her new job as Deputy Chief, Technical Services Division at the National Library of Medicine "I started at NLM on March 5 and my primary responsibility is managing the Division's Systems Office. I will also be involved with digital repository development and the collection of born digital materials." She can now be reached at:

National Library of Medicine  
8600 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, Maryland 20894  
Phone: (301) 435-7072  
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**LILA (ANGIE) OHLER** moved half way across North America, from the University of Oklahoma Libraries to the University of Maryland. Her previous title was Acquisitions Librarian and she is now Head of Acquisitions. Her current contact information can be found in the NASIG membership directory.

Previously North Carolina State University's Metadata Librarian, **JACQUELINE SAMPLES** is now their Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian. About this change she e-mailed "I started my new position here at NCSU on November 1, 2006. I moved from the Metadata and Cataloging Department to the Acquisitions Department after a period of working 1/2 time in each department to assist where there was a need for another librarian. This is an exciting change for me because not only am I using my

metadata expertise in new ways, I am able to contribute to the development of improved work flows and processes that are related to the work I've done on implementing our ERM. I am also working with licensing for electronic materials and managing the Monographs unit, so the range of my experience has been broadened by my move. In addition to these new responsibilities, I continue to manage the maintenance of our link resolver, SFX." Only Jacquie's phone numbers changed and are now:

Phone: (919) 515-7021  
Fax: (919) 515-7292

**SANDHYA D. SRIVASTAVA** used to be Serials Librarian at Hofstra University. She has now moved to Columbia Law Library and her title remains the same --Serials Librarian. She manages a serials staff of 3 full time and 2 part time employees. She is involved in all aspects of serials check-in and binding. Her contact information is now:

Columbia Law Library  
Book Order Department  
435 West 116th Street  
New York, New York 10027  
Phone: (212) 854-4456  
E-mail: [ssriva@law.columbia.edu](mailto:ssriva@law.columbia.edu)

At Lamar University, **SARAH D. TUSA** is now Coordinator of Collection Development & Acquisitions. She was their Coordinator of Acquisitions and her slightly complicated explanation for this change was "I was told that I could officially use that job title as of fall 2006. After two unsuccessful searches, and after I had been performing the essential duties of the job for the past three years, the Provost and the Library Faculty rendered their respective approval to make my interim position 'permanent.'" Sarah's contact information did not change.

Previously the Assistant Head, Acquisitions Department at the University of California, Los

Angeles, **GERMAINE G. WADEBORN** has changed her job title to Head, UCLA Library Print Acquisitions Department. About this change she wrote "The UCLA Library Print Acquisitions Department was created by the reorganization of two key acquisitions departments in February 2006. Two distinct departments were formed with one focused on acquisitions and management of electronic resources and one focused on acquisitions and management of print materials. Initially, the UCLA Library Print Acquisitions Department was responsible for acquisitions for the Young Research Library, College Library and Arts Library, with a total staff of 30-33 FTE. In July 2006 the responsibilities of the Print Acquisitions Department were expanded to include acquisition for Sciences (Engineering and Math Sciences, Geology, Chemistry, and Biomedical Libraries). Seven (7) fulltime employees were transferred to the organization. With the additional workload from Sciences, the UCLA Library Print Acquisitions now places 400-600 serial orders, processes invoices for approximately 12,700 serial titles, cancels 500-600 serial subscriptions, maintains approximately 35,000-40,000 serial subscriptions and sends 900-1000 volumes to exchange partners annually. We also place approximately 18,000 monograph orders and received 56,000 monographic print volumes annually. I became head of the UCLA Library Print Acquisitions Department in March 2006. In this role I welcome the challenges and opportunities to move the organization forward, working with the staff to make the best use of technology to develop workflows to make the work we do as streamlined and efficient as possible." Her new contact information is:

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## CALENDAR

Lillian DeBlois, Calendar Editor

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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

<http://www.nasig.org/conference/2007/>

May 18-23, 2007

*Medical Library Association*

Annual Meeting

"Information Revolution: Change is in the Air"

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html>

June 3-6, 2007

*Special Library Association (SLA)*

Annual Conference

Denver, Colorado

<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/index.cfm>

June 6-8, 2007

*Society for Scholarly Publishing*

Annual Meeting

"Imagining the Future: Scholarly Communication 2.0"

San Francisco, California

[http://www.sspnet.org/Events/Meetings\\_and\\_Seminars/2007\\_Annual\\_Meeting/spage.aspx](http://www.sspnet.org/Events/Meetings_and_Seminars/2007_Annual_Meeting/spage.aspx)

June 21-27, 2007

*American Library Association (ALA)*

Annual Conference

Washington, DC

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/annual/2007a/home.htm>

October 4-7, 2007

*Library & Information Technology Association*

National Forum

"Technology with Altitude"

Denver, Colorado

<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litanationalforum2007denver/forum2007.cfm>

October 29-31, 2007

*Internet Librarian*

"2.0: Info Pros, Library Communities, & Web Tools"

Monterrey, California

<http://www.infoday.com/IL2007/>

November 7-10, 2007

*Charleston Conference*

Charleston, South Carolina

<http://www.katina.info/conference/>

January 11-16, 2008

*American Library Association (ALA)*

Midwinter Meeting

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

See also ALA's "Calendar of Library Events"

<http://www.ala.org/ala/online/datebook/datebook.cfm>

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