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New NASIG Core Competencies Task Force

During the spring of 2011, the NASIG Board formed a new task force called the Core Competencies Task Force. The charge of this Task Force is:

“To develop a statement for NASIG’s endorsement that describes core competencies for serials and electronic resources librarians. The purpose of these statements is to provide librarian educators with a basis for developing curriculum with a specialized focus and to provide employers with a basis for describing these specialized positions and with criteria upon which to evaluate the performance of those who hold them. The statement will be based on current research and complement ALA’s Core Competences for Librarianship. The statement will also be flexible enough to remain relevant in the face of constant change and advances in technology as it is applied to the selection, organization, management, and delivery of library resources.”

The impetus for forming the Task Force is the current lack of core competencies statements for either electronic resources librarianship or serials librarianship. This lack is substantial, given that ALA’s Core Competencies for Librarianship and the Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library and Information Studies both call specifically for the use of competencies statements from professional organizations, particularly in the development of LIS curricula. The NASIG Core Competencies Task Force seeks to fill this gap by creating statements of core competencies for both serials librarians and electronic resources librarians. It is our hope that these

statements will also be of use to institutions that employ serials or electronic resources librarians.

The members of the Task Force have participated in core competencies research and/or have participated in the delivery of serials/electronic course material to LIS students. We all look forward to applying this expertise to the development of competencies statements.

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The Task Force welcomes input from the NASIG membership. You may contact us at core-comp@list.nasig.org. Members of the Task Force will be conducting an informal discussion group during the upcoming NASIG Annual Conference in St. Louis on Saturday, June 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. NASIG attendees with an interest in our work are invited to attend.