North American Serials Interest Group

# NASIG Newsletter

Vol. 25, no. 3 September 2010 eISSN 1542-3417

## President's Corner

Katy Ginanni, NASIG President

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, I was suffering through the melting San Antonio summer (I quit counting at fifty-five days of temperatures well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit), and wondering how I would survive three years as NASIG vice president, president, and past president. Now, one year later, I'm living in the mountains of western North Carolina where 90 degrees is a heat wave (and 85 is more the norm), and wondering how time flies so fast that I'm approaching the mid-point of my term! As past presidents have noted in this space before, I have big shoes to fill and hope that I'll live up to the confidence you showed in me when you elected me. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve NASIG in this capacity. As others have also noted, it has been my professional "home" for many years, and the Executive Board is working hard to make sure we continue as a strong and viable organization for many years to come.

To that end, the Executive Board and representatives from each standing committee met before the annual conference in Palm Springs for a full day of contingency planning and strategizing with consultant Mark Lane. We had a very productive day, and you can expect to see some documents and plans coming out soon as a result of that session.

**25th Anniversary Conference in Palm Springs**

Speaking of Palm Springs, did you attend the 25th anniversary conference there? If not, then I'm here to tell you that you missed yet another great conference! The Program Planning Committee rounded up the usual excellent cadre of presenters and speakers, and the Conference Planning Committee ensured that all of our needs were attended to, including some relatively mild (for Palm Springs!) weather. The 25th Anniversary Task Force put on an especially fun evening of celebration and memories. For those who found the heat a bit too much, there were several cool and restorative pools at the lovely Las Palmas resort.

We're currently waiting for the final report from the Evaluation & Assessment Committee, but I can tell you from comments I've seen on the conference evaluation survey – and from my own, personal perspective – one of the big hits this year was the addition of the vendor exposition. In fact, the overwhelming majority of comments on the survey were very positive. One of the survey responders said, "YESYESYES—do this again!!!" Don't worry, we will. The financial aspect of the vendor expo was an undeniable benefit to our organization as a whole. Receiving payment for expo space from our vendors meant we were able to hold the conference registration fees at the 2009 prices. For library-based members, the vendor expo meant those folks who attend no conferences other than NASIG during the year were able to visit with vendor members they might not otherwise see. Feedback from our vendors indicates that they appreciate having the expo limited to one afternoon. This allows them to finish the expo, get into their NASIG-casual clothes, and participate in the rest of the conference with everyone else. So, look forward to this becoming another NASIG tradition.

**Continuing Education**

The Continuing Education Committee is looking for ways to bring more educational opportunities to the NASIG membership. The committee will soon be conducting a survey asking about content and modalities (in person, web-based, etc.) to get ideas about what the membership needs and wants. Keep an eye out for that and please respond! If you have ideas for workshops, seminars, unconferences, etc., please contact them at cec@nasig.org. One upcoming event, co-sponsored by NASIG, is the 9th Annual MidSouth eResource Symposium, to be held at Mississippi State University on September 16th, 2010. For more information, see http://library.msstate.edu/eresource. Also, because of our collaboration with NISO, NASIG members are able to attend NISO Webinars and Forums at NISO member rates. More information on upcoming NISO events can be found on the NASIG home page, as well as http://www.niso.org/news/events/2010/.

**Nominations & Elections**

It's that time of year! The call for nominations has been issued, and the Nominations & Elections Committee will receive your nominations until October 11th, 2010. This year we will elect a vice president/president-elect, treasurer and three members at large. Nominations are anonymous, and you may submit multiple names for one office. It's not necessary to check with the people you nominate; the committee always asks those who have been nominated if they are willing to stand for election. As always, self-nominations are welcome!

**Stay Tuned…**

Some of you may have heard me say that I am already wildly in love with western North Carolina -- and I haven't even lived here for leaf season yet! Stay tuned for my breathless descriptions of autumn in the Smoky Mountains. Until next time, talk to y'all later!