

NASIG Board Conference Call Minutes  
July 13, 2020

**Executive Board:**

Kristen Wilson, President  
Betsy Appleton, Vice President/President-Elect  
Beth Ashmore, Secretary  
Jessica Ireland, Treasurer  
Cris Ferguson, Treasurer-in-Training

**Members at Large:**

Keondra Bailey  
Michael Fernandez  
Shannon Keller  
Lisa Martincik  
Marsha Seamans  
Steve Shadle

Eugenia Beh, Ex Officio  
Chris Bullock, Ex Officio  
Lori Duggan, Ex Officio

**Guests:**

Ted Westervelt, Incoming Vice President-Elect, Katy Divittorio, Incoming member at large,  
Mary Ann Jones, Incoming member at large, Courtney McAllister, incoming member at large,

**Regrets:**

Angela Dresselhaus, Past President,, member at large,

**1.0 Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm Eastern.

**2.0 Committee roster updates**

Betsy Appleton reported that committee rosters are set and letters are going out. Liaison assignments have also been made Kristen Wilson offered to take on Mentoring and Student Outreach and Vendor and Publisher Engagement Task Force liaison duties. There are still some open slots on committees so if any board members or committee members have candidates, let Betsy know.

**3.0 Committee Annual Reports & Items for Discussion**

## 1.1 Awards & Recognition

The board discussed asking the Awards & Recognition Committee to make it clear in awards descriptions that all awards are open to all library workers except for the paraprofessional award which is only open to paraprofessionals. Awards and Recognition would like to know how many awards to offer in 2021. The board discussed that we may need to table this until we know more about what the conference will look like in 2021. The board discussed setting the deadlines for award sponsors earlier in the cycle to help inform how many awards we offer. The board agreed to table this discussion for now and pick it back up when we know more about what the 2021 conference will look like in the fall.

## 1.2 Communications

Kristen asked Michael Fernandez if Communications could take on the role of administering the new NASIG Slack channel for committees and NASIG events. Michael agreed that Communications can support NASIG's Slack usage.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kristen will make Michael an administrator for the NASIG Slack channel and Michael can add Communications members as admins as well.

The board discussed migrating internal emails lists to Simplelists where SERIALST is currently housed. The board agreed that this idea has potential even if the NASIG forwarding email addresses may need another solution.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth Ashmore will forward Michael the information that Treasa Bane had shared on the move Simplelists and Michael will ask Communications to send the board a proposal.

Michael also reported that SERIALST management will move to Communications once they have a volunteer from the new committee.

## 1.3 Conference Planning

The board discussed collecting more information about which states/institutions are prohibiting conference travel through June 2021.

## 1.4 Conference Proceedings Editors

The board discussed the commitment to move to open access with the 2021 conference proceedings. This timeline may not be feasible since the primary way we intended to pay for the move to open access and make up for the lost revenue was through fundraising which is complicated by the pandemic and the current economic outlook. The board discussed publishing the 2021 proceedings with Taylor and Francis to ensure that they are published and potentially

negotiate with them more open access content with a reduction in the amount we receive for the content. Mary Ann Jones suggested that when we do go open access we consider using Mississippi State's Open Journal Systems instance to host the content to avoid any fees from Taylor & Francis or UKSG Insights. The board discussed the issues related sustainability, copy editing services, and attracting speakers who will only present if the proceedings are open access.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth will put the 2021 conference proceedings on the agenda for the August Board meeting.

### 1.5 Continuing Education

The board discussed the move from WebEx to Zoom.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jessica Ireland and Cris Ferguson will cancel WebEx when the current subscription is up.

The board discussed doing a webinar about lessons learned from taking the conference online since there was much discussion and requests for information after the conference. There may be less interest in this as more and more conferences are going online and best practices are becoming more readily available. In general, our webinars may be more popular since so many are still working from home. Shannon Keller reported that Digital Preservation is interested in offering some webinars.

### 1.6 Digital Preservation

The board discussed how to support Digital Preservation in an online discussion they would like to host, similar to the ALCTS e-forum. The board discussed using NASIG-L as the forum for the discussion, but were concerned that it might be too much for members who are not interested or able to participate. Suggestions for possible platforms included a Google Group, an internal listserv or a new listserv on the simplelists platform once we have upgraded our account.

**ACTION ITEM:** Shannon and Michael will facilitate communication between Digital Preservation and Communications to set up either a listserv or a Google Group that can be used for Digital Preservations e-forum discussion.

Digital Preservation also needs at least one new member this year so Betsy encouraged the board and the committee to send her any prospective committee members.

### 1.7 Equity & Inclusion

The committee had a lot of turnover and is looking to update the committee charge and regroup the committee for the new year. The board also discussed providing some guidance on activities NASIG can do to constructively participate in racial justice initiatives this year, including

joining/supporting the five ALA Ethnic Causes. The committee would also like to do a demographic survey of the NASIG membership.

**ACTION ITEM:** Beth will add this topic to the August board meeting.

#### 1.8 Evaluation and Assessment

The committee's annual report isn't due until December, but Katy DiVittorio was able to report that the conference survey just closed and the analysis is forthcoming. Evaluation and Assessment is ready to assist Equity and Inclusion in a demographic survey or any other committee that is interested in collecting data.

#### 1.9 Membership Services

Membership Service suggested that rather than doing monthly reports on new members that they CC Communications, Standards, and the Newsletter on the Welcome emails to those new Members. Lori Duggan said this would work for the Newsletter.

**ACTION ITEM:** Cris will ask membership services to reach out to the other committees receiving these reports to see if receiving the Welcome emails will be sufficient to their needs.

#### 1.10 Mentoring & Student Outreach

The committee needs a gift card to send out to the winner of their survey drawing.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jessica and Cris will get a gift card for them from credit card points..

The mentor program will run on a shorter time frame this year. The board discussed partnering Mentoring and Equity and Inclusion to look for any opportunities to recruit and mentor BIPOC in the field or interested in the field. There could also be a partnership with the ALA Ethnic Caucuses as well.

#### 1.11 Newsletter

Angela Dresselhaus is taking over as Newsletter Editor in Chief. The board discussed ways to boost the profile of newsletter content through other NASIG media and new types of content for the newsletter. Lori reported that the May issue just wrapped up. The board thanked Lori for her service to the newsletter!

#### 1.11 Nominations & Elections

The board discussed recruitment challenges both in terms of diversifying the slate of candidates and in terms of recruiting Vice President/President candidates. The board discussed the

requirements for candidates and whether or not the guidelines are inadvertently restricting access to the nomination process.

**ACTION ITEM:** Katy will work with Nominations & Elections group to look at ways to make guidelines work and look at the timelines for write-in candidates.

#### 1.12 Open Initiatives

The board discussed involving this committee in the discussions for 2021 proceedings and what possibilities there are to still fundraise to support open access proceedings.

#### 1.13 Site Selection

The board discussed not selecting any more sites since we are currently committed through 2024. This would allow us to think about moving the conference to another time of year and/or to every other year and other ideas for how we might engage the membership.

#### 1.14 Standards

The Standards committee roster has been updated and they have two new members.

#### 1.15 Vendor & Publisher Engagement Task Force

The task force completed its survey report to share with the board and Nicole Ameduri our fundraising coordinator. The board discussed how these vendor preferences might help us think of new options for sponsorship. The board discussed how to address potential sponsors who do not appear to support our equity and inclusion goals as some library vendors have recently been noted for sharing user data with immigration and customs enforcement.

#### 1.16 Web-Based Infrastructure Implementation Task Force

The board discussed cancelling AMO now that the Wild Apricot site is fully operational.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jessica and Cris will cancel AMO.

### **4.0 Budget Report**

Jessica continues work on getting our account transferred to Cris and Betsy.

### **5.0 Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm Eastern. Minutes submitted by: Beth Ashmore, Secretary, NASIG Executive Board.