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President's remarks

When the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) was founded in 1980, one of its main objectives was to promote communication, coordination and cooperation among the producers, disseminators, curators and users of cartographic information. Since our founding, *Map Gap* and the more recent *Cartographic Information* quarterly newsletters have served as an effective link in disseminating information among the Society's members.

With greater recognition of NACIS in the cartographic community and an increasing membership of diverse backgrounds, a newsletter format can no longer represent the Society or keep our readers properly informed of new developments in North, Central, and South America.

This new publication, *Cartographic Perspectives*, Bulletin of the North American Cartographic Information Society, is intended to expand on its successful predecessors by publishing more original contributions about cartographic activities in the Americas. In particular, each quarterly bulletin will feature a solicited original article chosen by the NACIS