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MESSAGE FROM NACIS VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings from Chuck Harrington, newly elected VP. Thank you for your vote of confidence. I hope to serve NACIS in a manner that will enhance the good work that has gone before me.

I take this opportunity to express my impressions of NACIS. The size of the organization is beneficial, and I say that in contrast to another related organization that is several times larger and more acclimated toward academia. Size, I realize does not necessarily determine quality of a group, but it can and more often than not, does affect the quality of relationships within it. An organization whose majority of members are academic does not guarantee success either. I am not saying that size and academia are not good assets to have in an organization because we have many in our society. You may have guessed by now the point I am driving at. I believe the relationships within any organization will make or break it. Although I have not been with NACIS since its inception, I do

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appreciate the relationships that I have, and am developing. Good relationships, as in a marriage, do not just happen. It takes an all out effort on both the husband and the wife to make an excellent marriage come about. The effort each of us has put forth has made NACIS what it is today. But like a marriage, we can not stop and rest on our laurels. Keep up with even greater zeal to make NACIS all it can be.

As VP I have the responsibility of planning and organizing our annual conference. It is being held at the Quality Hotel, October 20-23, 1993 in Silver Spring, Maryland. Already I have had much assistance from Jeff Patton and Ron Bolton. Fred Anderson and

Susan Nelson have volunteered to assist in the local arrangements. I appreciate those who have stepped forth as I can visualize the work it will entail to make NACIS XIII an educational and exciting event.

The NACIS Executive Committee met on Saturday March 13, 1993 at the Quality Hotel in Silver Spring, MD. However, the snowstorm kept yours truly holed up in his home in Damascus for three days. Susan Nelson, who lives within vicinity of the subway was able to fill in for Fred Anderson and myself as a member of the Planning Committee. If one has ever been in the Washington, D.C. area during a snowstorm, he understands the dilemma of trying to move from one place to another.

The Committee functioned quite well and accomplished all they needed to for this year's conference. A call-for-papers letter was issued in April 1993. A quick response would be very encouraging to the conference planners. Additionally, if anyone would like to organize a session, or if anyone has a suggestion that would be beneficial to this rookie conference planner, it would be given careful and thankful consideration.

Thank you. I look forward to seeing you in October.

Charles Harrington
Vice President and
Program Chair, NACIS XIII

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In the course of this year's membership renewal drive, we received word of the deaths of two of the organizations longtime members, Leonard Abrams and Bob Lyons. Abrams of Philadelphia, was a master model builder, who, at the 1982 NACIS meeting in Washington, gave fascinating accounts of his model building activities for the army during World War II and of his construction of a large relief globe. Lyons, a charter member of NACIS and former mining cartographer from Albuquerque, is probably best remembered as the designer of the NACIS logo.

about the cover



A 300 dpi gray-scale TIFF scan of a portion of Ravenstein's gores of the reproduction of the Behaim globe was opened in Adobe Photoshop on the Macintosh. The logo was created in Aldus FreeHand, scanned and imported into a new channel where the oval part of the logo was selected and saved. This selection was then loaded and Photoshop's spherize filter applied to create the magnifying effect on the underlying map. The logo was copied from its channel, aligned on top of the spherized oval, given a border of 8 and a feather of 5, then filled. The spherize filter was reapplied to the oval portion of the logo to give it a raised glassy appearance. The text was added and given a stroke darker than the fill. It was then copied, given a slightly darker fill and pasted offset slightly to the left.

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