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## messages

### MESSAGE FROM THE NACIS PRESIDENT

Living in Wisconsin always affords one the opportunity to experience and appreciate the change in climatic seasons. The progression is natural and symbolic of the cycles that we all encounter during our lifetime. An organization must also experience cycles of growth and change, and this year NACIS members will witness several.

First, we will bid adieu to Sona Andrews as our editor of *Cartographic Perspectives*. Over the last several years she has provided meritorious service to our organization that will be very difficult to replace. Her imagination, tireless devotion, and intense desire to improve our journal will be sorely missed by all cartographic professionals. At the NACIS Annual Banquet last October Sona was presented with a plague signifying her achievements as Editor.

Given Sona's impending editorship retirement, the *Cartographic Perspectives* Editorial Board is now currently searching for a new editor. By this Spring a selection will be made and we hope to have a smooth transition between editors before the end of

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Summer. Whoever the new editor is I hope all members will give their support and best wishes to this intrepid cartographer.

Second, it is likely that the NACIS annual dues will be increased this year. This can be attributed mostly to the rising costs of printing *Cartographic Perspectives* and its increase in pages per issue. Both past and present NACIS Board Members extensively discussed this issue and considered many alternatives, such as limiting the number of pages per issue. In the end, however, everyone agrees that *Cartographic Perspectives* should be strongly supported since it provides a timely and innovative publication that has also elevated the status of NACIS as an organization. During the beginning of this year, several Board Members and I will be analyzing how much

we should increase the annual dues. A short report will then be sent to members about the dues increase and members will be asked to vote (i.e. yes/no) on the recommended increase at the Annual Meeting this Fall in San Antonio. I don't believe any President relishes the idea of being remembered for a dues increase, but both the Board and I agreed that it is necessary if we want to maintain our journal's quality and breadth.

Third, I would like all NACIS members to help sign up a new member this year. Whether it is be a student or a twenty-year professional, NACIS has much to offer and even with a dues increase will still be very inexpensive to join. We have a body of great members right now, but it is always healthy for an organization to get a transfusion of new ideas and perspectives.

Lastly, I would like everyone to consider attending our 1996 Annual Meeting this Fall in San Antonio, Texas. It will be held downtown at the Menger Hotel during the first week of October. I am always amazed at the success of NACIS meetings. The workshops, field trips, papers, and discussion forums are always of the highest caliber, and there is terrific interaction among the conference participants.

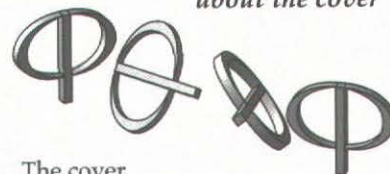
The candor and *esprit de corps* between conference attendees was once again exemplified at the Wilmington, North Carolina Meeting. Where else could you have cartographers from the widest array of professions and backgrounds imaginable discussing their craft? Students, professors, librarians, federal government employees, and cartographic entrepreneurs all felt welcome at Wilmington. A NACIS meeting is also a perfect opportunity to energize your cartographic psyche and indulge in cartographic repartee.

At our Wilmington Meeting I also sensed an air of electricity that signified how exciting a time it is for cartographers. We are witnessing vast changes in the way we create and present maps and spatial information, and we are presented with more challenges than ever before. Cartographers are a hearty breed and we tend to thrive in the opportunities that are presented to us. We are a robust and enthusiastic group and that is why NACIS is such a strong organization.

Best wishes for the year, and I hope to see many of you in San Antonio this Fall.

*Keith Rice*  
NACIS President

about the cover



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