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MESSAGE FROM NACIS' PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure to serve as the 1997-98 president of NACIS. No, really, I am serious! (as Dave Barry would say). After well over a decade of association with the organization, serving now and then as a member of the board of directors or the *CP* editorial board, I finally have the pleasure of serving as NACIS' vice president and now president. The words "pleasure" and "president" are seldom found together in the same sentence; let me tell you why I use them together.

For one thing, I get to deliver some good news to NACIS members and others with links to cartography: we have a new editor for *Cartographic Perspectives*. After a two-year search and several guest editors, we found our new editor, Dr. Michael Peterson of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, right at the head of our own editorial

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NEW NACIS WEB SITE
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gested for CP Editorial Board. Bittenfield offered to send flyers to encourage contributions to CP. Motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved by the Board.

It was noted that CP is getting very close to the page limits for consideration of moving to Perfect Binding. This move would cost an additional \$120.00 for every additional four pages.

Meeting Site For Year 2000

An open discussion was held proposing several potential sites for NACIS 2000. Members are encouraged to propose host institutions and sites and offer them to the Board for consideration. Submitting sites should consider a host department such as geology, geography, or GIS lab. Other issues to consider are hotel and air fare costs. Cities suggested were: Las Vegas, Cleveland, Omaha, Kansas City, Portland or Eugene, OR, San Diego, Knoxville, and Saratoga Springs, NY.

Membership Committee

Issue was raised concerning "regular student," "subscription," and "affiliate" memberships. Other issues relating to membership: The establishment of a Bulletin Board (electronic), mailings to GIS, carto special interest groups (such as URISA).

WEB Committee

Jeremy Crampton offered to chair a Web (WWW-type) Committee. Such a site would cost about \$25 per month. Crampton and the Board will explore this issue further. Baruth offered to work with the Committee and the possibility of moving UWM's "Leardo" to the Web. Parts of the pages could include: NACIS organization/officers, annual meetings, parts of CP. The Board will re-assess at the spring meeting.

Spring Board Meeting

Peterson noted that the experience with a telephone conference call for the Board meeting did not work well. Gilmartin asked for suggested meeting sites. Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, and Dallas were offered. Gilmartin will determine best site and notify members in early 1998.

New Business

Rowles mentioned an idea of giving plaques to students who assist in the annual conference. She also noted that AAG meets March 24th-29th, 1998.

*Submitted,
Jim Minton
NACIS Secretary*

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board. In reality, Mike had been an obvious choice all along, but it just took a little time to convince him. Mike has done an outstanding job for a number of years as chair of the editorial board, and I have no doubt that he will continue his exemplary work as editor. I would like to thank Mike for accepting this responsibility and to remind everyone else that we can make his life-as-editor easier by sending him more good manuscripts to consider for publication in CP.

The next reason I can enjoy serving as president of NACIS is the tremendous job done by our Executive Officers at UW-Milwaukee: Chris Baruth, Sona Andrews, and Susan Peschel. NACIS members may get tired of hearing this same refrain from every president, but the reason we sound like a broken record is because these three make the president's job such a ... well, ... a plea-
sure. They maintain our records and mailing lists, collect dues, manage many of the arrangements for the annual conference, and handle innumerable other details. The con-

tinuity and experience provided by Chris, Sona, and Susan form a strong infrastructure for NACIS which is invaluable to its officers, board members, and membership.

After a well-attended and informative annual meeting in Lexington last fall, we are looking forward to getting together again this year in Milwaukee (October 7 - 10). Dr. Cynthia Brewer is Vice President and Program Chair this year. If you have questions or suggestions about the annual conference, you can reach Cindy at cbrewer@essc.psu.edu (or at the Department of Geography, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802). The usual Call for Papers and details of the meeting will be mailed out later this spring, but it is not too early to be thinking about attending and participating in the meeting.

This year's annual meeting will be preceded by a full-day symposium on the topic of "Maps and Minds: A History of Cartography in Geography Education." Organized by James R. Ackerman of the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography at Chicago's Newberry Library, the symposium will feature six to eight invited speakers who will examine the development and use of maps in Western education and publications from the sixteenth through the twentieth centuries. This symposium, which has been several years in the planning, constitutes a rare opportunity to reflect on the interaction between cartographic publication and societies' educational priorities. Look for details in the Call for Papers for the annual meeting and on our website at www.nacis.org.

Yes, 1998 is a good year to be president of NACIS, mainly because of the admirable support provided by current and past officers of the organization. I invite you to join NACIS (if you are not already a member), renew your membership (if you are late with your dues), and

participate (if you have been lurking in the wings). I can assure you that you will enjoy the results.

Pat Gilmartin
President, NACIS

submissions

The editors of *Cartographic Perspectives* welcome manuscript submissions. Please follow these guidelines.

FEATURED PAPERS

Each issue of *Cartographic Perspectives* includes featured papers, which are refereed articles reporting original work of interest to NACIS's diverse membership. Papers ranging from theoretical to applied topics are welcome. Prospective authors are encouraged to submit manuscripts to the Editor. Papers may also be solicited by the Editor from presenters at the annual meeting and from other sources. Ideas for special issues on a single topic are also encouraged. Papers should be prepared exclusively for publication in *CP*, with no major portion previously published elsewhere. All contributions will be reviewed by the Editorial Board, whose members will advise the Editor as to whether a manuscript is appropriate for publication. Final publication decisions rest with the Editor, who reserves the right to make editorial changes to ensure clarity and consistency of style.

REVIEWS

The Book Review Editor, Joanne M. Perry, will solicit reviews of books and atlases. Publications are to be sent directly to Joanne M. Perry, Map Librarian, The Valley Library - 121, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-4501 or

perryj@ccmail.orst.edu. Reviews of maps and mapping software will be solicited by the Editor of *CP*. Prospective reviewers are invited to contact the Editor directly at geolib@unomaha.edu.

CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES

Articles that concern all aspects of map design and production are solicited by the Cartographic Techniques Editor, James E. Meacham, Director, InfoGraphics Lab, Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1251 or jmeacham@oregon.uoregon.edu.

MAP LIBRARY BULLETIN BOARD

The Map Library Bulletin Board Editor, Melissa Lamont, solicits reports on the current status of map libraries. Submissions are to be sent directly to Melissa Lamont, Data Library, McLean Laboratory, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, WHOI Mail Stop 8, Woods Hole, MA 02543 or mlamont@whoi.edu.

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Literature cited should conform to the Chicago Manual of Style, 14th ed., University of Chicago Press, Chapter 16, style "B." Examples of the correct citation form appear in the feature articles of this issue. Authors of Featured Papers should submit four printed copies of their manuscript for review directly to Michael Peterson, Editor of *Cartographic Perspectives*, Department of Geography / Geology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. Manuscripts are reviewed by three referees. The Editor will contact all authors to notify them if their paper has been accepted for publication and if revisions are necessary prior to publication. The following technical guidelines should be followed for all accepted manuscripts (these guidelines also apply to book, map, and software reviews).

Material should be submitted in digital form on 3.5" diskettes. Please send a paper copy along with the disk. Text documents processed with Macintosh or Windows software, such as *WordPerfect* or *MS Word*, are preferred.

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