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## *from the president*

At the beginning of 2000 Anno Domini (I am trying to avoid the M-word) we in NACIS have much to celebrate. The information age has ushered in what can best be described as a new golden era of cartography while NACIS flourishes and turns twenty years old. That our society is so youthful is a little surprising, to me, since it has been a constant and influential presence throughout my entire career.

I first heard about NACIS back in 1986 when I got a call from Greg Chu, a fellow alumnus from the University of Hawaii, Department of Geography. With the eagerness of a friend recommending a must-read book or a hot investment tip, Greg urged me to attend the upcoming NACIS annual meeting in Philadelphia. He described NACIS as "a new mapping society with friendly members who hail from a wide variety of backgrounds," or words to that effect. At the time, I was the Cartographic

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