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I am pleased to report that our organization is growing and I sense a general feeling of optimism, opportunity and strong commitment in our ranks. We have seen a substantial growth in NACIS membership and meeting attendance over the last five years (see *figure 1*). At the 1997 Lexington meeting the attendance was 107 with a membership of 381. At last year's meeting in Portland the membership had grown to 485 and the meeting attendance had more than doubled to 231. The pre-conference event last year in Portland, "Practical Cartography Day," was also enormously successful, with 105 participants, including 65 more than was originally planned for. This is good news indeed. In a time when some have questioned the vitality of cartography, we are

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