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Letter from the Editor

Dear Members of NACIS,

I am happy to report that with the publication of this issue, *CP47*, *Cartographic Perspectives* is back on publication schedule! That is probably news big enough to end this column on...but I will forge ahead never the less.

To ensure new ideas and a vibrant, thriving journal, I have assembled a very diverse editorial board for 2004 through 2006. I would like to dedicate some space in this column to introduce to you both new and returning members of *CP's* editorial board. First off, *CP* welcomes the following five members: *Michael Leitner* from the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University; *Nadine Schuurman* from the Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University; *Erik Steiner* from the InfoGraphics Lab at the University of Oregon; *Dan Van Dorn* from Map Link in Santa Barbara; *Denis Wood* who is an

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Independent Scholar in Raleigh, NC. *CP* also welcomes back the following nine people, eight who are returning for a second term on *CP*'s editorial board: *Sara Fabrikant* from the Department of Geography at University of California in Santa Barbara; *Ken Foote* from the Department of Geography at the University of Colorado at Boulder; *Pat Gilmartin* from the Department of Geography at the University of South Carolina; *John B. Krygier* from the Department of Geology and Geography at Ohio Wesleyan; *Robert Lloyd* from the Department of Geography at the University of South Carolina; *Jan Mersey* from the Department of Geography at the University of Guelph; *Elisabeth S. Nelson* from the Department of Geography at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro; *Margaret Pearce* from the Department of Geography at Western Michigan University; *Ren Vasiliev* (serving a 3rd term) from the Department of Geography at the State University of New York, College at Geneseo. I very much look forward to working with is talented group of carto-geographers.

This issue of *CP* also marks a change in three section editors, as well as changes in two sections of *CP*. First off, *CP* welcomes *Chris Mixon* from Auburn University Libraries as the new **Map Library Bulletin Board Editor**. Chris has some great ideas for this section, so expect to see some new directions in this column. The **Essay Section** of *CP* is transmogrifying into the **Opinion Column**, which will be-

come an occasional piece in *CP*. Matt McGranaghan is stepping down as editor of this column and is moving on to more surf and sun in his life. Thank you Matt for your time and energies! Lastly, Jeremy Crampton has decided to step down as section editor for the **On-Line Mapping** column. After much discussion in Jacksonville, it was decided that this section would no longer be a separate theme in *CP*, but instead would be integrated into the other parts of *CP*. I want to extend special thanks to Jeremy for his foresight in bringing on-line mapping issues center stage, and for facilitating some great debates and research in this area.

As outlined in the last issue of *CP*, and now in this issue, *Cartographic Perspectives* has certainly experienced many changes in the past couple of years. These changes, I believe, make *CP* more than just a solid contribution to the cartographic literature. These changes are enhancing a unique publication that makes it possible for all members of our diverse cartographic community to have a voice... to put our thoughts and ideas out there for debate...to illustrate our diverse cartographies that coalesce to form this community we call the North American Cartographic Information Society...in color, if we choose.

So what's up for this year? This issue of *CP* is born in part from papers that were presented at the 2003 NACIS meeting and during Practical Cartography

Day in Jacksonville, FL. The lead off paper in this issue is Judy Olson's plenary titled *Cartography 2003*. Judy summarizes for us where she thinks cartography has been, where is it now, and some of the things we are likely to see in the future. Next is a paper by Tom Patterson and Nathaniel Kelso titled *Hal Shelton Revisited: Designing and Producing Natural-Color Maps with Satellite Land Cover Data*. This paper was part of the Practical Cartography Day, and provides a wonderful account of the work of Hal Sheldon, and its impact on visualizing satellite data. Last is a paper by Bob Churchill titled *Mapping September 11, 2001: Cartographic Narrative in the Print Media*. This paper shows how maps were used in the media to report on the terrorist attacks of 9-11. The Techniques Column in this issue has a piece by Nate Case that was also presented as part of Practical Cartography Day. This paper provides many tips for successful duplication of small type, screens and color in a PostScript offset printing environment.

The next issue of *CP*, #48, is a theme issue that will feature three papers on maps made by First Nations Peoples (i.e., indigenous cartographies) as well as a preface by G. Malcolm Lewis. The final issue for 2004, CP49 is taking shape at this time and will have papers on metadata for maps, and on representing confidential information on maps.

As always, I welcome any thoughts, ideas, or compliments you may have for Cartographic Perspectives.

Warmest Regards,

Scott Freunds Schuh, Editor

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