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Letter from the President

A hearty welcome to yet another cool issue of *Cartographic Perspectives*! Editor Scott Freundschuh, Assistant Editor Jim Anderson and the Editorial Board have done a spectacular job in getting the journal back on schedule. The NACIS Board of Directors has asked Scott to continue to edit *CP* for the next two years: the Board, membership and I look forward to many more great issues of *Cartographic Perspectives*.

As President of NACIS my focus has been on a few key projects: the formation of subcommittees on the NACIS Board, a template for planning NACIS conferences, and enhancements to *Cartographic Perspectives*. Subcommittees are intended to focus the work of NACIS board members. We now have subcommittees devoted to promotion of NACIS, the NACIS WWW pages (which will undergo a major revision soon), Publications (primarily

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CP), Conference planning, Practical Cartography Day (part of the Annual NACIS conference), and Nominations. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the NACIS Board, particularly if you have abilities and expertise in any of the Board Subcommittee foci.

After handling local arrangements for the NACIS meeting in Columbus and the Program for the meeting in Jacksonville I decided that NACIS needed a detailed conference-planning document. This document assists NACIS members who want to host a NACIS meeting in their city (let me know if you are interested in hosting a NACIS conference), and

helps plan the conference once a location is chosen. The document also assists the NACIS Vice President in planning the Conference Program. A tremendous amount of planning and work goes into each annual NACIS conference, and make sure you congratulate Trudy Suchan (NACIS VP and Conference Program Organizer) and Mike Hermann (Local Arrangements) at the next NACIS meeting in Portland Maine.

Finally, as you delve into this issue of *Cartographic Perspectives*, keep in mind that Scott is always open to new ideas and means of including the research, products, and techniques of the diverse NACIS membership in the journal.

CP is a reflection and representation of NACIS as an organization, and it is important that all NACIS members feel they can contribute. For example, Scott and the NACIS board are discussing the inclusion of annotated maps as well as maps from the annual Great NACIS Map-Off: watch for some of these new developments in CP49. As *Cartographic Perspectives* nears its 50th issue, it is thriving and continues to evolve and reflect the diversity of NACIS.

Have a great summer, and see you in Portland, Maine in October 2004!

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President