

## **A Message from the History Task Force**

*The NASIG History Task Force is charged with researching and producing a history of NASIG during its first two decades. This history will include concise narratives about the organization, an overview of the serials world during the same years, and the impact it and NASIG have had on each other. The history will primarily consist, however, of lists compiled from various sources, such as lists of major events and accomplishments from each year; rosters of various groups such as the Board, committees, task forces, and award recipients; chronologies; etc.*

This is where the History Task Force began. It may seem as though what we were going to be doing was researching the Newsletter issues, Board minutes, archives, and talking with members about their role in the development of NASIG. Yes, we did a lot of that. But along the way, we have discovered a “mind-boggling” array of information about the serials world, and NASIG’s role in influencing our understanding of that world. We have seen names appear over and over, and better understand the role of individuals such as Susan Davis, Tina Feick, Teresa Malinowski, Steve Oberg and so many others. Beverley Geer’s conversations with her cat, Jimmy Dale, brought a smile. NASIG has always been an organization that relies on its members, and it’s the members who make the organization as great as it is. We have incorporated into this document as many members as were willing to participate. You may recognize some of the names, and others may be new to you. Everyone has contributed in some way to the history of NASIG. This has been a great project.

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