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NACIS Board Meeting March 13, 1993 Silver Spring, MD

The following members of The Board were present: J. Patton, E. Hall, C. Remington, J. Anderson, J. Minton, J. Dodd, H. Castner, R. Rowles, R. Bolton and Executive Director C. Baruth.

The meeting began at 10:07 a.m. with the approval of the minutes of October 16, 1992 meeting.

Treasurers Report

Ed Hall reported a balance of \$25,974.33 in NACIS accounts. Receipts have totaled less than \$25,000 annually, therefore filing IRS Form 990 was deemed unnecessary. Hall reported that deposits to the NACIS money market account are limited to 120 checks monthly, which requires him to withhold checks from deposit at certain times of the year. A suggestion was offered by Anderson, to establish an account in Milwaukee. Hall made a motion for the Executive Director to establish a checking account in Milwaukee, with a monthly statement of the account to be forwarded to the Treasurer, and for both the Treasurer and the Executive Director to have signatory authority on the account. The motion was seconded and passed. The Executive Director has been authorized by The Board to investigate investment account options in Milwaukee and act upon these opportunities in the best interest of The Society. When the account is established in Milwaukee, the account in Ohio will be closed.

NACIS XIII

Action on NACIS XIII was hindered by the fact neither Charles Harrington nor Fred Anderson

were able to attend the meeting due to most inclement weather. Susan Nelson, however, was present to receive advice and direction from The Board. The opportunities for cartographically oriented field trips are so numerous that organizational efforts will be limited to NOAA, National Geographic and the Library of Congress Map Division. NACIS will sponsor an evening reception at an appropriate local venue. Access to the city's subway system will save transportation costs, as buses for field trips and the reception will be unnecessary. A further savings will be realized with a meeting attendance of 224 room nights, as the hotel will not charge for its conference rooms. Members are reminded to specify our meeting when making hotel reservations. Conference announcements will encourage our institutional members to participate in our exhibit program. Susan Nelson will contact Donna Schenstrom and ask that Donna once again help in organizing cart lab exhibits. A special effort will be made to invite students from local universities to the meeting. The Board is interested in organizing a session for student papers, if there is sufficient participation. Susan received direction from The Board with regard to free materials to be distributed to meeting registrants. A time table was established for the following: mid April - Call for Papers; June 15 - response to Call; early July - Board telephone conference call; early August - Preliminary Program. Final business on NACIS XIII involved a survey of the conference room facilities which meet with The Board's approval. Adjourned for lunch, 1:05 p.m.

Nominations

Reconvened at 2:35 p.m. Nominations are required for the offices of

Vice President and Secretary along with four Board seats. Dodd solicited The Board for nominees to these positions and noted suggestions. A special effort will be made to seek nominations from Canadian members. In a change from past practice, members elected to office will be notified as soon as the results of the election are communicated to The Board. A final call for nominations will be published in the May C.P.

Membership Growth

Baruth pointed out that our membership, while remaining reasonably constant in terms of total numbers, has a substantial turn over from year to year. The growth of The Society is tied to not only recruiting new members, but retaining those that have joined. In response to this issue, Membership Growth Committee Chair, Ruth Rowles will organize a letter writing effort to past members. This campaign will focus on bringing past members back into NACIS as active members. The use of C.P. was again seen as a positive mechanism for sustaining membership growth.

Cartographic Perspectives

Baruth stated that C.P. had enough material for both the Spring and Fall editions. There is a problem associated with the fact that we are running out of back issues. The Board authorized the xeroxing of issues out of print, on back to back copies, at a sale price of \$10.00 per issue. The xerox copies will be distributed if no original issues are available. A note to this effect will be published in the C.P. Further, the Board authorized the printing of a generic cover for the xerox copies. This can be accomplished by printing extra copies of the next C.P.'s cover. As C.P. does not get forwarded in the mail, Baruth will

in the future send all membership renewal forms via first class mail. This should help us keep current records of the members addresses.

NACIS XIV

Dodd reported on his recent trip to Ottawa and offered The Board his appraisal of the hotel facilities. He met with local contacts Betty Kidd and Dan McKay, who are will be helping us with arrangements. The Board expressed an appreciation for their efforts. The Board acknowledged that Dodd had the authority to speak for The Board in his negotiations with Ottawa hotels. Upon a review of costs and facilities a motion was offered by Minton that the Radisson-Ottawa be accepted as the hotel of choice. Second and passed. Further negotiations will focus on this facility before any

contractual agreements are made. Dates for this meeting are tentatively set as October 12-15, 1994.

NACIS XV

After a discussion regarding future meeting sites, Patton offered a motion to contact Pat Gilmartin and ask her to proceed with a preliminary investigation of a meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. Second and passed.

Dues

The Board found no need to change current dues.

New NACIS Directory

A new directory of NACIS members, including those who have been members within the last two years, will be available without

cost to all Washington registrants. Additional copies may be purchased by request for a nominal fee.

Other Business

Aside from a discussion of when Washington's National Airport might reopen, other business focused on the function of the Inter-American Committee. Castner pointed out an opportunity to recruit new Canadian members. The discussion closed with a resolution by The Board to pay for the costs of translating papers presented at Ottawa into French. Adjourned 5:20 p.m.

*Submitted,
Craig Remington*

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one reason (or combination of reasons). Only three provided no responses to question 10 even though they had answered "no" to question 2. Some other critical reasons (though not critical in number) included the lack of staff and lack of information or policies. Nine (9) respondents noted that the information was available in other departments (probably campus departments other than the library) or was otherwise outside their collecting responsibility.

Most of the institutions reporting having digital cartographic data indicated having it in CD-ROM format (55) while 34 noted

having items on diskettes. A much smaller number had other formats, such as 11 for tapes, three for video discs, and six for others.

The equipment in use varies enormously (from the most basic (PC) (15 responses) to the several who reported the sophisticated, (Unix systems or Vaxes), but is generally the 286 (10 responses), the 386 (20 responses) and the 486 (10 responses). Out of the 65 responses indicating digital data in their collections, over 89% of respondents indicated having some type of equipment enabling them to use the data. Only a few institutions had a lot of equipment.

It is quite apparent that this is an area of great pending expansion for map libraries of all types. A danger is trying to offer service for these materials without adequate

equipment and/or training to do so. In the U.S. much of the material is arriving on deposit, forcing libraries to buy equipment and obtain training or the material will be unusable.

For a complete summary of the survey results, a tabulation of the survey data, and list of responding institutions (a list with complete names and addresses of respondents is also available), write or call Dr. Christopher Baruth, Map and Imagery Librarian, American Geographical Society Collection, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 399, Milwaukee, WI 53201; phone 800-558-8993 (toll free in U.S. and Canada) or 414-229-6282; FAX 414-229-4380; Email cmb@gml.lib.uwm.edu.