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Position Statement

A pillar of NASIG is its continued commitment to providing learning and

networking experiences through a variety of mediums in order to include and reach as

many interested persons as possible. Reaching more people and including multiple

perspectives enriches the experience of all. I believe that my work on the NASIG

Program Planning Committee helped to facilitate a space for sharing ideas and new

perspectives and I hope to continue that work with NASIG.

The mission of including more people is now more important with the changing

technology landscape and how that impacts all people working in libraries, vendors, and

publishers. What impacts will AI have on our positions as a whole and how can we

harness new technologies to improve processing and functionality in our daily

workflows? I look forward to sharing our experiences with new technologies and

welcoming new perspectives and varying talents that can help us better understand

these changes. Providing space to explore these and other new developments is a

strength of NASIG and is useful to everyone seeking support.

Some of the largest influences felt by NASIG members are the macro forces that

impact the positions represented at NASIG. For instance, the Nelson memo’s effect on

publishing and how that will impact universities and libraries or the loss of positions and

funding in libraries and how that ripples into time or funding allocated for professional

development. These issues are important to members and NASIG’s ability to facilitate

discussion of these big picture ideas and the smaller tasks in day-to-day work is what

makes this a community I want to be a part of and contribute to through volunteering my

time, presenting my work, and exchanging ideas with others.

NASIG has the opportunity to provide guidance on all of these developments in

the profession and for people to share how they approach these issues to help others.

Through our ongoing support of NASIG we make these commitments possible.