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April, 1980	Council of Graduate Deans reviewed "University Library Needs for the 80s," a report of the current status of academic libraries in senior institutions. The Council requested a report which would identify present and future library needs with emphasis on the impact of those needs in support of quality graduate academic programs.
August 5, 1982	Council of University Presidents endorsed *Cooperative Library Resource Sharing Among Universities Supporting Graduate Study in* a study documenting deficiencies in academic library resources and services
August 20, 1983	Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) endorsed and published the study as *Cooperative Library Resource Sharing Among Universities Supporting Graduate Study in Alabama* (ERIC Document 224 497).
May 1, 1983	Interim Advisory Council appointed Dr. Norman Stevens to develop priorities and a plan for NAAL activities
September, 1983	Interim Advisory Council received consultant's report from Dr. Stevens
October 7, 1983	Interim Advisory Council approved NAAL *Priority Action Plan* based on Dr. Stevens' report
January 1, 1984	Interim Advisory Council appointed Dr. Fred Heath, Dean of the Library, University of North Alabama, as part-time interim director
June 4, 1984	Interim Advisory Council approved the Bylaws for the Network and adopted the Memorandum of Agreement between NAAL members and ACHE.
September 10, 1984	Interim Advisory Council dissolved with the establishment of the NAAL Advisory Council. The Advisory Council approved NAAL Bylaws, adopted Memorandum of Agreement between NAAL members and ACHE, and adopted "Guidelines for the Distribution of Retrospective Conversion Funds" (subsequent revisions are not listed)
October 1, 1984	State of Alabama appropriated $580,342 to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for NAAL.
	NAAL approved a retrospective conversion program as the first major NAAL initiative.
November, 1984	Seminar on Retrospective Conversion provides training to initiate the statewide retrospective conversion program
April 2, 1985	Appointed Dr. Sue O. Medina as full-time director
May 23, 1985	Adopted "Statement Concerning General Membership" and "Statement Concerning Cooperative Membership" (subsequent revisions are not listed)
August 2, 1985	Sponsored first NAAL workshop on collection assessment and distributed draft copy of the *Collection Assessment Manual*
October 1, 1985	NAAL members added 456,280 holdings and bibliographic records to OCLC WorldCat in the first year of the Retrospective Conversion Program. These records were in addition to records converted with local funds and records created for current cataloging activities.

October 22, 1985	Adopted first annual (FY 1985-1986) Plan to replace the *Priority Action Plan*
	Adopted policy for "Use of NAAL Funds for Collection Development" (subsequent revisions are not listed)
	Approved Resource Sharing Program and promoted interlibrary lending among NAAL members. The adopted policy for the "Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Program" waived fees for interlibrary loan transactions among members and reimbursed $6.50 for each completed net loan.
	Welcomed cooperative members, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Alabama Public Library Service, Air University Library at Maxwell Air Force Base, Redstone Arsenal Scientific Information Center, and Spring Hill College
December 3, 1985	Endorsed and agreed to cosponsor with Auburn University Libraries the compilation of a union list of major microform sets; this union list was also subsequently cosponsored by the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS)
	Received the automation study report, ***Plans and Recommendations for an Alabama Library Network***, cosponsored by the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) and NAAL
	Authorized the NAAL chairman to proceed with implementation of the automation study recommendations in the areas of protection of the rights of Alabama libraries to their machine-readable records stored in the OCLC database, statewide union list of serials, and reimbursement to academic libraries for net lending to public libraries
	Endorsed the Government Publications Depository Bill (subsequently the Alabama State Government Publications Clearinghouse) and requested the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to endorse and seek its passage into law
February, 1986	Sponsored orientation to begin compiling the union list of microforms held by NAAL members
July 22, 1986	Approved appointment of a Planning Committee to evaluate progress of NAAL and to prepare goals and objectives for the future
September 30, 1986	Distributed first quarterly payment (FY1985-1986) for the Resource Sharing Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement Program (subsequent distributions are not listed)
October 28, 1986	Approved a one-time membership fee due upon the election of a new General Member
	Revised NAAL Bylaws to provide for General Membership fees to be managed as a Contingency Fund maintained on behalf of NAAL by the University of Montevallo. The Bylaws provide for the Executive Council to approve expenditures form interest earned during the year it is earned but requires approval by the Advisory Council for expenditures from the corpus.
	APLS approved LSCA funding to reimburse NAAL for academic library lending to Alabama public libraries. NAAL members agree to waive charges for lending under this agreement.
October 28, 1986	Contracted with Amigos for a Collection Analysis Project to study duplication and overlap among academic collections of resources supporting graduate programs in teacher education
November 1986	Convened the first meeting of the Planning Committee

November 12, 1986	Met with SOLINET executive director, Frank Grisham, to review and determine solutions for problems encountered by members with retrospective conversion services provided by SOLINET
November 14-15, 1986	Cosponsored Institute on Collection Management with APLS and the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Service
July 22, 1986	Adopted "Policy for the Expenditure of Funds from the NAAL Contingency Funds Deposited with the University of Montevallo"
	Auburn University at Montgomery and the University of Alabama at Birmingham certified completion of retrospective conversion of their main circulating collections. NAAL approved an "Institutional Plan for Collection Development" for AUM for public administration (AUM) and for UAB for biomedical engineering, history, and English (Mervyn H. Sterne Library) and biochemistry (Lister Hill Library for the Health Sciences).
	Approved the application of Spring Hill College for general membership effective October 1, 1987
	Approved the application of Birmingham Public Library for cooperative membership effective October 1, 1987
Spring, 1987	Sponsored an intern enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies. Linda Cohen surveyed NAAL members and prepared a report which was published as "Cohen, Linda McNair. "Collection Development in Alabama's Academic Libraries. *Collection Management* 10 (1988): 43-60.
June 16, 1987	Amended policy for the expenditure of funds for collection development to assure all libraries in a general member institution could participate in the NAAL program
August, 1987	Sponsored SOLINET training on using the SOLINET M300 Terminal
October 1, 1987	Began APLS Reimbursement for Net Lending to Public Libraries Program
October 27, 1987	Approved the application of Troy State University at Dothan as a cooperative membership effective FY1987-1988
	Published *Collection Assessment Manual* (ERIC Document 290 462) and distributed copies to members. ACHE agreed to require collection assessments using the NAAL methodology for all public academic institutions' applications for approval of new academic programs.
December 3-4, 1987	Cosponsored with Birmingham Public Library an ALA/LAMA Leadership Development Workshop
Spring, 1987	Sponsored an intern enrolled in the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies. Mary Axford surveyed the members and compiled a Directory of Special Collections using the RLG Conspectus methodology to describe collecting priorities and strengths.
August, 1988	Published *Major Microform Sets Held in Alabama Libraries, a Union List and Guide,*" compiled by T. Harmon Straiton, Jr. and G. Boyd Childress, Auburn University Libraries. This compilation was an initial step toward cataloging the individual items included in the microform sets and served as a foundation for some of NAAL's Research Collection Development grants.
February, 1988	Coordinated development of a proposal for Auburn University and The University of Alabama to add records to OCLC for individual items included in two major microform sets. The U. S Department of Education awarded an HEA II-C grant to Auburn University to catalog *Confederate Imprints* and for The University of Alabama to catalog *French Revolutionary Pamphlets*.

March 23, 1988	Sponsored a workshop on converting bibliographic records for government documents into OCLC
April 24-26, 1988	Sponsored first NAAL Planning Retreat, Orange Beach, Alabama
May 5-7, 1988	Paid travel expenses for three NAAL librarians accepted to participate in the ALA Institute on Intellectual Freedom
July, 1988	Distributed a "Directory of Special Collections in Alabama Academic Libraries and Selected Other Libraries," compiled by Mary A. Axford, intern to NAAL from the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Service
July 27, 1988	Approved the application of Troy State University at Dothan for general membership effective October 1, 1988
	Approved the application of Mobile College for cooperative membership effective October 1, 1988
	Revised the policy "Storing Archival Tapes for Records Tapeloaded into SOLINET documents requested via interlibrary loan
	Approved "Maintenance of Effort Policy" for NAAL grants to general members
January 25, 1989	Approved the application of U.S. Sports Academy for general membership effective fiscal year 1988-1989
	Approved purchase of set holding symbols on OCLC for major microform sets held by NAAL members
	Amended the Bylaws to provide for an appeal of the actions of the NAAL Advisory Council
April 18, 1989	Governor Guy Hunt issued a proclamation to recognize the initiation of electronic document delivery for interlibrary loan. The Governor transmitted the Proclamation electronically, the first document via the NAAL telefacsimile network.
April 30, 1989	Sponsored the second NAAL Planning Retreat
May 15, 1989	Announced the addition to OCLC WorldCat of holdings symbols for individual items contained in fifteen (15) major microform sets owned by NAAL members. This project facilitated interlibrary use of individual items among the NAAL members.
June, July, 1989	Sponsored SOLINET workshops for Cataloging Non-Book Formats: Serials, Manuscripts and Archival Materials, Scores and Recordings
July, 1989	Sponsored *Decisions for the Future* for an update about the new OCLC system
August 2, 1989	Approved the 1989-1990 Plan which established collection development as the first priority of NAAL and provided for the distribution of NAAL funds for collection development using a new formula
	Included cooperative members in the NAAL interlibrary loan reimbursement formula if they were not reimbursed by APLS
October 1, 1989	Initiated use of ground-based package delivery service (UPS) for interlibrary loan materials which could not be delivered via telefacsimile
October 12, 1989	Adopted revised membership criteria
	Appointed a subcommittee of the Planning Committee, the ad hoc Committee on Linking Systems, to study the feasibility of linking local automated systems
December 9, 1989	Dr. Mary Flowers Braswell, professor of English at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, presented a copy of her book, **The Arthurian Tradition**, which she researched using resources purchased with NAAL's first Cooperative Collection Development awarded to the Mervyn H. Sterne Library at UAB.

February 2, 1990	Appointed an ad hoc committee to develop a plan to initiate a gift and exchange program
May 1, 1990	Funded the first Research Support grants in the Statewide Collection Development Program to acquire unique resources in Black studies (Tuskegee University), English literature (Auburn University), music (University of Alabama), and U.S. patents backfiles (Auburn University)
May 6, 1990	Sponsored third NAAL Planning Retreat
June 13, 1990	Sponsored NAAL workshop on the accreditation criteria of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
July 12-13, 1990	Sponsored workshop on linking automated library systems
July 18, 1990	Approved "Continuing Education Grants to General Members" policy
	Endorsed the "Alabama Plan for Library Continuing Education"
	Approved "Statewide Database for Academic Library Resources" policy
	Adopted revised guidelines for the Statewide Collection Development Program and the Resource Sharing Program
August,1990	Sponsored three SOLINET workshops, OCLC's EPIC for Experienced Searchers (2 presentations) and OCLC's EPIC for Novice Searchers (1)
August 10, 1990	Dr. Joseph Sutton, executive director of ACHE, retired and listed NAAL among the exemplary actions of ACHE during his tenure
October 1, 1990	Received funding from HEA II-D to install telefacsimile equipment in the branch libraries of Auburn University and Tuskegee University to facilitate cooperative collection development and interlibrary loan in the areas of architecture, engineering, and veterinary medicine
	Received funding from the Alabama Council on the Arts and Humanities to inventory art held by Alabama libraries
	Established a standing Automation Committee to implement the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Linking Systems
December 1990	*Collection Management* (volume 1990 number ¾) published "The Academic Library n the Program Review Process" by Vicki L. Gregory featuring the collection assessment methodology developed by NAAL for the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to use it its program review procedures.
October 17, 1990	Celebrated the addition of the bibliographic record into OCLC for ***The Journal of the Legislative Council of the Alabama Territory at the First Session of its First General Assembly***, Alabama's first government publication. Samford University, owner of this first issue of ***The Journal*** hosted a special reception to celebrate the successful conclusion of Phase I of the NAAL Retrospective Conversion Program. The October 1990 issue (volume 41, number 10) of the *Alabama Librarian* highlighted the event and featured an image of ***The Journal*** issue on its cover.
May 1, 1991	Funded the second Research Support grants to acquire research materials in aerospace history (Auburn University), biomedical engineering (University of Alabama at Birmingham), forensic science (University of Alabama at Birmingham), and gerontology/geriatrics (University of South Alabama).
April 28, 1991	Sponsored fourth NAAL Planning Retreat. The program featured using the Myers-Briggs Inventory as a tool for building effective working relationships

August 8, 1991	Adopted a revised policy, "Continuing Education Grants to General Members"
	Adopted "An Electronic Gateway to Information: Networking for the Nineties, " a plan for linking library systems to implement electronic access to information databases. This document mentioned an "opportunity to include library databases as one of the information resources" and is the genesis of NAAL's planning for a statewide virtual library, eventually funded in FY2000 as the Alabama Virtual Library.
	Adopted a formula to calculate the initial fee for General Membership
	Adopted a new definition of member in "good standing"
	Adopted revised Bylaws for the Network
	Agreed to convert the union list of major microform sets held in Alabama libraries to the OCLC union listing subsystem in 1991-1992
	Suspended the Research Support Grant program due to the reduction in the State appropriation for NAAL
October 31, 1991	Suspended project to convert the union list of major microform sets held in Alabama libraries to the OCLC union listing subsystem due to inability of OCLC to distinguish between formats for the preparation of offline products.
March 7, 1992	The *Montgomery Advertiser* featured a brief article "Alabama a Leader in Library Resource Sharing" highlighting the benefits of the NAAL Resource Sharing Program.
April 5, 1992	Sponsored fifth annual NAAL Planning Retreat
April 6, 1992	Distributed ***Alabama's Major Microform Collections, The Enlarged and Revised Edition*** in electronic and print format to NAAL members
May 14, 1992	Auburn University accepted invitation to become a member of the Association of Research Libraries
July 29, 1992	Approved matching funds for a pilot project for four libraries to acquire RLG Ariel Document Delivery Workstations to test its use for interlibrary loan
April 25, 1993	Sponsored sixth annual NAAL Planning Retreat
April 28, 1993	Legislation authorizing Alabama Clearinghouse for State Publications signed (Act 93-257 *Code of Alabama*)
August, 1993	Sponsored a workshop to provide an overview of the Internet and policies and procedures for accessing and using the Internet
August 18, 1993	Revised the Statewide Collection Development program guidelines to provide for general members to submit proposals which include activities for Instructional Support, Research Support, or any combination of the two activities
	Invited the Supreme Court Library to become a cooperative member effective October 1, 1993
October 1, 1993	Received HEA II-A funding to implement the first phase of "An Electronic Gateway to Information: Networking for the Nineties." The grant funds linking eight NOTIS installations to create a seamless interactive online network.
October 19, 1993	Approved the Electronic Access to Information Program to support the "increasing necessity for gateway and electronically-based information services." This policy provided an option for members to use NAAL Collection Development Program grants to support electronic access, recognizing that electronic content could not be separated from traditional print in collection management decisions.

January 5, 1994	NAAL recognized as a publicly-supported, tax-exempt (501 c (3) organization by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service
January 18, 1994	UMI named "Major Microform Sets: The Alabama Experience" as an award recipient in its call for the best papers about managing serials in microform. The paper detailed NAAL's efforts to catalog individual items in two large sets (*Confederate Imprints* and *French Revolutionary Pamphlets*), complete microform sets partially held by NAAL members, add holdings records for individual items in sets to OCLC WorldCat, and share the individual items among the member libraries via interlibrary loan. The paper, co-authored by Sue Medina, T. Harmon Straiton, Jr. and Cecilia Schmitz, was published in *Advances in Collection Development and Resource Management,"* edited by Thomas W. Leonhardt (JAI Press, 1995).
April 24-27, 1994	Sponsored seventh annual NAAL Planning Retreat
June, 1994	Sponsored a workshop for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
August 25, 1994	Agreed to upgrade existing Ariel Document Delivery Workstations to Windows environment and approved matching funds for five additional Ariel sites.
October 1, 1994	Four NOTIS sites were successfully linked using the PACLink software: Auburn University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of South Alabama.
October 1, 1994	Spring Hill College received funds from the HEA, Title II-A, to install an online library system.
November 20, 1994	Memorandum of Agreement reached between NAAL and the Alabama Supercomputer Authority (ASA) to "facilitate the provision of library and information resources and services via the Internet" and advances efforts to connect NAAL academic institutions to the Internet. ASA features NAAL and the OPAC linking project in its cover article for the November 1994 cover issue of *Interface*.
April 23-25, 1995	The eighth annual NAAL Planning Retreat featured Kate Nevins, executive director of SOLINET, speaking about "Mapping the Future" and Anne Edwards, University of Alabama Libraries reporting on "Keeping up with the Joneses" Observations on the State of Library Technology." her survey Southeastern research libraries.
September 25-26, 1995	NAAL cosponsored "Building the Information Highway: Information Access and Services Conference," to build public awareness about the Internet and its potential for sharing information.
May 17, 1995	The *Montgomery Advertiser* published a special promotional page featuring NAAL and its programs. Several NAAL vendors paid for advertising to make the page possible.
October 19, 1995	Birmingham Public Library welcomed Wayne Kelly, U. S. Superintendent of Documents, who spoke in celebration of the library's 100 years as a U. S. Government Information federal depository.
October 26, 1995	Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium elected to Cooperative Membership.
	Pony Express replaces UPS for document delivery services.
August 28, 1996	NAAL approved Electronic Access Program to replace Cooperative Collection Development and agrees to subsidize the cost of *Expanded Academic ASAP* for General Members.
	NAAL selected Ariel Document Delivery Workstations to replace telefacsimile for document delivery. Five grants were to be awarded annually until all members install the Workstations. The first five grants were awarded based on highest numbers of ILL copies sent to other NAAL libraries.
August 28, 1996	Approved a policy for Sharing Databases for the Electronic Access to Information Program.

November 7, 1996	Athens State College elected to General Membership.
	Advisory Council approved the concept of a statewide virtual library as proposed by the Collection Development Committee and requested a document detailing the concept
December1 2, 1996	Expansion and renovation of the University of Alabama in Huntsville library completed and dedicated as the M. Louis Salmon Library
April 27-29, 2009	The tenth NAAL Planning Retreat featured Dr. Jerry Stephens, director of the Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and a regular participant in Southern Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation teams. Dr. Stephens spoke about "Information Technology: Accreditation and Electronic Resources."
June, 1997	NAAL coordinated a Virtual Library room at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference to promote the concept of an Alabama Virtual Library
November 5, 1997	Troy State University Montgomery elected to Cooperative Membership.
	"Responsibilities of Academic Institutions for Library Services Supporting Distance Education" approved by NAAL
	NAAL licensed and funded *Academic Search Full Text* and *Expanded Academic ASAP* to provide access these indexes with full text articles for General Members
October 21, 1997	Alabama Supercomputer Authority approves use of the Alabama Research and Education Network of the proposed statewide virtual library
April 26-28, 1998	The Planning Retreat featured "Electronic Database Access: A Challenge and Opportunity" with Charles Miller, library director, Florida State University
August, 1998	Steering Committee for the Alabama Virtual Library convened by ACHE executive director at the request of NAAL
September, 1988	Collection Assessment for Teacher Education workshop
October 1, 1998	NAAL discontinued reimbursing NAAL libraries for interlibrary loan transactions
October 1, 1998	Initiated a two-year pilot project with the Alabama Supercomputer Program to Inspire Computational Research in Education (ASPIRE) to support research by providing articles and books to participating teachers and students. Participation as low, and the project was not implemented after the pilot period ended.
October 8, 1998	NAAL appointed a Digitizing Content Task Force charged to consider if NAAL should take a role in making library resources available through digitizing projects. If yes, the Task Force was charged to consider priorities for digital projects, procedures to implement a statewide program, and opportunities for external funding.
November 1998	NAAL participated in a statewide planning initiative to develop the Alabama Strategic Plan for Telecommunications, published as "ALABAMA: Touching the World" by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.
1999	NAAL contacted the Modern Language Association and the American Psychological Association to negotiate the licensing cost for the database independent of the aggregator providing access. MLA declined to provide a quote except through its third-party vendors. The American Psychological Association agreed, and NAAL subsequently uses the APA cost for content and negotiates an access fee with each aggregator. Subscribing members choose their own database aggregator.
January 8, 1999	Sponsored "Soaring to Excellence: Tools of Our Trade (Books, the Internet, and Beyond)," a DuPage College teleconference hosted by Auburn University Libraries
January 13, 1999	The Online Content Committee sponsors vendor presentations (OVID, Gale, SOLINET) to learn about new databases and emerging technologies supporting access to online content

January 22, 1999	Martin Oliff, Auburn University Libraries, presented a workshop, "Finding Aids and the Internet"
February 9, 1999	The Resource Sharing Committee sponsored "Issues for Patron-Initiated ILL Programs' featuring Georgia Brown, OCLC, and Barbara Allen, Committee on Interinstitutional Cooperation.
February 15, 1999	Gale presented training to assure effective use of the Gale databases licensed by NAAL members
February 18, 1999	The Online Content Committee sponsors vendor presentations (UMI, H. W. Wilson, Institute of Physics) to learn about the companies' databases and emerging technologies supporting access to online content
February 24, 1999	Information Access Company (IAC) presented training to assure effective use of the IAC databases licensed by NAAL members
March 2, 1999	NAAL librarians Lisa Russell, Nelle Williams and Martha Cook provided background and guidelines for evaluating Web-based resources in Allied Health and Nursing. This workshop, co-sponsored by the Allied Health and Librarians Association, was presented in other locations on March 15, March 30, May 25
March 4, 1999	A videoconference, cosponsored by the Association of Research Libraries and the Special Libraries Association, and funded by Lexis-Nexis was hosted by Auburn University Libraries for NAAL. Presentations covered the basics elements of a licensing agreement and the legal foundations for agreements (including copyright)
March 12, 1999	Sponsored "Soaring to Excellence: Disaster Planning," a DuPage College teleconference hosted by Auburn University Libraries
March 26, 1999	Sue Medina presented Collection Assessment Methodologies" to review major assessment tools, including the North American Collections Inventory, the RLG Conspectus, data available from local OPACs, and tips on conducting assessments for local and cooperative programs. This workshop was repeated in several locations.
April, 1999	The Planning Retreat featured Dr. Lamar Veatch, recently appointed director of the Alabama Public Library Service, speaking about "Alabama Directions: The State Library Agency"
May 12, 1999	Barbara Dahlbach, University of Alabama, presented "Electronic Resources and Library Services," to help NAAL librarians design services using electronic products. The workshop reviewed best practices for integrating electronic products into library reference services. This workshop was part of a NAAL series, "Library Services in a Technological Environment."
June 4, 1999	Linda Thornton, Auburn University Libraries, presented "Practical Management for ILL," and reviewed best practices and gave practical advice for improving ILL services. This workshop was part of a NAAL series, "Library Services in a Technological Environment."
June 16-18, 1999	NAAL developed and hosted a prototype Alabama Virtual Library for the Alabama Educational Technology Conference. The purpose of the prototype was to demonstrate the value of and need for a state funding to provide core curriculum content online for Alabama students and teachers.
June 9, 1999	The State of Alabama FY 1999-2000 education appropriation includes $3,000,000 for the Alabama Virtual Library, a cooperative program of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, Alabama Public Library Service, and the Alabama Supercomputer Authority. The Governor signed the appropriations bill on 9 June 1999, and the first AVL-funded databases were online in mid-August, the beginning of school for some K-012 school systems.

June 16-18, 1999	NAAL coordinated the Virtual Library room at the Alabama Educational Technology Conference to promote the new Alabama Virtual Library
July 30, 1999	Barbara Bishop, Auburn University Libraries, reviewed "Business Resources on the Internet," a workshop in the NAAL series, "Reaching Relevant Resources."
August 23, 1999	Troy State University at Montgomery elected to General Membership.
	Faulkner University elected to Cooperative Membership.
	An activity to begin digitizing content added to the FY1999-2000 Plan
	"An Electronic Gateway to Information: A Virtual Library for the Millennium" approved to update "An Electronic Gateway to Information: Networking for the Nineties."
August 25, 1999	Glenn Anderson and Lynn Williams, Auburn University Libraries, reviewed "Literature Resources on the Web," a workshop in the NAAL series, "Reaching Relevant Resources."
September 13-15, 1999	"Gale Total Access and Customizing the Web Interface" was presented in three locations to demonstrate new features in the Gale databases and interface. (Birmingham-Southern College, ACHE, and University of South Alabama hosted these presentations)
October 1, 1999	The Alabama Public Library Service agreed to serve as fiscal agent for the Alabama Virtual Library. NAAL members agree to support training for K-12 schools statewide.
	NAAL sponsored the SOLINET workshop, The Accidental Trainer: Techniques in Technical Training" at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.
October 6, 1999	NAAL approves the Affiliate Institution Program to provide for non-profit, SACS-accredited, private academic institutions to participate in NAAL's statewide resource sharing programs. With this action, NAAL programs include all of Alabama's public and non-profit private academic institutions.
October 13, 1999	EBSCO presented a workshop, "Managing AVL Databases from EBSCO, at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Participants worked on their own administrative settings for databases newly available via the Alabama Virtual Library. The workshop was repeated on October 14 at the Supreme Court Law Library.
October 14, 1999	A teleconference, "Libraries, Copyright, and the Internet" was hosted by Auburn University Libraries for NAAL.
October 22, 1999	Dr. Jerry Stephens, University of Alabama in Birmingham, presented a workshop on the concepts of accreditation, responding to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS) criteria, and writing the self-study report.
October 28, 1999	A teleconference, "Building the Earth's Largest Library" was hosted by Auburn University Libraries for NAAL. Steve Coffman discussed the philosophy of the Los Angeles Public Library in developing a fee-based business information service.
October 29, 1999	NAAL sponsored the SOLINET workshop, "Cataloging Internet Resources" at the University of Alabama in Birmingham
November 5, 1999	Kenneth and Marilyn S. Johnson presented "Internet Resources for African American Studies" at the University of North Alabama. This workshop was part of the NAAL series, "Reaching Relevant Resources."
November 19, 1999	Auburn University Libraries hosted "Success in the Library Workplace," a teleconference presented in the DuPage College series, "Soaring to Excellence.

December, 1999	Alabama State University awarded a Challenge Grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to build an endowment to support its National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture, a program conceived and managed by the University Library.
December 1-2, 1999	"Searching SilverPlatter Databases" one of a series of vendor presentations was presented at Birmingham-Southern College and Auburn University at Montgomery.
December 3, 1999	The Alabama Voyager Users Group and NAAL cosponsored "Using ACCESS to Analyze Data from Voyager. Alan Manifold, Systems Implementation Manager for Purdue University Libraries, conducted this hands-on training.
October 1, 2000	The Alabama Virtual Library official created by an appropriation of $3,000,000 as a line item in the budget of the Alabama Public Library Service. NAAL librarians volunteer to provide training throughout the state, especially for public school systems.
March 2, 2000	Shannon White, University of West Alabama, presented "Creating Web Pages with Ease." Ms. White focused on using readily-available software to create and edit webpages.
March 17, 2000	"Putting the POW! Into MS PowerPoint: The Basics" was presented by T. Harmon Straiton, Jr., Auburn University Libraries. Upon completion of this introductory workshop, participants would be prepared to develop a basic PowerPoint presentation and be prepared for part two: The Power! (April 28)
March 24, 1999	Auburn University Libraries hosted "Information Power," a teleconference presented in the DuPage College series, "Soaring to Excellence.
April 9-11, 2000	The Planning Retreat program featured "Cooperative Initiatives: The California Experience" with Evan Reader, California State University, describing an effort to build a custom group subscription for electronic journals.
April 28, 2000	"Putting the POW! Into MS PowerPoint: The Power" was presented by T. Harmon Straiton, Jr., Auburn University Libraries. Participants learned to add advanced features such as animation, sound, and video to their PowerPoint presentations.
May 5, 2000	Brenda Turner, Faulkner University, presented "Practical Management for New Supervisors." The workshop focused on communication, motivation, decision making, problem solving, delegation, and effective meetings.
June 2, 2000	T. Harmon Straiton, Jr., Auburn University Libraries, revealed the world of search engines in "Searching for the BEST Search Engine? The highly interactive workshop explored single search engines, parallel and simultaneous meta-search engines, and web subject search engines.
April, 2001	The Planning Retreat welcomed Joe Hewitt, Library Dean for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who discussed "Digitizing Library Resources: Administrative Issues, User Expectations, and User Response to Online Collections."
September, 2001	Faulkner University elected to General Membership.
2001-2002	The growing numbers of databases resulted in NAAL scheduling eleven (11) vendor presentations around the state. Presenters were asked to highlight database content, special features of search/retrieval software, and use data reports. Content not licensed by NAAL or the AVL was not to be included.
	NAAL also sponsored presentations to highlight electronic journal packages of f interest to members: October 6, EBSCO e-journal packages, and February 19 Wiley Interscience and ScienceDirect
	NAAL approved a new Task Force to develop a plan to recruit librarians for academic librarianship.

October 1, 2001	Members ceased contributing bibliography records to the Alabama Interlibrary Catalog (ALICAT) because OCLC WorldCat is available statewide through the Alabama Virtual Library
October 1, 2001	Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded NAAL a two-year National Leadership grant for *The Cornerstone Project: Building the Foundation for Sharing Unique Treasures Online.* NAAL and the project participant provided $655,740 to match the grant award of $493,480 for a total project cost of $1,149,220.
October 24, 2001	NAAL sponsored a workshop to explore using DocuLib, software to manage and electronic reserves
January 31, 2002`	NAAL sponsored the SOLINET workshop, "OCLC Direct ILL" to facilitate establishing patron-initiated ILL borrowing programs in member libraries.
April, 2002	The Planning Retreat adopted the theme, Assessing Library Performance. Dr. Fred Heath, Dean of Libraries at Texas A&M University, reviewed the ARL online assessment program, LibQual+. Dr. Heath was a principal investigator who worked with ARL to develop and test the validity of LibQual+.
May 8, 2002	A representative of Lexis-Nexis presented training in two locations: Birmingham-Southern College and Auburn University at Montgomery (May 10)
May 15-16, 2002	A two-day workshop "Digital Library Program Development," was presented by Erik Kesse, University of Florida, as part of NAAL's IMLS National Leadership Grant to develop a shared, statewide digital collection. Auburn University Libraries hosted these grant-sponsored workshops.
June 20-21, 2002	A two-day workshop "Introduction to Digital Imaging," was presented by Chuck Thomas, SOLINET, as part of NAAL's IMLS National Leadership Grant to develop a shared, statewide digital collection.
July 25, 2002	Michele Behr, SOLINET, presented "Metadata Standards," as part of NAAL's IMLS National Leadership Grant to develop a shared, statewide digital collection.
May 22, 2002	NAAL sponsored a "Virtual Reference Showcase" to learn about software for this emerging service. JoAnn Sears, Auburn University Libraries, reviewed the concept and issues that needed to be considered. Demonstrations were held for LiveAssistance, LivePerson, LSSI Virtual Reference Toolkit, 24/7 Ref, and OCLC.
November 7, 2002	"Copyright Law in the Digital Age" was presented as part of NAAL's IMLS National Leadership Grant to develop a shared, statewide digital collection.
November 8, 2002	"Sharing Unique Treasures Online" program presentation for the UA SLIS Alumni Day, featured The Cornerstone Program grant to develop an online database about Alabama history.
September 2002	NAAL members agreed to forgo reimbursement from the Alabama Public Library Service for lending materials to Alabama public libraries when migration by the public libraries to using the OCLC ILL Subsystem is complete. General Members were encouraged but not required to continue waiving fees for lending to Alabama public libraries, and all agreed to continue offering free ILL to the public libraries.
March 5, 2003	Dedication of the expanded and renovated University library of the University of South Alabama
April, 2003	NAAL members welcomed Dr. Michael Malone, new executive director of ACHE to the Planning Retreat. He addressed "The Future for Higher Education in Alabama" detailing his vision and describing the realities of funding and political barriers to change.
October 1, 2003	The Institute of Museum and Library Services approved a one-year extension for the Cornerstone Project funding.
November 14, 2003	The University of Mobile elected to General Membership

2004-2005	NAAL coordinated workshops for the universities' Small Business Development Centers to teach use of the AVL business databases. The AVL Council allowed trainers to offer workshop participants temporary AVL Cards, giving them access to the databases until they could obtain their own card from a local public library. Clista Clanton and Ellen Sayed (University of South Alabama) presented nine (9) sessions for the USA Small Business Development Center.
April, 2004	The Planning Retreat theme "Accreditation: The Seal of Approval" highlighted changes in the SACS higher education accreditation review. With so many NAAL institutions facing review under the new standards, NAAL members welcome Dr. Ralph Russell, SACS consultant and former university librarian for Georgia State University, to discuss writing the library self-study and preparing for the site visit.
April, 2004	NAAL coordinated a city-wide celebration of National Library Week in Montgomery. Almost all local libraries sponsored programs or open house.
April 4, 2004	**AlabamaMosaic** was inaugurated at the "Digital Collections Leadership" Alabama Library Association preconference. Robert S. Martin, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is the first person to access the public website which resulted from "The Cornerstone Project" an IMLS National Leadership grant awarded to develop a shared statewide digital collection about Alabama history.
June 24,2004	Troy State University (main campus), Troy State University at Dothan, and Troy State University at Montgomery merger approved by ACHE to form Troy University
June, 2004	NAAL endorsed the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) "Statement of Current Perspective and Preferred Practices for Selection and Purchase of Electronic Information (Update No. 2, Pricing and Economics, October 2004).
October 6, 2004	NAAL approved including Mississippi State University in its licensing agreements, subject to vendors' approval, to support joint planning by MSU and The University of Alabama to share some academic programs.
	NAAL approved "partnerships" to support efforts to develop the Encyclopedia of Alabama and the work of the Alabama Center for the Book.
	NAAL discontinued subsidizing the cost for *America History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts* because of low use in most member libraries
April, 2005	Category 3 Hurricane Ivan made landfall directly at Gulf Shores and damages hotels along the coast. The Planning Retreat moved to Destin, Florida. NAAL members were eager to hear highlights from the extensive environmental scan report recently released by OCLC. Unfortunately, the weather refused to cooperate, and the Retreat Speaker, Catherine De Rosa, vice-president for marketing and library services, OCLC, was unable to reach Destin in time to speak about "Academic library Users in the 21st Century."
April 2005	First Alabama Mosaic Users Group meeting was sponsored by Technical Services Roundtable at the Alabama Library Association annual conference
September, 2005	NAAL learned that its proposed National Leadership project "The African-American Experience in Alabama," was not selected for funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
September 30, 2005	Rosemary Arneson, NAAL chairman, extended appreciation to the many academic librarians who researched nearly 200 Alabama authors to develop the online literary map, This Goodly Land, a project of the Alabama Center for the Book (Auburn University). For information, go to: http://www.alabamaliterarymap.org/
	NAAL declined to change the Organizational Documents and bylaws to allow for-profit academic institutions to become General Members.

2005-2006	Throughout the year and the state, NAAL sponsored seventeen (17) Emerging Technology workshops featuring vendor presentations by ProQuest (databases), ProQuest (digital commons software), Auto-Graphics, Bowker, Serials Solutions, Gale, and EBSCO
December 8, 2005	The AlabamaMosaic Users Group was convened at ACHE to encourage participation and solicit suggestions to improve and manage the program.
January 12, 2006	Martha Verchot, University of Alabama at Birmingham, presented a workshop on using PubMed after it was added to the AVL databases. Clista Clanton, University of South Alabama presented a similar workshop in Mobile.
February 17, 2006	The Online Content Committee sponsored "Keep or Cancel" to explore best practices followed by NAAL librarians when making decisions about renewing (or not) subscribed electronic content.
February 24, 2006	NAAL and Samford University sponsored the ACRL workshop, "Marketing Your Library."
March 13, 2006	NAAL and Samford University sponsored the SOLINET Users Group meeting. Registration exceeded legal capacity for the largest meeting room; and people also had to be turned away at the door.
April 6, 2006	"Strategic Collaboration for the Creation of Digital Libraries" presentation about Alabama Mosaic was delivered for the Tennessee Library Association
April 2006	Alabama Mosaic Users Group meeting, Alabama Library Association
April, 2006	The Planning Retreat focused on "Administrative Issues for Seamless, Unmediated Reciprocal Borrowing/Lending Programs." Robert Krall, Assistant Director for Access Services, University of Pennsylvania, described the University's participation in two different reciprocal borrowing programs.
May 8, 2006	Dr. Michael Malone, executive director of ACHE redefined its AVL constituency to include colleges participating in the Alabama Student Grant program or receiving direct appropriations from the State. This allows IP-authenticated access for NAAL Affiliate Institutions and the Southeastern Bible College. NAAL agreed to assist with training and support.
May, 2006	The Alabama Historical Records Board created by Alabama Act 2006-106 includes representation by NAAL. Rickey Best, dean of the library, Auburn University at Montgomery, is appointed to represent NAAL on the board.
July 9, 2006	The State Publications Task Force sponsored "State Documents in an Electronic Age" at Auburn University at Montgomery to explore best practices for assuring access to state publications. Speakers included: Joe Natalie, Illinois Find-It; P. Toby Graham, Digital Library of Georgia; Taylor Surface, OCLC Digital Archive Toolbox; and Marcia Smith, New Mexico State Library.
2006	NAAL endorsed bills in the U. S. Congress to require articles resulting from federally-funded research appearing in peer-reviewed journals to be made openly accessible in digital repositories
October 1, 2006	Institute of Museum and Library Services awards a National Leadership Grant for NAAL to implement the Alabama Digital Preservation Network. This two-year project will develop a model and adapt LOCKSS software to support a low cost, distributed archive for locally created digital content. Aaron Trehub, Auburn University Libraries, is project direct.
October 23, 2006	NAAL approved funding to migrate Alabama Mosaic from Endeavor's Encompass to ContentDM (digital file management system) and the ContentDM Multi-Site Server (federated searching).

December, 2006	The University of Alabama in Huntsville sponsored an E-Info Global Symposium and extended free registration to NAAL members.
January 17, 2007	NAAL sponsored training for LibQual+ presented by ARL staff at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Mar 1-2, 2007	Presented "The Alabama Digital Preservation Network" at the 2007 WebWise conference sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, D.C.
April, 2007	The Planning Retreat featured a high-energy analysis of the current learning environment and the challenges facing information providers. Stephen Abrams, vice-president for innovation, Sirsi-Dynix, engaged participants for two hours and inspired everyone to want to know more about Web 2.0 and possible library applications for these emerging technologies.
June 17, 2008	NAAL approved using the Advanced Research Database Program funds to continue already subscribed content because the FY2009 appropriation eliminated the $400,000 funding for the program
July 11, 2007	NAAL sponsored training in using CONTENTdm, software newly installed for AlabamaMosaic to replace Voyage Encompass. Hands-on workshops were held by Auburn, UAB, and JSU.
October 1, 2007	The Alabama Legislature added $400,000 to the NAAL FY2008 appropriation; the first increase in program funds since 1990. The Advisory Council approved use of these funds for an Advanced Research Database Program to support research in science, technical, medical fields and economic development initiatives of the NAAL members.
	Eleven NAAL libraries participated in the LibQual+, an online assessment survey of library user expectations and satisfaction
October 9, 2008	For the first time ever, the Alabama Legislature allowed unexpended funds from one year to be carried forward and used in the next year. NAAL FY2007carry forward funds added $66,000 to the FY2009 budget.
	The Advisory Council approved a request by Auburn University to support.25 FTE staff for Alabama Mosaic.
November 15, 2007	Alabama Mosaic Users Group Meeting, Montgomery
November, 2007	Sirsi Dynix withdrew URSA 4.0 to further develop the software and NAAL suspends implementation of statewide unmediated borrowing
November 7, 2007	NAAL awarded a grant to Auburn University Montgomery to test the feasibility of using the OCLC Digital Archive Toolbox to harvest, catalog, archive, and make publicly access electronic state publications.
April, 2008	Matt Goldner, executive director for end user services, OCLC, provided Planning Retreat participants an overview of new uses for OCLC WorldCat, using it the database as a gateway and a platform to redesign and extend services.
July 10, 2008	A NAAL Online Content Committee and EBSCO Information Resources workshop featured presentations on "Electronic Resources Management Essentials," "COUNTER (Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources)," and "SUSHI (Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative."
September, 2008	NAAL coordinated an AVL Back to School Quiz. Over 7,000 students participate by answering the questions and submitting responses to enable their libraries to win prizes donated by the AVL vendors.
September 30, 2008	NAAL reported to the Institute of Museum and Library Services that the Alabama Digital Preservation Network grant had successfully developed a model for a statewide, low-cost, distributed solution for repositories to store their locally created digital resources.

October 1, 2009	The State Legislature moved funding for the Alabama Virtual Library to the Alabama State Department of Education, which became the fiscal agent for the AVL Council
	Rickey Best, Auburn University Montgomery, was reappointed to represent NAAL on the Alabama Historical Records Board
	The Alabama Historical Commission, in partnership with the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Alabama Association of Museums, Society of Alabama Archivists, and NAAL received an Institute of Museum and Library Services Connect to Collections grant. This two–year planning will position Alabama to apply for funding to implement a statewide collections preservation program.
October 9, 2008	Adopted a governance policy for the Alabama Digital Preservation Network
	The State Publications Task Force reported completed its charge due to advances made by the Alabama Department of Archives and History to collect and make accessible electronic state publication.. The Task Force was thanked for its work and dismissed.
April, 2009	The Planning Retreat explored "Open Access to a World of Information," and invited Tyler Walters, Georgia Institute of Technology, to review "New Programs for Scholarly Dissemination: Institutional Repositories," using Smartest as an example.
April 17, 2009	NAAL coordinated an initiative at the Alabama Book Festival for students from Brewbaker Magnet Technical School to interview and video authors about their work. The videos were contributed to Access, an online education program of the Alabama State Department of Education.
May, 2009	GovernorBob Riley signed the bill to create the Alabama Virtual Library as a state entity. Its funding will be included in the state budget as the Alabama Virtual Library and not as a line item in the appropriation to one of the participating state agencies.
July 2009	SIRSI Dynix representatives met with the Resource Sharing Committee to review URSA 4.2, recently released to support unmediated borrowing. The Committee learns the software is in production for a large multi-type consortium, but the link with Voyager systems is not stable. The Committee defers recommending using URSA 4.2 until it can see the software in production with all systems represented in NAAL libraries.
September, 2009	NAAL coordinated an AVL Back to School Quiz. Over 8,950 students participate by answering the questions and submitting responses to enable their libraries to win prizes donated by the AVL vendors.
October 29, 2009	AlabamaMosaic Users Group meets at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Carol Ellis, University of South Alabama, and Jason Kneip, Auburn University Montgomery, present the results of an AlabamaMosaic users survey they conducted for NAAL.
October 30, 2009	NAAL adopted an AlabamaMosaic Policy and revised the ADPNet Governance Policy.
	NAAL approved subsidizing the cost to keep the OCLC FirstSearch base package license which the Alabama Virtual Library Council was unable to renew for FY2010.