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MPLA President  
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Highlights of the time since the July 21st Executive Board meeting include the following.

Progress – Things are moving forward to realize many of the goals that we discussed at the July meeting. The new logo is on the web site and on the Newsletter. Webmaster Dan Chaney has accelerated his timetable for the major facelift of the MPLA web site that he has been working on, so that as people start looking for conference information, program proposal forms, and more, the links will be there, even though the revamped web site will still be a work in progress for some time. And the task force for the implementation of the new communications portal has been hard at work, with an important report for consideration at the October 10th conference call meeting. There will be another important report and discussion about our conference booths, and there is a much-needed draft revision of the MPLA membership brochure to consider. The Leadership Institute is getting close. And as you read the reports, you will see that other committees and groups have been active, too.

Program Council appointments – The Program Council is chaired by the Vice President / President-Elect. The members include the chairs of those committees that may be involved with conference programs, directly or indirectly, and (since the demise of the Electronic Communities structure) representatives of the various interest areas, with one or two additions. Finding people to do this took time, but we have a good group in place now soliciting conference program proposals. I am presently considering adding one additional person to represent paraprofessionals on the Program Council and I never did find a person to represent our members with a special interest in collection development. Any volunteers?

Conference planning – while Rob Banks is actively working with the ULA conference team, I have still been involved in a number of decisions and group meetings, both online and by phone. The conference web site is up and you can link to it from our newly redesigned MPLA web site. The call for conference program proposals has gone out, with a deadline of November 16th.