

President's Report  
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Upcoming joint conference dates are set:  
Nebraska Library Association: Omaha, 2012  
North Dakota and South Dakota Library Association: Sioux Falls, 2013

Leadership Institute concerns: Dan Stanton and I have been working through some issues in regards to LI. We have been in discussion with his committee about what type of participants this time, cost for participation, vendor funding, and the main concern; can we afford to still put on the LI?

Went to Oklahoma Library Conference as my first state of four as part of my Presidential duties. The Oklahoma folks were very welcoming, and Basha Hartley took me to Oklahoma City to see the location of 2010 conference – Oklahoma City. Charles Brooks, OLA President, and I have already come up with a theme and logo: *Exploring the Possibilities*.

For my next 2 conferences, I have received invitations and I have accepted from Nebraska Oct. 28-30, 2009 and the South Dakota Library Association Oct. 7-9, 2009.

I have been working on a Welcome packet for new State representatives to receive when they begin their office. I sent an email to the state reps asking what they would like to see/receive when they become state reps. Hence the packet contains the following materials: history of the organization; schedules of meetings, submission dates for reports and newsletter deadlines (which reminders are sent out by Judy), and pictures of the officers. I also want to begin a state rep mentor program; hence, a new state rep will receive an email from the President stating who their state rep mentor is for the coming year. Their mentor will help them into the transition onto the board - make sure they feel welcome to their first board meeting.

I have set the dates for the upcoming board meetings:

Wed., Oct. 14, 2009 1:00pm MT by phone  
Wed., Jan. 20, 2010 1:00pm MT by phone  
Sun., April 18, 2010 TBA on time (at conference)