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VP/President-Elect Report

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1. The MPLA/KLA Program Planning Committee met most recently on April 16th. The call for proposals went out earlier this spring and the proposals are steadily coming in. So far there are 38 program proposals. 13 were submitted for MPLA and 8 for 'either'. The deadline for proposal submission is June 15 and programs will be selected in July. Once this happens, the conference grid will be constructed.
2. There was discussion about both the opening and closing keynote speaker and the information was deferred to the Conference Planning Committee. The Program Planning committee will meet again May 17.
3. The Conference Planning Committee met April 20th. The biggest topic of discussion was the keynote speakers (neither of which has been chosen to date). An invitation was sent to Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, who regrettably declined due to scheduling conflicts. KLA seems to be leaning more toward in-state speakers, many of whom have, in recent years, presented at KLA. The discussion about who/how vendors will be handled was lengthy as well and information was to be sent to vendors by KLA. I received and dispersed at the Oklahoma conference in April, information for vendors about the upcoming MPLA/KLA conference. There was definitely interest from vendors because of MPLA.
4. I have contacted a vendor in hopes of securing sponsorship for our 70th Birthday Bash and hope to receive a reply before this meeting.