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Vice President's Report
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Conference Planning -"Libraries: Dynamic People, Places & Ideas," April 1-3, 2009 in Wichita, KS at the Hyatt Regency and Century II Convention Center.

I took part in the program proposal selection for the conference in Topeka, Kansas – Rob's home state. I got to spend the night at the Rob Bank's hotel, and my room even came with a fuzzy, warm companion called Henry. I brought to the program council the recommendations from the program council, who consisted of Dan Stanton – AZ, Mary Ann Thompson – CO, Lisa Priebe – CO, Heidi Sue Adams – MT , and of course Rob and I, too. They were all great. They gave me the advice on which proposals we thought would be a great addition to the KLA\MPLA conference. The selection took all day to accomplish, but we felt like we have great choices for all attendees.

We are trying to maintain tracks for attendees to follow, if they wish. And the tracks are arranged as follows:

Collection Development/Electronic Resources
Childrens/YA
Technology
Professional Development/ Administration
Instruction
Advocacy/Trustee/Friends
Reference/ Government Documents/Archives
Marketing/Outreach/Reader's advisory
Business meetings.

We tried to keep each track within the same rooms throughout the conference, so people can go to their room and stay there all day if they wish. Of course people are still encouraged to attend any sessions they desire – we have lots of choices.

We also choose 6 pre-conferences where 3 are \$15 and 3 are \$25 each.

A very productive and long day.

Long Range Plan

Completed the corrections, additions, and removals of points to the plan, and my intention was to send it out to the administration committee first and then the executive committee. However, I accidentally sent it out to everyone. I sent out the Long Range plan along with this report as a separate attachment.

Annual Convention (Conference) Manual Review & Update

We completed going through the long version of this manual, and I sent the final copy off to Betty in December.

State Conference Visits

I will visit following states:

- Oklahoma – April 20 – 22
- Nevada - October 7-10
- Nebraska – October 28-30
- Colorado – Nov. 19-21

I am asking the state representative of these states to please ask their board for a formal letter of invitation to attend their conferences.

Committees

Following the suggestion of both Rob and Wayne, I started working on appointments for committees for my year as President. I wanted to let everyone know that I have the By-laws, Awards, Communications, and Membership committees done along with chair appointments. I need to work on the Nominating committee still (got this assignment at our recent Executive Board Meeting.)

It was decided that the Nominating Committee does not need to be only the State Representatives. However, we will ask the State Representatives if they would like to be part of the committee first before looking elsewhere. By not making it a responsibility of the State Representative, we are able to ask them to run for other offices.

So, I will soon be asking State Representatives if they wish to be part of the Nominating Committee. I am also looking for a chair of this committee.