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The major emphases of the past few months have been continuing to work with the members of the NMLA Conference Planning Task Force and preparing for updating the Long Range Plan.

It was a wonderful experience to be able to attend the NMLA conference in Farmington in April, and it was great meeting a number of the people I will be working with on conference plans and hearing their ideas. I was pleased with the way the group came together to agree on the conference theme (“Libraries: Launching the Future”) and logo. (See the conference web site: www.nmla.org/abq2007/home.htm)

Each Electronic Community and most of the committees needs to be busy developing program proposals to be considered for submission for the 2007 conference. Suggestions for major speakers are still welcome, too. If you or a colleague heard a great speaker at ALA or another conference this year, with the potential to deliver a dynamic message at the 2007 conference, please let me know about that person.

Both the elapsed time since the adoption of the current Long Range Plan and the structural reorganization of MPLA this spring have made it imperative to do a major update of the plan. It is heartening to see that a good number of the actions called for in the plan have occurred and we need to remove them and see what actions should take their place to keep the plan current and vigorous. And, because of the restructuring, we need to clarify the responsibilities for each action in the plan. We will spend a good amount of time on updating the plan at the July 14 board meeting, first dividing into groups to work on specific sections of the plan and then coming together as a whole to consider the groups’ recommendations.

In the coming months I will be working on committee and other appointments for next year. I expect to be visiting with many people about this, and I will value your suggestions highly.