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VP/President-Elect Report

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Attended first meeting of the NLA/MPLA Conference Planning Committee on February 10, 2017.

- Contract with venue was signed in September – Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe.
- Theme has been chosen – “Turn up the volume!”
  - Multiple interpretations of theme possible, including breaking the stereotype of libraries as a ‘quiet space’ and increasing importance of advocacy and activism for libraries.
  - Working on a short (1 sentence) supplement to help shape and guide programming, etc.
- Keynote speakers were discussed and inquiries into availability of top choices are being made.
- Drafted schedule will include pre-conferences Monday (10-16) afternoon and keynote Monday evening and full days of conference programs on Tuesday (10-17) and Wednesday (10-18).
- Call for presentation proposals is being drafted and should be posted around March 1. Deadline has not yet been determined.