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Vice-president's Report

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Conference

Everything is a go for "Explore the Possibilities", the 2010 MPLA/OLA Conference. The program is full of interesting sessions and there is plenty of fun scheduled also. Thanks to every who volunteered to host a session.

Committees

Committees for 2010 have mostly been appointed. Those will be posted on the website soon and emailed to committee chairs.

Leadership Institute

MPLA and the Pacific Northwest Library Association were approached by the Western Council of State Librarians regarding the possibility of joining forces to provide a leadership institute rather than have WCSL develop one of their own. I met with WCSL at the Public Library Association Conference March 23. With only five of the states not being members of MPLA, the group was familiar and very complimentary of MPLA's Leadership Institute.

The discussion was very general. It is not WCSL's intention to develop their own institute. They would like to have more state library staff attend or for us to offer an LI for state library staff only. They encouraged us to collaborate with PNLA. When asked what message I should take to the MPLA Board, they said they loved us and to continue to do good work.

Strategic Plan

The drafts from the MPLA committees working on specific goals are posted with the agenda. The goals are divided by the committees that worked on them.