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“Libraries: Launching the Future” is the theme for the first joint conference of MPLA with the New Mexico Library Association, March 14 – 16, 2007, and planning is moving right along. Mark your calendars now and plan to come to Albuquerque for this landmark occasion. Between MPLA and NMLA, over a hundred program proposals have been received. The keynote speaker, banquet speaker, and luncheon speakers are lined up, and a special event is planned for the opening reception on Wednesday evening at the Central Library. The deadline for getting everything ready for the conference issue of the MPLA Newsletter is December 1st, so there is still much work to be done between now and then. It has been a pleasure working with Louise Hoffman and the NMLA team on this, I and also appreciate the valuable work by members of the MPLA Program Council. For more information, see the conference web site:
www.nmla.org/abq2007/

The major emphases of the past few months have been working on conference planning and on updating the Long Range Plan. After work sessions on the Long Range Plan at the July Executive Board meeting and a further review by the Administration Committee, the plan update is now ready for the Executive Board’s consideration. The plan has changed considerably through this process, but because of the changes in structure, completed tasks, and other good ideas, I have to say it is necessary and should serve us well. I want to thank all who participated for their thoughtful suggestions about what MPLA needs to be doing during the next several years.

Consideration of committee and other appointments for the coming year has moved to a top spot on my to-do list. I expect to be visiting with many people about this, and I will value your suggestions highly. If there is a particular way you would like to be involved in MPLA or another member you would strongly recommend for an appointment, let me know.