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## Vice President's Report

### Conference Planning

The CAL/MPLA will be held at the Marriott in the Denver Tech Center on October 21-24, 2004. The theme is Libraries: All that Jazz.

Confirmed keynote speakers are

- Connie Willis, Hugo Award Winner, Conference Keynote, Thursday evening
- Tom Noel (a.k.a. Dr. Colorado), former chair of the Denver Landmark Preservation Commission; Friday Dinner
- Michael Willhoite, author of Daddy's Roommate; Saturday Morning Keynote
- John Dunning, Nero Wolfe Award winner; Saturday Dinner
- Avi, Newbery Award Winner, Sunday lunch.

The Awards luncheon will be on Saturday.

Many more pre-conference and program proposals were submitted than could be accepted. There were 21 pre-conference proposals and only 9 slots. There were 216 papers submitted and only 51 slots. The committees tried for a balance of relevance, appeal by type of library and cost. The decisions made by both committees were extremely difficult and they are to be commended for the terrific job they did. The poster sessions are still being determined. Many local jazz groups will be featured throughout the conference. On Friday evening the Douglas County Libraries are sponsoring a reception at the new library. On Saturday, a special evening of jazz and conversation, "Cool Brew and Hot Jazz", will be a fundraiser for the Colorado PAC.

A new feature will be the Jam Session led by Pat Wagner. Pat is collecting the best ideas from MPLA and Colorado libraries and compiling them. They will be shared at the conference. Another new feature for MPLA will be the Weaver Project, also headed by Pat. The weavers will be wandering around the conference with the expressed purpose of helping people. The Weaver Project will also help people with information to make their Colorado visit a success, such as restaurant and shopping tips.

While not set in stone yet, registration for the full conference (not including meals) will be \$75.00 for members and \$110 for non-members. Preconferences will be \$50-\$100 depending on 1/2 day, full day, etc. Meals haven't been set yet, but in the past generally run around \$25.00 for the luncheons and \$45-55 for dinners. The hotel is \$86.00 per night plus tax (~17%). The shuttle round trip from the airport is currently \$32.00.

### WINTER 2005 BOARD MEETING

I have received a proposal from the Courtyard in downtown Denver for a meeting March 4-5, 2005. The rooms would be \$89.00 a night, if we have enough people staying two nights. I am

waiting for proposals from The Burnsley, the Doubletree and Embassy Suites. Several people have expressed a preference for a Denver location. The proposals from Las Vegas (Stratosphere, Embassy Suites, Doubletree) ranged from \$75.00 - \$107.00 per night. The proposals from Salt Lake City (Holiday Inn, Hilton, Courtyard) ranged from \$65.00 - \$149.00 per night.