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Vice-Presidents Report  
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The 2008 conference in Salt Lake City is progressing to completion. I am pleased with the program offerings. We received a large number of proposals and were able to offer something for everyone. There were some technology glitches and a few proposals never arrived, which was very unfortunate. I will be working with the 2009 committee to figure out a way to avoid this problem in the future. The major concern for this conference is the high minimums in our contractual obligations for hotel rooms and food. These may result in a smaller income from the conference than projected. The Utah conference committee has been working with the hotel to minimize this problem, but we will have to wait until the conference is over to finally determine the impact.

I anticipate that it will be a successful conference in all other aspects.

In anticipation of the 2009 conference in Kansas, the officers of KLA, Susan Moyer, MPLA Kansas Rep and I have already met and are working on that conference. We look forward to bring Eileen up to speed. Some positive aspects are that the Wichita CVB has provided a list of activities and entertainment that will be available for next year. They also have worked with the airlines and have announced some lower fares from MPLA states to Wichita. Given the volatility of the airline industry, we will know better what those actually are closer to the conference, but it appears that it could be favorable to MPLA members.

Committee appointments are progressing. I have the following committee chairs:

Administration – Wayne Hanway – OK – Past President

Awards – JaNae Kinikin – CO

Communications – Mary Ann Thompson – KS

Membership – Basha Hartley – OK

The remaining committee members will be confirmed soon.

I am in the process of organizing a meeting of the MPLA State Councilors to ALA at the Anaheim meeting.