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MPLA Academic Section Report
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Professional Forum: Since the last report was made, the hope expressed in the Section's January report "that early and sustained advertising along in conjunction with other efforts will result in an excellent session" has been realized. A total of five submissions have been accepted for the Professional Forum. It will be held immediately following the Exhibitors reception on Thursday evening. This time seems less than ideal (it's competing against "Dice with Duncan" and "Experience Nevada on Film") but we hope the Forum will, nonetheless, draw a crowd.

Mary Caspers-Graper, the incoming Section Chair, is to be commended for the outstanding work she has done in putting the forum together!

Election: In the MPLA election, Melissa Heckard was selected to be the Chair-elect of the Section. We express appreciation to Melissa and to James Nyce for standing for election to the position!

Conference Programs: In addition to the Professional Forum previously mentioned, the Academic Section is sponsoring the following programs at the NLA/MPLA Conference:

- *Outside the Boundaries: Academic Librarians and Non-Traditional Research*, Thursday, 9-11 a.m. The incoming MPLA President, Carol Hammond is one of the presenters along with Janae Kinikin and Suzanne Taylor. This is round 2 of a very successful program that took place at the MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Tri-Conference in Fargo in 2003.
- *LibQual+™: What, How, and Why?*, Thursday, 3-4:30 p.m.
- *Met a Data Lately?*, Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Business meeting: The Section business meeting will take place Friday morning from 8-9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Jeffrey Belliston
Chair