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2002 MPLA/NDLA/SDLA Conference Preparation:

We've submitted several program proposals for the conference, including two joint proposals with the MPLA Government Documents Section and the MPLA New Members Roundtable, respectively.

A Call for Papers for the Section's Professional Forum will be coming out shortly. Please spread the word. Those interested should contact Jeffrey Belliston ([jeffrey\\_belliston@byu.edu](mailto:jeffrey_belliston@byu.edu)) for more information. The Professional Forum is a great venue to share ideas and gain experience presenting your work to an audience. As always, the Forum is peer-reviewed and there will be a Best Presentation award with a cash prize.

Participants are needed for a proposed session, "Outside the Boundaries: Academic Librarians and Non-Traditional Research." Again, please spread the word to those of your colleagues who are working on something unusual or outside of the library field. Participants will have an opportunity to describe their interests and how this research relates to their jobs.

Finally, Kathy Enger from North Dakota State University is heading the organization of a poster session at the conference. This is a new program and is a great opportunity for members, especially new librarians, to gain experience presenting a poster session. Poster session submission guidelines are available on the Tri-Conference website. The submission deadline is June 30.

Respectfully submitted,  
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