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Being the chair of this section has been one of my goals since it was formed in 1990. I was also excited to be in office for the 2004 Joint Conference because it seemed that Denver offered many exciting possibilities for programs.

The primary function of the various sections is to submit programs for the annual meeting. Thanks to the richness of the local resources and the willingness of our section members, we proposed three programs on using and managing local and federal government publications. Unfortunately, none of the programs were accepted and thus, the section will not be sponsoring any sessions at the Joint Conference this year.

Two exciting opportunities occurred during the year. A special session was held in July to create the organization's long range plan for 2004-2009. The plan is available on the website and I encourage all of you to review it. It includes a recommendation to create a task force to examine the structure and function of the MPLA board. The role of sections would be examined by the task force.

The implementation of Memberclicks offers opportunities for increased communication between MPLA members. I was able to use it to survey the section prior to the strategic planning session in July. It was easy to use and great to get feedback from members.

Finally, one of the duties of the section officers is to identify candidates for the office of chair-elect. We are pleased that Kirsten Clark of New Mexico was willing to run for that position. Kirsten will be the chair when the MPLA meeting is in New Mexico in Spring 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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