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STATE AGENCY, COOPERATIVES AND SYSTEMS SECTION

The two major developments since last board meeting are the creation of a list serve for the section and program submissions for the Omaha conference. Special thanks to Brian Green and Joe Edelen for getting the list serve functioning. Through their efforts the region now has a method to transmit information quickly among personnel at state library agencies, system headquarters and the other libraries represented by membership in this section. This is a tool we can build upon in the future.

The program submissions focus on training needs of small rural libraries, an exploration of the MLS degree in today's complex information environment and successful negotiation strategies with vendors. These submissions came from an interest survey gathered at the section meeting at Big Sky. Sincere thanks to Vice-Chair Brian Green for compiling the suggestions and making arrangements so that the program submissions could be considered.

On to Omaha!!