

President-elect Report – 2

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After the last Board meeting, the Conference Planning manual has resurfaced! This is good news, but the bad news is that nothing has been put into it since 1999. However, it does provide somewhat of a template for all of the areas that must be covered.

I have worked with Theresa Norton to get the 2006 Conference information up on the webpage. I would like to have preliminary program information available through the web page prior to June in the hopes that school librarians will be able to see the offerings before leaving for the summer.

The program proposal forms are available on the web site and the deadline is the end of this month. I've just quickly reviewed the reports from the sections, but do not yet see any firm commitments to programs. Please submit your programs as soon as possible.

Michael Gorman, president of ALA, is confirmed as Thursday evening's speaker. Leif Enger, author of *Peace Like a River*, will be the luncheon speaker on Thursday. His appearance is in coordination with the ND Reads project.

Local arrangements chair Charles Pace and I met with Nicole Schaffer of the Doublewood February 7. We did receive updated menus with the revised price list. We also revised the contract to increase the number of rooms set aside for NDLA. We toured the facility and made some changes in the proposed meeting room assignments in order to accommodate six simultaneous sessions. Vendors will be able to set up any time Wednesday, September 20. The registration area will also be set aside for NDLA Wednesday through Friday.

Suzanne Morrison is currently in conversation with representatives from West Publishing regarding sponsorship of the opening night social which could take place behind the scenes at the Quentin Burdick Federal Court House.

Respectfully submitted,

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