

President-Elect Report -- #2
Annual Report
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The main activity of this year was to put together the annual conference, to be held in Mandan from September 24 – 27, 2008. The title is *Librarians Under Construction: A Life of Continuous Education*, and the focus is on programs which will provide us tools to use in our professional lives and careers.

I went with Donna James to the August meeting of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council and learned more about the current work of the Council.

Curator Mark Ryan has put together an ad hoc committee called the North Dakota Cultural Heritage Initiative and asked me to represent libraries on it. The committee is writing a series of grants to the IMLS for the purpose of surveying the preservation needs of artifact collections in North Dakota and providing training for local museum, library, and other non-profit organizations in preservation, conservation, and disaster recovery for their collections.

It has been an interesting and busy year, and I thank everyone who has helped in the planning of the conference.

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