

3. Past President's Report
May 2008

I have contacted all of last year's exhibitors and invited them to join us once again. In response to the first mailing I have received three confirmations as well as one somewhat angry email from a vendor complaining about the overlap with the SDLA conference. I have also sent an additional follow-up email to those vendors who so far have not responded to the letter of invitation. In addition to last year's exhibitor list, I have also added a number of regional vendors to the mailing list who were present at the PLA conference in Minneapolis this March.

I have answered questions, as best I was able, regarding the Librarian of the Year nomination process. There still is some confusion regarding submittal dates for nominations and a major question regarding eligibility that should be addressed at the board meeting in September.

I also participated in online discussions regarding the timing and process for payment of speakers with other members of the finance committee.

I have prepared a preliminary redraft of the Past President's section of the handbook, and in particular addressed some of the calendar sections. I have forwarded to Kirsten Baesler and am awaiting her comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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