

KLA President

Report to the Board - - June 7, 2008

Since March 8, 2007 meeting, I have met with several committee chairs such as: Member Services, Recruitment, Mentoring, and Diversity, Library Awareness; and the Ad Hoc Committees on Conference Proceedings, the Ad Hoc Committee on Advocacy Materials Clearing House, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Annual Conference Partnerships.

In April, I attended the 2008 Joint Academic, Special Section, and the Kentucky Chapter of SLA Spring Conference at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. There were a lot of interesting sessions; unfortunately I could not attend them all. But, the ones that I was able to attend, I really enjoyed. The evening murder mystery was hilarious.

In May I attended ALA's 38<sup>th</sup> annual National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). ALA provided great information packets. For more information on the issues, you can go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/issues/fedissues.cfm>. The quarterly Board report (A12) of State Librarian, Wayne Onkst summarized the issues that we spoke to the legislators about very nicely,

“funding and reauthorization of LSTA, funding the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program, funding GPO, restoring funding for the National Agriculture Library, ensuring a state certified school library media specialist in every school in the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind, urging the FCC to accept ALA's plan for simplification of the E-rate application, making permanent the exemption from the Anti-Deficiency Act for E-rate funds, and maintaining security of library records as it pertains to possible REAL ID.”

Fourteen librarians from throughout the Commonwealth represented Kentucky by visiting our legislators. Each librarian had a topic to convey to the legislator, or their aide, if the legislator was not available. The first day, we went to ALA's workshop and met to develop our strategy and the messages we were going to convey. The second day, we walked “Capitol Hill” meeting with Senator McConnell, Representatives Chandler, Davis, Whitfield, Yarmuth, Chandler, Davis, and Rogers. And we met with the aides of Senator Bunning and Representative Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,

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