

## **ST-6 Recruitment, Mentoring and Diversity Committee -- Quarterly Report, Nov 2008**

Debra Oberhausen, KLA President, asked both Betty and Enid to continue as RMD co-chairs. Betty and Enid accepted her offer and will remain co-chairs.

Latisha Reynolds (UofL), Betty and Enid presented a session at KLA/KSMA/SELA and NDLC 2008 - "Librarians as Trail Guides: Pathways to the Workforce and Postsecondary Education". Session description: *Librarians will report on the diversity activities of Kentucky libraries, highlighting the exceptional sources of services and programming available to support the educational and workforce needs of Kentucky ethnic minority citizens and students. Libraries and their staff serve as tutors and teachers, leading the way as community builders and champions of education and continue to be there for researchers by providing the most efficient order and access to information.*

The survey and results will be posted to the KLDivERS website along with the presentation. When we repeat the survey in the future, we have plans for greater promotion to encourage better participation. We would also like to survey K12 and again, try to achieve a better response rate. We intend to follow-up with some of the libraries which responded to get more information on the interesting or innovative programs mentioned in their respective survey responses.

Enid volunteered to serve on the Special Library Section's Awards Committee.

We plan to continue working with Member Services, Library Awareness and publications editors for collaboration on recruitment and awareness activities. We have an action list, along with some brainstorming/"what if" ideas to discuss with other committees, sections and possible partners.

Respectfully submitted,  
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