

# *Executive Director's Report For December 2007*

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## **ILSDO Conference Call**

The system directors and staff of ISL held a conference call discussing such items as delivery, General Revenue Funds for FY 2008, Public Library Statistics collection, Administrative Rules, and other shared topics.

## **IOUG Board Retreat**

The Illinois OCLC Users Group held a board retreat December 3-4, 2007 at the Illinois State Library. Evaluations from the annual meeting were distributed and discussion was held on possible speakers for next year's meeting, with May 2, 2008 being a possible date. An OCLC Members' Council update was presented. Future directions of IOUG were discussed.

## **Technology Advisory Committee**

The first meeting of the LTLS Technology Advisory Committee was held on December 5, 2007. The Committee's charge is to develop a technology strategic plan for Lincoln Trail Libraries System. The Committee listed possible items to be included in a plan, reviewed what LTLS currently does in the area of technology, and agreed to do a member survey.

## **Statewide CE Calendar and Registration**

Planning is being done for a statewide Continuing Education calendar and registration Web site. A system is being developed that will integrate with Lincoln Trail's registration database. Consultants and I met with North Suburban Library System staff developers and project leads.

## **Telecommunications Meeting**

The ALA/Office of Information Policy sponsored a meeting on telecommunications for libraries in a consortium environment. I couldn't attend because of weather but was able to participate via conference call. Discussion included:

- A draft report addressing the following: Articulation of the role of Regional Library Cooperatives (RLC) in deployment and ongoing support of broadband to member libraries.
- Articulation of models that could be shared with other RLCs.
- Identification of factors that lead to successful deployment of broadband telecommunications in an RLC.
- Building a network of RLCs to facilitate communication.
- How to encourage other RLCs to implement high-speed broadband deployment and support.
- Obtaining assistance in potentially planning a conference held prior to the 2008 Annual ALA Conference to which all RLCs will be invited.