

# ***Executive Director's Report*** ***For May 2008***

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## **ILSDO**

The System Directors met at the Alliance Library System on May 2. This was a regular meeting including discussion about cooperative projects, data security, delivery, and follow-up on Illinois Library Day.

## **Massachusetts Library Association Pre-Conference Presentation**

On May 7 I gave a presentation on WorldCat Local at the Massachusetts Library Association Conference. The Pre-Conference was about "The Next Generation Catalog." I had the opportunity to attend the entire daylong session, hearing more from Marshall Breeding and the Pines consortia in Georgia. I also learned more about the Phoenix Public Library's development and use of the Endeca software. It was a great experience.

## **American Library Association Legislative Day**

On May the 13 and 14 I attended ALA Legislative Day activities. It had been about four years since I attended the event, and it was good reconnecting with this important day. Among the topics of discussion were appropriations for FY 2009 LSTA and Improving Literacy through School Libraries; National Library Services for the Blind to transition from tape to digital technology; restoring cuts to the National Agriculture Library; reauthorization of No Child Left Behind; insuring a state-certified school library media specialist in every school in the SKILLS Act.

## **OCLC Members Council**

On May 17-20 I attended the OCLC Members Council. The primary topic of discussion was a change in Governance of OCLC. The Board of Trustees remains the Policy Board of the organization; however, the group voted to change Members Council to a Global Council with Regional Councils that elect members to the Global Council. That Council would continue to elect members to the OCLC Board of Trustees. In addition this meeting was the one in which officers are elected. I was elected Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of Members Council. This will be a challenging time to be part of the transition to the new Governance Structure.

## **Southern Systems "Wrap-Up" Meeting**

Consultants and Directors of the four southern systems met on May 23 to discuss what options for cooperation might exist as a result of our learning more about the operations of the systems. It was agreed that the systems consider similar value statements for member libraries, share information about great "deals," share prepared workshops, and share/trade services.

## **Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service**

Joe Sciacca and I were invited to facilitate a planning process for the Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service. The first session was on May 29 at the Illinois State Library. Participants included the Illinois State Library representatives and representatives from the Sub-Regional Talking Book Services that are housed in four systems. It was a great beginning.