

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Happy New Year and Welcome.
2. Thank you to everyone who responded to me about committee assignment choices. The committees for 2008 have been set. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
3. I know that 2008 is a busy year for most of us but I encourage everyone to reach out to member library boards. Let them know that they can contact us with any questions or concerns and that the System has many services that will help them. Ask to be invited to a meeting, talk to the system staff and ask if there is information that you can bring to the meeting and above all encourage the trustees to attend the training sessions (including the system tour) that are offered.
4. This is a presidential election year. Help spread the word to all officials that libraries offer an important and essential service that their constituents rely on. Encourage fellow trustees to promote the work of their libraries by encouraging their legislative representative to come into their libraries, attend their functions and see services that they offer. As system trustees, we need to promote how the system helps the member libraries fulfill their valuable role in the community. Funding is the key to our mission.
5. One of our New Year's resolutions should be to work hard to continue to promote the value of system and library services to the public and to keep the good work they do in the forefront.

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President