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President's Report

Dear Colleagues,

During the first two months of my term in office, I spent many hours and sent or received hundreds of email message working for the passage in the state legislature of the Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Grant Program. I testified at the Senate Budget Committee hearing, wrote several messages to the chairs of both the Senate and House Budget Committees, and wrote a letter to Governor Parnell concerning AkLAs interest in seeing this program funded. I frequently spoke with or emailed our lobbyist, Clark Gruening, Patty Linville, Mary Jo Joiner and Judi Andrijanoff as well as many others on this topic sometimes hourly.

I spent time tracking and compiling conversations and information on the Traditional Cultural Expressions statement that we passed at the General Membership meeting at the conference in Anchorage. I am happy to report that Linda Wynne in Juneau and June Pinnell-Stephens in Fairbanks have been appointed to a national committee within ALA to further study this document and discuss the misunderstandings about it that have arisen.

Additional activities include:

- Communicating with AkLA Treasurer Patty Linville and the budget committee on the transition to QuickBooks Online.
- Signing ILC grant forms for three projects.
- Communicating with President-Elect Michael Robinson, Web Master Jeremy Franks and Executive Officer, Mary Jennings, on updating the list of officers, and committee and roundtable chairs.
- Writing the President's column for Newspoke
- Investigating teleconferencing costs and set the Executive Council meeting schedule for the rest of the year along with the Face to Face dates in September.
- Communicating with AkASL leadership on the Collection Development grant program and the use of AkLA's RegOnline account for their annual membership enrollment.

Thank you,
David