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President's Report

Dear Colleagues,

Now that the State budget is signed and in progress, I am happy to report that the hectic pace of April and May has subsided considerably. In case you missed the news, I am happy to once again report that Governor Parnell signed the capital budget with the six library construction projects funded at the levels we had requested. However, it seems that it was the individual projects that were funded through their municipalities rather than our proposed grant program. That means we will have to lobby again for funding next year.

I am also very excited to report that the IMLS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant to fund the Alaska Native Libraries Archives and Museums Summit was awarded to the Alaska State Library. This is a project that I have been helping to plan for several years.

Additional activities include:

- I have uploaded the last known copy of the AkLA Strategic Plan to the wiki. Thanks to the Executive Board and particularly Mary Jennings for their able assistance in finding the document.
- I corresponded and reviewed documents with June Pinnell-Stephens and AkACLU to oppose SB222.
- I wrote another letter of support for the State Library's broadband initiative which is facing potential funding. Additionally, I was able to recommend Rich Greenfield to serve on an FCC task force representing the rural broadband effort in our State.
- I communicated with Samantha Schmehl Hines, PNLA President, concerning the upcoming conference. Mary Jo Joiner will be attending and speaking on a panel on behalf of AkLA.
- I attended the Tribal College Library Institute in Bozeman, MT where I also met with the President of the Montana Library Association.
- I attended the Polar Libraries' Colloquy in Bremerhaven, Germany where I had contact with librarians from around the world.
- I attended the American Library Association Conference in Washington DC.

Thank you,  
David