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Report from the President-Elect
October, 2006

As many of you have noticed, the PCA website is up and functional and has been since early August. The conference information is being kept current as is the online registration through Acteva. There are a few glitches from time to time but these are usually fixed quite easily.

I have asked Division/Chapter Presidents and committee chairs to look at the information that pertains to their particular entity or activity and let me know of any corrections or updates that need to be made. Many individuals responded in a timely manner, however some have still not responded after almost 3 months. Please look at your areas and let me know what you want changed. If there is nothing to change, let me know that as well so I stop chasing you.

We will also need to make provisions for changing the password to the "members only" page on the website. My thinking is to change it each January 1.

I have also had an ongoing discussion with PACP regarding their function and how PCA can be more supportive and involved. It seems the more questions I ask, the more confused I get. I understand the purpose for PACP and believe that the presence of lobbying efforts in Harrisburg is necessary. I still am not clear how PACP decides on issues to pursue or if the activities pursued by PACP are relevant to PCA and LPCs in general.

We continue to be faced with committee chair vacancies and there are more vacancies announced for next year. The ones that I know of include finance, professional development, and archives.

I would like to introduce the leadership initiative for masters level students to the PCA membership at the Conference and would like to solicit individuals that would sit on a committee to select our first group. My thinking is that I will send information out before the end of this semester and then follow up early in the Spring semester with nominations being received sometime around March and selection done shortly thereafter. If all goes well, we will be able to have these emerging leaders attend our strategic planning meeting at the beginning of our 2007-08 project year.

Respectfully submitted,

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