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Colorado State Representative Report
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Donna Jones Morris will continue as the President of the Colorado Association of Libraries for another year. It was felt that some continuity would be good as CAL continues to organize. At the CAL Annual Business Meeting at the Conference in October, Donna received a standing ovation for her invaluable leadership during CAL's initial year. The CAL membership also passed a resolution honoring the Birth of the Colorado Association of Libraries and Celebrating the Conference and the Future of the New Organization. CAL's Annual Report can be found at the website.

"Hats off to Libraries" was the theme of the Inaugural Conference of the Colorado Association of Libraries, October 17-20, 2002, at Keystone Resort. The Conference hosted over 100 presentation and workshops and was considered a great success. The current membership of CAL now totals 1298 members.

Nancy Bolt, Colorado State Librarian, announced that the Bulgarian Libraries Interest Group now has 14 library partnership. More information about the Bulgarian Library Project can be found on the CAL website.

The Colorado Library Political Action Committee (CLPAC) is the money arm of the Colorado library community's legislative effort. CLPAC solicits funds from individuals within the library community, and uses those collective funds to support issues that impact publicly funded libraries of all kinds. These are comprised of public, school, academic, and special libraries. The issues include: financial support for library services; freedom of information; equality in information access; support to help students meet state standards; technological advances for resource sharing; and reading and technological literacy. All funds collected for the CLPAC must be privately raised. No public money can be used to support this effort. The Colorado Library Political Action Committee (CLPAC) is a function of the PREZ Group, a leadership consortium of the major library associations in the State of Colorado. It includes the Colorado Association of Law Libraries (COALL), the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL), the Colorado Council of Medical Libraries (CCML), and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA/RMC). More information can be found at: <http://colibpac.org/>

The CAL Intellectual Freedom Committee has developed an online Facilitator's Manual for Intellectual Freedom Training. Since one of the primary responsibilities of committee is to provide training on issues related to intellectual freedom. and since they cannot be at every training opportunity, they created a series of outlines that can be used to provide in-house training on intellectual freedom. These outlines are located at: http://www.cal-webs.org/if_training.html