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## From the Editor

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Did everyone have an awesome time in DC? I know I did! It was a simply fantastic time of learning and networking that I truly enjoyed from beginning until end. And, what a great city to visit! The nation's capitol is a wealth of entertainment...as long as you don't wander into the wrong areas.

I was excited to hear about the Alignment Project (Align '09) that is now all the buzz in SLAdom. I was present for the last name change event in New York and I'm pleased that this time, there is actually more than anecdotal data available on which to base our decisions. I am most happy to be a librarian, but my professional association does not have to have library or librarian in the name, as long as they don't mess with my title.

DC may be in the past, but the Centennial Celebration continues! The association, and several of its units will have celebration activities planned for the remainder of '09, so be sure to celebrate at every opportunity. It's good for the soul!

Meet me in St. Louis? I hope so! The Leadership Summit will be held in St. Louis, January 27-30, 2010. Even if you don't hold a leadership position (we all should be leaders in our profession), you would be well-advised to attend this conference!

Some of the best advice I ever received from my mentors in the Kentucky Chapter was to attend DACOLT (as it was called back then). Yes, it's geared for the divisional and chapter leadership, but it is also a great opportunity to network and meet everyone in the association in a smaller, more intimate setting that allows for deeper networking and provides quality leadership training to boot. I can't recommend it enough!

After St. Louis, only the joy of New Orleans awaits your conferencing pleasure! As Chair of the Conference Advisory Council for 2010, I want to extend to all of you a hearty invitation to come down to the Big Easy for a wonderful week of quality programming and networking that will enhance and expand your professional abilities beyond belief! I can't wait to see you all there!

In this issue, you'll see much from the DC conference and also a special article from SLA President Gloria Zamora concerning the Alignment Project. I hope you enjoy it!

Hope you all have a happy, and productive, autumn!

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