The Midwest Chapter currently has four active Conference Coordinating Committees planning Annual Meetings from 2004 through 2007. I have been in close contact with the chairs of all four groups:

- **2004 Springfield IL**
  Provided general advice and support by phone and e-mail

- **2005 Fargo ND**
  Attended August 10th planning committee meeting in Fargo, staying at the conference hotel and visiting the sites for planned events

- **2006 Louisville KY**
  Provided introductory information and guidance by e-mail

- **2007 Joint Meeting with Midcontinental Chapter, Omaha NE**
  Initiated contact with the Midcontinental Chapter regarding a joint meeting hosted on the Midwest side by the Iowa Library Association Health Sciences Roundtable

Other activities:

- Forwarded guidance from the Archives Committee to active conference coordinating committees.

- Drafted an Annual Meetings mission statement for the Task Force on Annual Meetings Financing. It supports the philosophy of making the conference affordable rather than profit-making and was endorsed by the Chapter presidents group subcommittee.

- Communicated with Ruth Holst at the Greater Midwest Region office to clarify the collaboration of the GMR in sessions at the Midwest Chapter conferences. The GMR plans to name a staff person to work on each Midwest Chapter conference; the role of the GMR liaison will be determined by each local conference committee.

- Invited members of all four conference coordinating committees to the Annual Meeting Planners session at the conclusion of the 2004 meeting to share in a debriefing from the Springfield committee chairs.

- Plan to update the Program Guide with 2004 revisions by the end of the year.

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board.