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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Seattle Annual Conference Planning Committee
DATE: 19 December 2006
RE: Seattle Conference Planning Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Seattle conference planning committee has had several conference calls since the June 2006 conference. We got started in earnest following the work of the conference modeling work group. The Board acted on their recommendations in October, thus allowing the committee to follow a new model for the 2008 Conference in Seattle.

Our first priority was selecting a theme. We met very early in our deliberations with SLA President-Elect, Stephen Abram. Stephen will be President throughout the Seattle conference so we wanted to listen to his ideas for his presidential year. Following this call, we brainstormed themes and decided on "Breaking Rules, Building Bridges." We believe this will emphasize the changes in our association where we may be breaking with tradition while at the same time reaching out to a broader information community.

We have communicated with the Seattle planners to inform them of the exciting changes that will give them flexibility while increasing the profile of the conference.

Our next priority will be the selection of the keynote speaker. The Association staff, Kristin, Akisha and DeVonne, as usual, are wonderful to work with. We are anxious to get started on the next phase of planning and look forward to our first meeting with the entire planning team in Reno.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Enormous, but no specific request at this time.

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