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FROM: Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council

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RE: Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council Year-End Report 2009

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Background Information:

The second meeting of the Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council (EPRAC) took place at the SLA 2009 Annual Conference. The discussion centered on how best to provide support for members in various areas of emergency planning and response activities.

Update:

The preliminary results from the survey sent to members on their perceptions for information professionals in emergency planning and recovery efforts were shared with the council. Results indicated that the majority of the 329 members responding to the survey see the primary role of information professionals as that of protecting, preserving, and providing access to their collections and restoring services to normal as quickly as possible.

Using these results as guidance for what sort of training members would be interested in receiving, the council decided to present a pre-conference CE course on "Protecting Library Collections *Before* Disaster Strikes: Preparedness, Response & Recovery." The full-day course, to be held Sunday, 13 June, will be co-sponsored by the Museums, Arts and Humanities and the Pharmaceutical and Health Technology (DPHT) divisions.

The council has also scheduled a business meeting in New Orleans, which will take place on Monday, 14 June.

Members of the council are working on developing an article for *Information Outlook* that would describe basic emergency preparedness and recovery techniques and resources. Others suggestions for future activities included creating an annotated resource list on the SLA website.

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