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Location and theme of annual conference

Hotel(s): Vancouver Hilton; Red Lion at the Quay
Date: April 16-18, 2008
Theme: Sharing More Than a Border

Notable speakers: Keynote Thomas Frank
Banquet: Stuart Robertshaw

Legislative activity: The Legislature was not in session this year, but perhaps the most significant activity of the year was the development (out of the Legislative Committee) of the Management of Public Libraries in Oregon white paper

Notable awards/honorary memberships
OLA Legislator of the Year: Suzanne Bonamici
OLA Librarian of the Year: Michael Gaston
Library Employee of the Year: Jan Griffin, Eugene Public Library
Library Supporter of the Year: Stayton Public Library Foundation
Honorary Life Membership: Richard Turi
Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award: Carmen Bernier-Grand
Ole Award: Leah Griffith

Outstanding events that you remember

• Management of Public Libraries in Oregon white paper written and approved as an association policy by the board. (http://data.memberclicks.com/site/ola/leg_PolicyPaperManagement.doc)
• Dues increase was adopted at annual business meeting held at conference
• Oregon Authors committee was awarded $24,500 LSTA grant to develop Oregon Authors Website
• Establishment of the Wise and Retired librarians Round Table
• PAIL petition
  The Association and the Portland Area Information Literacy Group cosponsored a petition to the Portland Public Schools Superintendent supporting school libraries and their importance preparing students for further education, careers and lifelong learning
• Nonexclusive agreement with Ebsco to distribute *OLA Quarterly* in full text in Ebsco database products