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To: ILA Executive Board
From: Cheri Rendler and Erin Hasler
Date: January 17, 2006
Re: Legislative Committee Report for January 18th Board Meeting

In the time between the last ILA board meeting (11/18/2005) and now, Cheri Rendler and I have been actively preparing for the annual Legislative Breakfast as well as following up on issues presented at the previous meeting. These activities include:

- Meeting with John Watts (ILA Lobbyist) and Val Fenske, to discuss placing an expenditure cap on the "Operating Costs" detailed within John's contract. It was agreed upon that the lobbyist's operating costs would be determined annually by the legislative committee depending on the agenda set forth by ILA. John will work with the annual agenda and budget set forth by the committee. For the coming year (2006), the budget was left at the pre-determined \$1000. John's contract was modified to reflect this change and faxed to Val Fenske.
- The legislative and advocacy committees have agreed to present together at the next SWILA conference. Details are to be discussed in the upcoming month.
- The legislative budget for 2006 was re-submitted in the spreadsheet format requested at the previous ILA board meeting.
- Invitations to the annual Legislative Breakfast have been prepared and dropped off for the legislators. An invitation post-card has been sent to the current ILA membership, and two reminders have been sent out to Libidaho promoting the event.
- Packets for the legislators are being prepared with help from the State Library staff. The gift books for the legislators are also ready including five signed copies of the winning 2005 Idaho Book Award – The Cyanide Canary by Joseph Hilldorfer - to be presented to the Governor and the legislative leadership. One copy was purchased in audio-book format for Senator Geddes who commutes extensively during the legislative session.
- Legislative services has been contacted with regards to providing extra tables during the breakfast. Legislative directory booklets are not yet ready for distribution but we will send them out as soon as they are available.
- We are currently preparing for the legislative briefing which will take place in the conference room at the University Inn on Wednesday January 18' 2006 at 7pm. John Watts will give an update on the Property Tax developments. Ann Joslin will present on behalf of the Idaho State Library. We hope to see all of you there!
- The Legislative Breakfast will take place Thursday January 19, 2006 from 7:30-10am. We will see you there!