

**Legislative Committee Report
ILA Strategic Plan 2003-2004 Progress
Wednesday, January 14, 2004**

Objective 1: Increase awareness of the library community and its issues among elected officials, especially the Governor and the legislature and its leadership.

The following actions were taken by the Legislative Committee in 2003:

1. All ILA members were encouraged to attend the ILA Legislative Breakfast and to invite their legislators to attend through written invitation and Libidaho notices. Thirty-seven legislators attended the 2003 breakfast, which was short five of the targeted 40%, but still a good number.
2. During the 2003 Legislative Breakfast, each legislator was presented a copy of "It Happened in Idaho," and Legislative leadership was presented a copy of ILA book of the year by the association.
3. Workshops were held in all regions of the state promoting legislative orientations/open houses in libraries. Ada Community Library hosted an open house for legislators in December, 2002. Legislators from the districts in the Consortium service area were invited by mail, as were local library directors, board members and State Library personnel. None of the legislators attended, but the event was successful in that some board members did attend, a briefing was held and a subsequently, a couple of the board members attended the 2003 legislative breakfast. Hillside Jr. High library scheduled an open house in April, but the session didn't end in time for the legislators to attend. Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai-Shoshone libraries are working on a joint letter of appreciation to the legislators for LiLI Database.
4. All regions of the state are represented on the Legislation Task Force, most of whom serve on the Legislative Committee as well.
5. The association promoted legislative education by providing an all conference program with guest legislators that has no conflicts on the program at both the 2002 and the 2003 annual conference. The program was successful. Legislators learned about libraries and library issues and the membership learned a little about how the legislators view libraries.