

President's Column

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As my first year as IALLT president is ending, it is time to reflect on the health of the organization. Financially, IALLT is stable and strong thanks to the great work of our treasurer Ron Balko. The planning for the next conference at TUFTS University in June 2007 is underway. The LLTI continues to attract many users. Our affiliate representatives remain very active, and our communications with our regional leaders have been frequent and lead to a number of discussions. The two major issues to emerge from these discussions are the CALICO with IALLT conference in March 2008 and the need for a solution to strengthen our ties with high schools. For the first time CALICO and IALLT will collaborate. CALICO has generously invited IALLT for an expanded conference at the University of San Francisco and offered IALLT 60 presentation slots. We look forward to this event and hope that many of our readers will join us for this special conference.

As for our relationships with high schools, we hope that during our June Summer Leadership Meeting (SLM) at Tufts, many ideas will be generated. During the SLM, it is also our hope that we can find creative solutions to increase traffic on our new IALLT Wiki which was launched last summer. As of now the IALLT Wiki is restricted to IALLT members but has yielded little interest. The board and I would like to encourage you to post information, share ideas, or discuss technical issues, and make use of this wonderful resource to share our expertise in our field. While our organization is in good financial standing, we would like to reach out and increase our membership in the USA and abroad. Efforts are underway to purchase membership lists from other professional organizations and send mailings about IALLT, but we also count on the regional organizations and each individual member to spread the word.

This journal comes to you thanks to an active team of dedicated IALLT leaders. Andrew Ross who has been our journal editor for several years and has done an excellent job will be leaving his position this summer. A committee has been formed to search for a new editor and we hope that it will be able to identify someone as able as Andrew to maintain the high quality and efficiency that our journal has had during Andrew's term. The IALLT membership thanks Andrew Ross for his work with the journal and wishes him good luck for his future endeavors.

This issue of the journal has several excellent articles relevant to many of us in the field and we hope that you will enjoy reading them.