From The President

By Kawanna Bright

hello everyone! This is my first column as LIRT President, and I already have so much to share with you all! I find myself experiencing a theme of "transition" as I wind down from a hot but successful Annual conference in DC. I will be starting a new position at the beginning of August in a new state with new colleagues–a truly exciting prospect for me! I find my transition into the LIRT Presidency position to be equally as exciting, especially in light of the completion of our most recent planning retreat.

I would like to extend many thanks to all of the current and past LIRT leaders who were able to participate in the retreat. Working as a team, we were able to discuss many of the issues that LIRT is currently facing or will face including membership, mentoring, and programming needs. These discussions led to planning for ways to successfully address these issues. I am looking forward to the future as LIRT will work to implement many of these new ideas. This is where you all come in as well, as we will have many opportunities for you to participate in making LIRT work better for you. Be on the look out for calls for participation in task forces and committees where you might be able to apply your expertise!

I would also like to send out kudos to our Membership and Conference Planning Committees, as they made sure that all of LIRT's events were well worth the attendance. I had a truly enjoyable time at the LIRT Membership Fair as I had the opportunity to sit and discuss LIRT issues with new and "considering" LIRT members. BITES with LIRT also had great showings and featured good food and good discussions. And finally, the Conference Program: "Capitalizing on Technology: A Teaching Technology Fair" featured some of the best hands-on demos of great uses of technology. I, for one, will be trying a few of them out as soon as I am able! Hopefully some of you also got some of the great swag given out as prizes during the programs–what better way to promote LIRT than with a stylish bag or portfolio?

As I sign off from my first column, I also want to send out a hearty thanks to all of the past committee chairs and members, and all of the new chairs and continuing or new committee members. It is with your dedication and support that LIRT will continue to be successful in the future. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year!

Kawanna

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