networking, and continuing education. We will continue to assess the structure, content, and logistics of our conferences to promote professional growth and meet the continuing education and lifelong learning needs of our members. If we did not see you at Portsmouth in 2010, we hope to see you there in 2011—for what we project will be the Best Conference Ever.

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The Virginia Library Association relies on its membership to continue doing the good work we are given to do. In lean economic times, it is not surprising that our membership has declined somewhat in the last year. If you have renewed your membership—thank you! Please also encourage a friend or colleague to join—you don’t have to be an MLS-holding librarian to be a member—you don’t even have to be a Virginian! Members benefit from increased professional visibility; idea-sharing; opportunities to meet and collaborate with librarians and library staff throughout the commonwealth and across the spectrum of different kinds and sizes of libraries; support for the needs of libraries and their users; and, of course, sitting down to a copy of Virginia Libraries and poring over such scintillating columns as this one!

Feedback
Even if you did not think this column was scintillating, I would like to hear from you. Our membership is our greatest resource, and I am eager to hear your ideas for the future of our association and profession. Visit www.vla.org to find out how to contact us, or feel free to email me at mtodd@nvcc.edu. I look forward to hearing from you, and to walking with you into an exciting year ahead for the commonwealth’s libraries.

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