

## **Fall 2007 Report of the President**

The 2006/2007 fiscal year was an eventful one for CORAL. Here is a quote from my report to the fall 2006 CORAL meeting:

I look forward to CORAL's [2006] fall meeting, and the remainder of this year, with great hope and optimism. There is a strong desire to hold this group together, for the benefit of all member institutions. I believe CORAL can continue to provide unique benefits to its members on many levels, and I hope that all CORAL's members will join me on this year-long journey of discovery and self-examination!

The year did indeed prove to be one of discovery and self-examination, as we engaged Larson Todaro Consulting to lead the organization in analysis, goal determination, and recommendations for the future. CORAL agreed to suspend dues for the year in order to encourage inactive and former members to participate in the process. The consultants researched current practices and climates surrounding library consortia and included this information in their final report. They also conducted focus groups at the fall 2006 meeting, as well as telephone interviews and e-mail surveys of staff at current and former member institutions. The consultants met with the group in February 2007 to report their findings; they submitted a final written report in March 2007. The full text of the final report may be found on the CORAL Web site, located at [http://bulldogs.tlu.edu/coral/coral\\_main.htm](http://bulldogs.tlu.edu/coral/coral_main.htm) (click the "Reports" link).

It is now up to the members to decide on the organization's future. The fall 2007 meeting will include activities to get us started on this path.

The year also featured a kick-off celebration in honor of CORAL's 35<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Present and past members were invited to a grand reception at the Main San Antonio Public Library. Thanks to SAPL for hosting the event!

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