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I am writing to share another exciting development for Lyrasis. On April 16, the Boards of Directors of NELINET and Lyrasis approved a recommendation for NELINET (New England Library Network) to join Lyrasis. Together, Lyrasis and NELINET will comprise the largest membership collaborative of its kind serving more than 4,500 libraries and cultural heritage institutions in New England, the Mid-Atlantic, and the Southeastern United States.

This is an exciting opportunity for these successful, membership-driven organizations to join together to serve our diverse library communities. Final action must be approved by a vote from both memberships. This vote will take place in early June. If approved, the goal would be for NELINET to join Lyrasis by Fall 2009. Information regarding the voting process will be provided members of both organizations.

Lyrasis was formed because two well established networks, SOLINET and PALINET, believed that together they could build a stronger library community, improve collaborative educational and savings opportunities for members, and take advantage of the economies of scale to develop critical new initiatives essential for growth of our libraries.

It is so rewarding to see that other networks not only recognize the benefits of Lyrasis but agree that joining together is the best way to ensure success for our members, now and into the future.

We will keep you informed of all developments related to this proposed action. As always, I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding this and other issues at kate.nevins@lyrasis.org or 800.999.8558. More information can be found on our website at www.lyrasis.org.

Sincerely,

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