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January 27, 1988

TO: AALL Executive Board
    Chairs: Standing, Special and Advisory Committees
    Chairs: Special Interest Sections
    Chapter Presidents

FROM: MARGARET A. LEARY FOR THE PDO SEARCH/SCREEN AND HIRING COMMITTEE.

WE'VE HIRED A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER!

Margaret S. Brown has accepted our offer and will start work at Headquarters on February 22nd. We are absolutely delighted that we were able to hire our first choice: It's a bit ironic that Martha was the first applicant, back on September 27, and was also the last person we interviewed, late Saturday afternoon last week.

Martha's present position is Training Director/Field Director for the Illinois Shore Girl Scout Council, where she has worked since 1985. From 1981-1984, she was Assistant Director of Volunteer Services at University Hospitals of Cleveland. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Missouri, Columbia, earning a B.S. in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Sciences. Martha was awarded an M.S. in Organization Development and Analysis by Case Western Reserve in Cleveland in 1985; she earned the degree by completing a full time program while working full time (and raising two children, a fact which doesn't appear on her resume but which is further indication of her energy level.) She has a full resume of volunteer work throughout the last sixteen years. And, she has attended nine continuing education courses related to Management, Proposal Writing, and adult development generally. Martha may not have a library degree, but she has had substantial contact with libraries both as a student, as a teacher of History and Sociology, and as a research associate for the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library.

Martha is a member of the American Society for Training and Development and the Illinois Training and Development Association. She's already developed connections at ALA, and seems to be anticipating her work with us almost as eagerly as we're awaiting her.

I want to thank Bob Berring for asking me to work on this Job, and for supporting the concept; Lolly Gasaway for her continuous encouragement; and especially my fellow searchers: Penny Hazelton, Bill Murphy and Pat Strougal. Bill and everyone at Headquarters made the candidates welcome. THANKS, ALL!