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The IAML-US Branch sponsored a 90-minute session on IAML Projects during the MLA conference in Chicago in February, chaired by Jane Gottlieb. Barbara Dobbs Mackenzie spoke on RILM, Antonio Baldassare on RidIM, Robert Cohen on RIPM, and Sarah Adams on RISM and the Hofmeister Project.

This year, the Branch held a tea in memory of Suki Sommer, long-time IAML member, also at the MLA conference.

As reported two years ago, a travel grant was established in honor of Lenore Coral, and we awarded the first grant last year for the Naples Conference. We have now established a fundraising committee, co-chaired by Gerry Ostrove and Linda Blotner, to put our grant funding on solid ground.

Due to the economic climate and the increase in US postal rate, the Donated Materials Program has been on hold since last summer. However, with the encouragement of the IAML-US Board, Marjorie Hassen, long-time program coordinator, is restarting the program later this summer. Since 2005, Naxos Digital has provided a 5-user subscription to Naxos Music Library for Jagiellonian University, Krakow. The current subscription will end in September 2009 and Naxos will no longer support this arrangement beyond September.

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