The College Libraries Directors' Discussion had 32 attendees at Midwinter 2004 in San Diego. Several directors from the mentor program were present, as were several directors who had had to miss the discussion for several years because of other ALA commitments on Sunday afternoons. So we welcomed some new faces and some returning people, as well as those who regularly attend the discussion. Many topics were proposed for discussion, and we settled on six topics as a focus: 1) buildings and facilities, 2) federated searching and metadata, 3) coping with shrinking budgets, 4) personnel transitions, 5) technical services, and 6) communicating with upper administration and faculty. We had six tables in the room, so individuals chose one topic to discuss for the first 45 minutes or so, and then we switched tables for the second half. As usual, attendees reported that they learned a lot and made some important contacts with individuals facing similar problems to their own. ACRL is always valued for such networking, and the Directors' Discussion is a very successful case in point.

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