MSL Commission

Trends

- Library as "third place"
  - o Making the library a welcoming place
- Fiscal environment will remain Spartan
- Increasing interest in distributed information environment
- Increasing use of non-library search tools for discovery
- Increased reliance on & focus on the IT part of the institution
  - o "Mission Central"

Trends

- expectation & desire to have information delivered instantly even if it's not "Mission Critical"
- the "fourth place" (web/virtual) will predominate
- control will become passé
- information will become easier to get/<u>expose</u>
- technology will continue to "rock our world"
- different kinds of collaboration are emerging & easier

Trends

- some problems aren't – generational shift will fix this
- web-based information seems to belong to everyone
  - causes issues – copyright – plagiarism
- easier to "repurpose" content
- harder & harder for libraries to maintain their "role dominance" – in their traditional way.
- Warehouse model of libraries will go away
- Increase in institutional repository tasks/roles