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Some of the other members (photos and bios are being collected) include:

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Joy Ernst – Wayne State University
Joan Davitt – University of Maryland
Nancy Kusmaul – University of Maryland
Colleen Galambos - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee