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The President's Corner
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"So 2009 is my year. It's my time to get that story on the page and finish projects that deserve to be finished. It can be your year too. Let's grab it together and do all we can to help ourselves further along the road to publication." *January President's Corner*

Goals. Encouragement. Take Action. Keep Writing.
Distractions. Recognition.
Write some more. Submitting.
And the next step – Waiting.



The submission is in the mail. (Yay!) And now you wait. (I'm waiting.) You either have a postcard that tells you the editor/agent received it or you might have no confirmation at all. (Sent via email so no confirmation.) And you wait. (Did I mention I'm waiting?) And wait... (Yep, still waiting.)

What do you do now?

Keep writing while you're waiting. Keep the momentum you've received from finishing that book to revise another project or begin a new one. Okay, so the dishes and laundry need to be done. You might want to catch up a little on the day-to-day stuff. But you don't want to lose the energy you've created over the past several weeks. Utilize that great feeling of accomplishment and begin again.

Don't be afraid of the results of this submission. You've accomplished what 90% of everyone who wants to write a book can't. You've finished a book. You've done your best. Now it's out of your hands.

SIDE NOTE: At The Golden Network workshop at the national conference, I heard several agents state (and the editors agreed) that they were now looking for authors who could write in at least two different genres of romance. These authors would be valuable since the first-sale market is slow and publishers are more reluctant to buy a second book until numbers have been established on the first publication. (That's a two to three year wait, guys and dolls!) In other words: make a sale to one publisher in contemporary, then make another sale to a different publisher in historical. This information is something to keep in mind when you choose your next project.



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