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MPLA Administration Committee Report

October 9, 2006

Budget matters: We reviewed the budget and are pleased with where we stand right now given that it is not a conference year. We have more expenses to come in, especially from the Leadership Institute, but we also will begin to receive dues for 2007. At the January meeting we will review our investments. Since this is the transitional year, Beth Avery will do the budget for 2007. We are looking how to write the contract for the 2009 Kansas Conference since this will be a quad organization contract. Written contracts have been done for all MPLA paid staff. The Executive Secretary will maintain the signed contracts file. A draft will be available for the discussion at the board meeting.

Fundraising: We are looking at doing a raffle at the New Mexico conference and a Literary Tour of Ireland in summer 2008. These ideas are being forwarded to the board for further discussion and approval.

Awards Committee and Nomination Committee Timetables: Cassandra Osterloh is the new chair of the Awards Committee. The awards notice requesting nominations will be in the November newsletter. A reminder will be sent to the Nomination Committee that it is time to have the nominees so the biographical information can go out in the November newsletter.

Leadership Institute. We need to start working on continuing funding for the Institute. The Committee will bring a suggestion to the Board on possible interim "fixes".

Conference: We discussed the difficulties in having topics and speakers generated from the Electronic Communities. Carol and Sharon will be working with the Electronic Community moderators on how to energize these communities and make them the active groups that were envisioned.

Long Range Plan. Draft Long Range Plan revision was discussed in depth. Wayne will update it with the committee's suggested changes and present it to the full board for discussion and approval.

The next teleconference will be in early January 2008 to approve the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Avery  
Chair