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Bylaws and Procedures Sub-Committee Report

The revision to Bylaws 1.4 Article VI 6.1 Executive Board was voted upon electronically and approved with 141 votes for and 5 against. The 2007 version is now on the MPLA Web Site.

Based on decisions made at the Executive Board meeting held July 21st, 2007, the following changes are recommended to be made to the *Manual of Procedure*:

Section 6 : Committees

Awards Committee – 6.7

A change to the Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award: To be given to the individual, organization or company ~~whose positive support of the Mountain Plains Library Association is demonstrated by constant conscientious endeavors towards libraries, library staff, trustees and professional activities.~~ **who has exhibited support for the Mountain Plains Library Association.**

The following awards will be retained: Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award; MPLA Distinguished Service Award; MPLA Literary Contribution Award; MPLA Beginning Professional Award.

The following awards will no longer be presented: MPLA Legislative Leadership Award; MPLA News Media Support Award; MPLA Youth Services Excellence Award , and the MPLA Intellectual Freedom Award.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee made a recommendation that Electronic Communities be eliminated. As a result of this move, it is proposed that Section 4, Electronic Communities, be deleted from the *Manual of Procedure*, and that all text relating to Electronic Communities in the *Manual of Procedure* be removed. Electronic Communities will be replaced with a Community Portal.

MPLA Program Council - 6.15

Include the following sentence:

Council members are appointed by the President for two year terms and appointments are staggered to provide continuity. Council membership will include representatives of the various interest areas within the association.

Nominating Committee – 6.18

Add: The Chair is appointed by the President. The committee members are all of the current state representatives on the Executive Board **or an appointed designated person.**

Professional Development Committee – 6.20

Add the highlighted statements to deal more precisely with the role of the committee in relation to continuing education.

General

Support avenues of continuing education and research experiences for individuals employed in the library or related professions in the Mountain Plains region by:

Exploring avenues of continuing education in the region, such as establishment of a regional clearinghouse, with recommendations to be made to the Executive Board.

Recommending programs or areas of continuing education concern to the Program Council.

Section 5 – State Representatives

On 5.3, number 7. MPLA President

If possible, the MPLA President should be invited every third year by the State Representative to attend his/her annual state conference beginning with the following rotation: 2007 - Utah, Montana, Nebraska, Kansas; 2008 - Arizona, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Wyoming; 2009 - Nevada, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico. This invitation should take place well in advance of the state's conference.

The State Representative Handbook will be added as an appendix to the *Manual of Procedure*.

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