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Leadership Institute Committee
Report to MPLA Executive Board
Dan Stanton, Chair
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The Leadership Institute Committee extended 30 invitations and is happy to announce that all 30 were accepted! The 2010 MPLA Leadership Institute is a mere weeks away. A lot of great information about the Leadership Institute and this year's participants is available through the efforts of our MPLA Executive Secretary, Judy Zelenski, and our MPLA Webmaster, Dan Cheney. Please take a look <http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>.

Since my last report, the Committee has been active intermittently, mostly to weigh in on logistical issues associated with the Institute. For the most part, our work is done. I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to my Leadership Institute Committee colleagues, Jean Hatfield and Cassandra Osterloh, for their patience, thoughtful counsel, and dedication to the cause. What they got out of participating in prior MPLA Leadership Institutes came through in the work they put into shaping the latest MPLA Leadership Institute, which offers the solid legacy in a new package.

I also wish to thank MPLA President Eileen Wright for her leadership, input, and support in all this. Eileen (another former Institute participant) rolled up her sleeves and has been deeply involved throughout the entire process.

Lastly, Judy Zelenski. The last of the Leadership Institute 'insiders' still has miles to go before she sleeps. Since the invitations were sent out, Judy has been collecting responses, working logistics with participants, Mentors, Maureen Sullivan, and the YMCA of the Rockies. She has been working on the agenda, participant resources, *and* will be serving as a Mentor herself at the Institute. In addition, she has been shopping around to meet the needs of the Institute in the most economically efficient way, not by cutting corners, but by getting the best deals. The cost of running the Institute is a major consideration for the Association, especially in these tough economic times. My job got measurably easier once Judy came on as Institute Coordinator. Let me clarify that – when Judy **volunteered** to serve as Institute Coordinator (again saving us money and putting her considerable talents out there for the good of the cause. I can safely say that this Leadership Institute would not be taking place in a couple of weeks if not for Judy.

I wish all the participants and Mentors well, and look forward to hearing about the 2010 Leadership Institute. I am honored that incoming President, Elvita Landau, has asked me to continue as Leadership Institute Committee Chair. I look forward to working with the Board to secure and strengthen this signature event for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Stanton