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Leadership Institute Committee  
Report to MPLA Executive Board  
Patti Butcher, Chair  
July 21, 2007

The committee has not met since Albuquerque, but we have been in frequent contact my email.

LI 2007 – Oct 28 – Nov 1

MPLA received 67 applications for the 2007 LI. These applications were forwarded to the appropriate state representatives for state selections. During the past week, the LI committee members received the remaining applications for consideration of at-large selections. Those selections were sent to Mary Bushing by July 13; Mary has since combined the rankings and compiled the list of 30 attendees for 2007.

Those selected will have been notified by the time the board meets. My concern continues to be the number of applicants who are not members of their respective state associations – as required by our criteria. In some states, this means that half or nearly half of the applicants are not eligible to attend.

I plan to design a small promotional piece for each MPLA state to begin using now within the states to promote membership for those considering attending Ghost Ranch. If the board has other suggestions, we appreciate any input.

#### Fundraising

I have been in contact with Stan Terry, and am awaiting news on our joint work toward a multi-year plan. Stan is working with two other vendors on a 6 year funding plan. If I hear from Stan before the board meeting, I will email Wayne with any updates.

I have also made a formal proposal to SirsiDynix for a one year funding grant for 2008. I have not heard back from their corporate support representative as yet.

#### Oversight

Debbie Iverson and her subcommittee have begun work in this area by reviewing current contracts and evaluations. Updated position descriptions, evaluation forms, and contracts will be developed by this group.

#### Promotion and Outreach

Articles have appeared in the MPLA newsletter. Many state conferences included sessions from Ghost Ranch Fellows and mentors. Stephanie Gerding chairs this subcommittee

We continue the discussion on changing criteria: years since MLS; non-MLS attendees; how to best work with the states on ranking applicants.

Our goal is to include the very best applicants each year, to increase membership in state associations, to encourage professional involvement in MPLA, and to host one of the premier library leadership opportunities available.