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Leadership Institute Committee
Report to MPLA Executive Board
October 21, 2004

- The third annual Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch will run from Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2004. The thirty attendees have been selected, and notified of their roommate assignments. Final arrangements and details are being very capably handled by our institute coordinator, Mary Bushing.

The official letter requesting funding for 2004 from Ebsco has been sent to Stan Terry, along with a thank you for all their support.

- 2004 Joint Conference
 - A reunion of participants and mentors from 2002 and 2003, and also 2004 participants and mentors, is being held during the all-conference reception on October 21. Ebsco generously donated funds to cover treats, and the Friends of the Library (Lone Tree Branch, Denver Public) is covering the rest of the costs. Thank you to both groups for their support.
 - The Leadership Institute Committee met prior to this meeting. The group hoped to develop a list of possible vendor sponsors for the institute, to be contacted during the next several months by various members of the committee. The agenda also included discussion of the future of the institute, and other offerings to be considered for funding.
 - A poster session is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 22 at 11am on the Leadership Institute. Mary Bushing and Patti Butcher will present information about the institute, and discuss future directions.
- Future Support of the Institute

There is good news and bad news. First, the bad news. Auto-graphics, Ingram, and Sirsi all declined to provide half or full support for future years of the institute.

Now, the good news. Stan Terry of Ebsco has agreed to fully fund the institute for 2005! This will allow the committee to develop a funding plan for 2006 and beyond. Another big thank you to Ebsco.

Patti Butcher, Chair
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