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Leadership Institute Committee  
Report to MPLA Executive Board  
Patti Butcher, Chair  
January 17, 2008

The committee has met by email several times. We have one action item for the board.

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Another successful Institute; another group of outstanding Fellows. Some of the Ghost Ranch costs came in less than expected; I believe we have received a refund check.

Thanks are due to Mary Bushing for her continued excellent work as the Coordinator. Several postings and articles have been published which convey the depth of experience generated by the Institute.

Fundraising

I have still not received a response from Stan Terry regarding his work toward a multi-year plan. Stan is working with two other vendors on a 6 year funding plan. I have called and emailed Stan multiple times. I'm sorry that we still do not have funding in place for 2008.

I would hope that at some point MPLA could take over the fundraising for this activity. Most of my time as chair is spent trying to raise a large amount of money, and not in the other work of the committee.

Oversight

Debbie Iverson and her subcommittee have completed work on an updated position description and evaluation tool for the Coordinator position. Final versions are attached to this report.

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.

General

Attached to this report is a recommendation for adoption of changes to the criteria for the Leadership Institute. The revised 3 year rotation criteria was approved by the entire Leadership Committee. Its adoption is recommended.

The major changes include:

- \* addition of “expected career duration beyond Institute of at least 10 years”
- \* inclusion of a year just for non-MLS directors, leadership staff or department heads

This addresses an issue that has existed since the initial Institute, and will allow broader participation from many of the MPLA states.

My term expires in 2008, so the Utah conference will be my last as chair of this committee. It is my belief that the Leadership Institute is one of the best things MPLA offers, and I hope it continues for many years.