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Leadership Institute Committee  
Report to the MPLA Board  
Dan Stanton, Chair  
1/20/2011

The Committee investigated options based has made some recommendations based on feedback from 2010 LI Participants and mentors. These recommendations include:

- Keeping the length of the Institute the same, but adding an additional day for our facilitator, so that Institute is run uniformly, and participants have more time to absorb and reflect on all the information presented.
- Keeping the Institute at the same location (YMCA of the Rockies – Estes Park), but requesting a facility that has easier access (walking distance/incline) to the cafeteria. Other factors include meeting space and proximity to other groups staying at the facility.
- Increasing the participant fee for all participants.
- Allowing participants to pay an extra fee (through MPLA) for a single room.
- Extending the Leadership Institute Coordinator position to the incumbent, Judy Zelenski, and reinstating the position as 'paid' (as opposed to volunteer).
- Starting a 'Friends of the MPLA Leadership Institute' group that would track down former participants and mentors to report on how the Institute has affected their careers (and to solicit donations to support the continued success of the Institute). JaNae Kinikin has started a contact list of past participants.

All recommendations are awaiting Board approval for action. The Chair has been in contact with YMCA of the Rockies and Maureen Sullivan and made them aware.

From the AzLA Annual Conference in November:

Many people thanked the vendor representatives from EBSCO and Innovative Interfaces for their support of the 2010 Leadership Institute. In addition, Dana set up a nice Happy Hour event for vendors and members! And we had a conference session featuring Elvita, Anali Perry (2010 LI), and Anna Mathews (former MPLA AZ Rep), and myself which was very well received:

[Forward Fast: It's Who You Know AND What You Know – How The Mountain Plains Library Association Can Help Build Your Leadership Skills & Expand Your Professional Network:](#)

Whether your library career is just beginning or you're ready to make your next move to a more challenging position, AzLA's Regional Partner, the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) offers members the tools and support for success. In this panel discussion, facilitated by Dana Braccia, you'll learn

about opportunities for developing your leadership skills, getting involved on association committees, building your professional network of colleagues, and a special insider's look at the prestigious Leadership Institute. Five free memberships to MPLA will be drawn from session attendees to help them 'Click it Forward'!

And finally, MPLA President-elect, Dana Braccia, is teaching a Library Marketing class for the [UA SIRLS](#) and asked the Chair to serve as a 'Project Host' for 2 teams that will be looking at marketing the Leadership Institute. One team will be looking at potential participants, and the other team will be looking at potential sponsors and key stakeholders (State Librarians, Library Schools, and partnering associations). This is win-win; the students get a 'real' project, and we get some fresh perspectives and creativity from our future colleagues!