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Leadership Institute Committee
Report to MPLA Executive Board
Patti Butcher, Chair
April 21, 2008

The committee has communicated by email multiple times.

The main item to report is that we were unable to secure sponsorship funding from any outside source. The Leadership Institute for 2008 was cancelled.

Several suggestions were put forth on how MPLA might proceed: with a scaled back version, folding the institute into annual conference, raising fees, setting up an endowment by raising funds from MPLA members, and others.

After six years of a highly successful program, this has provided an opportunity to review, reflect and recommend. There are many factors to consider in going forward, including desired outcome(s), funding, location and staffing.

Mary Bushing will be stepping down as the Institute Coordinator. Mary has provided incalculable time and effort to ensure the Institute's success. She has mentored, hydrated, surveyed and "reunited" so many of us – it is hard to envision the institute without her.

Following discussions between myself, Wayne Hanway, Rob Banks, and others on the committee, it was determined that the best course forward was the naming of a task force to study the factors and possibilities, and to make a report and recommendations to the Board at their Fall 2008 meeting.

The task force is chaired by Sharon Osenga, and has begun its work. While the task force is in place, the Leadership Committee will go on "hiatus". Much of the work to be done by the committee will be determined by the task force report and recommendations. I agreed with Rob and Wayne on that course of action.

MPLA Leadership Institute @ Ghost Ranch Reunion of Mentors and Fellows will be held April 29 during the joint MPLA- ULA conference.

I have been honored to serve as the chair of this group (twice), and to work with such good committee members. My thanks to them all for their service!