

Membership committee report

MemCom Chair met with members of the Exec committee to discuss the future of recruitment and membership benefits and what we can do to make MPLA vital to member librarians. Good discussion was had and from that meeting there are some ideas to be planned and implemented by the MemCom and potentially partner with other committees across the organization.

Events planned and needing to be implemented:

1. A bi-yearly meeting of the new members (to accommodate the Spring and Fall State meetings and get us out of the end of the school year) once in June and once in November. It would potentially feature PPAC members, Prof Development committee members, and MemCom members to explain what MPLA does and how it can be useful to those who are newly joined. Ideally we'd have state reps there too so there is the potential that folks will know someone on the call.

2. Another MemCom initiative is to start hosting Zoom meetings that tailor to an interest group. Solo Librarians, Library Directors, Librarians serving less than 10,000 population, etc in order to hopefully create and grow some community within the organization that doesn't necessarily happen at conference. Especially so that those from the smallest libraries can see a benefit to membership. Meet ups could be presentations that were received well at Conference, or guest speakers on a topic of interest to that community. In essence, a possible mutation of the Round Tables into something similar.

MemCom members will meet next week to set a date for the inaugural New Members meeting in June. Following that, the MemCom will be soliciting MPLA members for ideas for Interest group presentations.

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