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MPLA Past President
March 2009 Board Report
Wayne Hanway

As chair of the Administration Committee, I am presenting the attached proposed revision of the 2009 budget for the Board's consideration. The changes were discussed at the Board meeting in January and are now here for your consideration. The main point of this revision is to recognize both the expense needs and the income needs for the Leadership Institute. Many of our members have said the Leadership Institute is one of the most valuable things MPLA does. But in these tight times, we must make it plain to everyone that we cannot continue the Institute if it loses money. A commitment to fundraising for the Leadership Institute appears to be the only viable alternative to raising Institute rates to the break-even level, which many have said would make it prohibitively expensive. So I challenge all MPLA members to look for ways to raise at least \$5,000 this year, whether from donors such as state associations, library vendors, Institute alumni, imaginative sales projects, or whatever.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for almost three-and-a-half years as Vice President, President, and then Past-President for MPLA. I thank each of the officers, board members, committee chairs, staff, and members who have given so generously of time and talents to keep MPLA the wonderful organization that it is, and for all the friendships that have blessed me on this journey. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Bylaws subcommittee.

And I am looking forward to sharing another wonderful experience with many of you, because I have been appointed to serve as chair of the Oklahoma Library Association's Conference Program Committee for the 2010 joint conference of MPLA and OLA, in Oklahoma City, April 19 – 21, 2010. With the great programs that we always have at our joint conferences, and with the excitement of Oklahoma City's Bricktown just next door, it will be another great conference, and I hope to see all of you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hanway