

***MPLA/Nevada Library Association Joint Conference *Turn Up the Volume!*
October 16-18, 2017, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Stateline, NV at Lake Tahoe
Call For Proposals** closed May 31. Tentative schedule below:

- Monday, October 16 – Nevada Library Association Executive Board Meeting, MPLA Board Meeting, Preconference Workshops, Exhibitor Reception
- Tuesday, October 17 – Full conference day
- Wednesday, October 18 – Full conference day, MPLA Board Meeting

*I received the signed joint conference agreement with the Nevada Library Association from John Crockett on May 24. We are official.

*VP Melissa Clark has proposed a "getting-to-know-you" type activity at the first Board meeting at conference. Melissa envisions using the 4-hour block of time during Monday preconference, 1-5 pm, as an activity time for new and old board members to do something fun together.

*Stephen Sweeney and Laura DeBaun completed the 2017 financial review. Stephen and Laura have reviewed all documents shared for the review by Judy, and no questions were raised. Judy and I have discussed the report as well. I recommend that the financial review report receive approval by the board in this meeting.

*The ad hoc work group to explore MPLA membership retention and growth met on May 4. Melissa, Kris, Eric, Annie, Judy, Jake and I had a wide-ranging discussion pointed toward some strategic actions based on our findings. Some possible action items include: Monthly or quarterly "MPLA 101" Zoom meetings; regular online meetings of state reps; engaging new members as support for state reps; setting up meetings of niche/underserved MPLA populations; revising the free membership structure; orientation of new members via Zoom; more designated board time at joint conferences; restructure institutional membership.

*Recruited Communications Committee member Cyndi Landis of Jefferson County Public Libraries in Colorado to join the strategic planning work group consisting of Mickey, Eric, Judy and Annie. Our first meeting scheduled for May 31.

*Reviewed the Past Presidents Advisory Council proposal as drafted by Eric Stroshane and reviewed by our Bylaws & Procedures Chair Frances Brummett.

*Prepared column for the June/July 2017 Newsletter, sent to Melanie Argo.

*Approved checks, reviewed bills and check register as presented by Judy.

Respectfully submitted,



Mickey Coalwell, President MPLA