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OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

We have not received the final financial summary and check from the MPLA/OLA conference. However, preliminary reports show that 89 MPLA members attended. This is less than usual, likely because of current economic conditions, so our profit is estimated at \$5500, below the budgeted \$8000.

CONFERENCE VISITS

I had a very pleasant and informative time at the Utah Library Association Conference May 12-14. They had a great selection of programs and speakers, and a strong commitment to continuing education. Thank you, Dorothy, for inviting me.

I plan to visit North Dakota in late September, Colorado in October, and Arizona in November. Arizona has already invited me. I would appreciate invitations from North Dakota and Colorado. It is customary for the states visited to offer free registration to the MPLA president. Arizona has put together a panel to promote the Leadership Institute and MPLA in general. I would be happy to participate in that type of forum in other states if someone wants to put it together.

MEMBERSHIP EFFORTS

Megan Tomeo, former Membership Committee chair, compiled a list of state presidents, vice presidents, state librarians, and library school connections in all twelve states. I have slowly been calling these individuals to encourage membership.

There was a proposal made as part of the Long Range plan approved at the Board meeting in Oklahoma City regarding offering free membership to the above individuals to encourage their support of MPLA. A request was made to provide a spreadsheet to show impact on MPLA's finances. See below.

Proposal for Free Membership To Selected Partners

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of free memberships - 42

(Pres, vp, st lib, lib school dean/contact)

Cost - \$2730 (\$65 each, using \$50,001 as salary base)

Current/past members -18

Cost minus current/past members - \$1755

Current Budget for dues - \$21,000

Dues received to date - \$13,874.74

COMMUNICATION WITH BANNER MANUFACTURER

I wrote a letter to Post Up Stands regarding their lack of product support, but have not received a reply.