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President's Board Report
Mountain Plains Library Association
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The reorganization is almost complete. Carol Hammond and Betty Dance are putting the finishing touches on the Manual of Procedure changes which will be presented at this meeting. At that point in time, Carol's duties as Steward will be completed and the job will cease.

Much of my MPLA time is spent on answering various emails with questions about the organization or procedural items.

I have written two newsletter columns.

The Administration Committee discussed the Long Range Plan in detail during their conference call last week. Wayne will bring the Plan to the board at this meeting but not go over it in detail. Please read it over in advance and come with any questions or changes for suggestion.

I visited the Nevada Library Association Conference in Las Vegas in August and the South Dakota Library Association Conference in Rapid City in September. I presented sessions on the MPLA Leadership Institute at both of these conferences. I was able to meet and chat with a lot of people. The main feedback I receive about the Leadership Institute is about the exclusionary requirements, particularly with regard to how long a time someone has worked. Many people do not achieve a position where they feel they need leadership training until much later in their careers. I worked at the MPLA booth at both conferences and I announced the winners of 5 of the free MPLA memberships at the Awards Banquet in South Dakota. These conferences are important to making MPLA visible in the member states. The new Long Range Plan calls for the president to attend several each year.

Items for discussion:

Fundraising: Two of the ideas we discussed in July and revisited at the Admin. Committee meeting last week:

- 1) New Mexico does allow for raffles. Does MPLA want to do some type of raffle at the Albuquerque conference?
- 2) Literary Ireland trip: In July, we discussed some type of trip, particularly one within the MPLA region. This would require a great deal of time and effort and we don't know if it would be a success. Here in Nebraska, we did a Literary Ireland trip this summer and it was great. The Administration Committee discussed sponsoring this same trip in the summer of 2008 since little work would need to be done to repeat the trip. If the trip is a success, then MPLA could do something within the region at a later date.

The Administration Committee did not decide whether this would be just a "fun" thing that MPLA sponsors or whether it would be a fundraising opportunity. I would suggest the following for consideration: MPLA members pay the trip fee only; non-MPLA members pay an extra \$50

for the trip. This would not make much money but adds some value to membership. The trip size would be a minimum of 8 people, maximum of 20. A larger group means a bus too big to navigate some of Ireland's scenic roads.

I have attached the [flyer from the Nebraska trip](#). The cost will be adjusted closer to the time the flyer is released. Please note that the cost is for ground trip only; air fare is extra.

The Administration Committee suggested that we do some sort of short promotional article in the next newsletter and call for a response from those interested in the trip. If we get enough interest, we would then move ahead. I would be happy to take on this duty.

Staff Contracts: We have not had written contracts in the past except for the Leadership Institute Leader and Coordinator. The Executive Secretary had one this past year only. I have created contracts for the Newsletter Editor, Executive Secretary and Webmaster that carry through 2007. They are signed and the originals will reside with the Executive Secretary.

Kansas Joint Conference: Kansas is now looking at a tri-conference plus MPLA in Wichita. I have attached the proposed conference profit distribution formula for a quad conference for approval.

MPLA Booth: Sally Dockter has asked that we discuss updating the look of the MPLA traveling booth.

MPLA/Kansas Conference Profit Distribution Formula

Kansas is looking at a tri-conference plus MPLA.

Member of:

A = MPLA

B = KLA

C = KASL

D = KAECT

E = MPLA/KLA

F = MPLA/KASL

G = MPLA/KAECT

H = KLA/KASL

I = KLA/KAECT

J = MPLA/KLA/KASL

K = MPLA/KLA/KAECT

L = KASL/KAECT

M = Non-member of any organization

$T = A+B+C+D+E+F+G+H+I+J+K+L+M$

MPLA: $A+1/2E+1/2F+1/2G+1/3J+1/3K+1/4M$ divided by T

KLA: $B + \frac{1}{2}E + \frac{1}{2}H + \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{1}{3}J + \frac{1}{3}K + \frac{1}{4}M$ divided by T

Kansas 2: $C + \frac{1}{2}F + \frac{1}{2}H + \frac{1}{3}J + \frac{1}{2}L + \frac{1}{4}M$ divided by T

Kansas 3: $D + \frac{1}{2}G + \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{1}{3}K + \frac{1}{2}L + \frac{1}{4}M$ divided by T