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MPLA President's Report  
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Activities since our last meeting in Lake Tahoe:

New Member Roundtable: With Scott Goldy, handled resignation of incoming chair of NMRT. Chair Elect Erin Kinney agreed to take the chair position this year, ahead of schedule; Carol Leibiger who was the other nominee on this year's ballot agreed to be the chair elect.

Board Meetings: finalized arrangements for the Las Vegas meeting in January and with Joe, arranged for the July meeting in Denver at the Marriott.

MPLA Archives: I Spoke with the Archivist at the Denver Public Library about the status of our archives and found nothing has been deposited for probably 10 years. We will attempt to recover past newsletters, minutes, board reports, financial reports, membership directories, conference programs, and other documents, primarily from Joe's files, to send to the archives for permanent retention. I asked Betty Dance, chair of the Bylaws and Procedures Committee, to develop a policy for the Board to consider on what should be collected for the archives, by whom, and a proposed schedule for sending items. The needs to be coordinated with our electronic storage of documents on our web site, especially items from board meetings. Currently the responsibility for archives is not assigned.

Wyoming Conference, 2005: Consulted with Dail Barbour who is already working on the 2005 conference in Wyoming, to change the dates to avoid a conflict with annual conference in Colorado. New dates for joint conference with Wyoming are: October 12-15, 2005.

Memberclicks: solicited reaction and evaluations from the board during trial period. (Thank you all for your help; I heard from a majority of you!) Consulted with Executive Committee who voted to sign on for one year with this service. We will have a short introduction at this meeting, reviewing the features of the system, and a discussion about rules and policies that may be required.

Membership: Met by Phone with Debbie McGuire to discuss the challenges of building membership and the task ahead, including improving the board choice awards and other efforts to grow membership. We planned a strategy session for the January Board meeting. Also, provided a letter to go out with the newsletter to all members of the NDLA inviting them to join; ND was the state featured in the latest MPLA Newsletter and was mailed to all NDLA members.

Nominations: Met with David Oberhelman by phone to review the process for getting candidates for officers and board positions and the schedule for the committee to complete its work.

MPLA Newsletter: Wrote two columns for newsletter; the first has appeared and the second will be out in February.

Strategic Plan: had discussions about the process of updating the strategic plan, which is now in its 5th year.