

O-1 President's Report
MPLA Board Meeting
December 5, 2013

Conference Updates:

I am pleased to report that the 2013 SDLA/NDLA/MPLA Tri-Conference, which was held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota September 24-27, was a terrific success. It was impressive how SDLA, NDLA, and MPLA worked together to create a seamless conference that was informative, collaborative, and inspirational. A total of 478 people attended, 150 of which were MPLA members. What a great turnout!

As you may know, MPLA depends on income generated at our annual conference as a significant revenue source for the upcoming year. I am happy to report that MPLA's portion of the 2013 Tri-Conference proceeds came to \$12,369.78, which is more than anticipated.

Work is well under way for our 2014 conference, which will be a joint conference with the Arizona Library Association. It will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on November 12-14, 2014 and promises to be another phenomenal conference. Be sure to save the date!

Other upcoming conference locations include the following:

2015	Cheyenne, WY
2016	Colorado
2017	Nevada
2018	Kansas

MPLA Presidential Outreach:

I was honored to represent MPLA at the Wyoming Library Association's annual conference in Cheyenne, Wyoming October 3-5, 2013. I was warmly welcomed by WLA members and met with current WLA President Debbie McCarthy, incoming WLA President Richard Landreth, WLA Executive Secretary Laura Grott, and WLA's MPLA representative Stephen Boss. We discussed the 2015 joint conference, potential dates, and the Little America Hotel and Resorts facilities, where the 2015 conference, as well as this year's conference, will be held. It is a very nice facility that worked well for the WLA conference and I am confident it will work for our joint conference as well. Rates were reasonable and the food was delicious.

I also represented MPLA at the Colorado Association of Libraries' annual conference which was held in Loveland, Colorado on October 16-19, 2013. I met with current CAL President Stephen Sweeney, incoming CAL President Kari May, and CAL's MPLA representative Tiffanie Wick. We discussed the new conference format they used for this conference and how affected attendance. They are collecting information on attendee satisfaction and will use that information to determine future conference formats. We also talked about our 2016 joint conference. The 2016 location is yet to be determined but the Loveland Embassy Suites Conference Center, where this conference was held, is a wonderful venue and I highly recommend it.

MPLA Business:

I was busy over the past few months with general MPLA business, including approving bills, sending welcome letters to new members, and preparing for the MPLA Board's December teleconference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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