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MPLA Vice-President's Report  
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#### 2005 Wyoming/MPLA Joint Conference

The conference will be held at the Snow King Resort in Jackson, Wyoming on October 5-7. The theme is: Beyond Borders...Inspiration, Innovation, Imagination.

The unconfirmed keynote is John Perry Barlow, Cognitive Dissident and Co-Founder and Vice-Chairman of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Erin Kinney (Conference Co-Chair) and Dail Barbour (Local Arrangements) were able to make a site visit in December. I was scheduled to attend but was bumped off my flight in Denver. A site visit is scheduled for the three of us in mid-March.

#### General Information:

- Meeting rooms vary in size from 30-500. We have access to all of the rooms.
- The Exhibits will be in the Pavilion which is a separate building. We can have up to 75 exhibitors. The meals will be in the Pavilion and will be buffet style. Registration will also be in the Pavilion. With the exhibitors so far from the meeting rooms, we have added several long exhibitor breaks throughout the conference.
- WLA requires an opening session in order for business to be conducted. The opening session will be Wednesday at 5:00.
- The Awards Banquet and Exhibitors Reception are tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening.
- A reception at the National Museum of Wildlife Art is set for Thursday evening. This will include an Author's Night and an MPLA Leadership Institute Reunion.
- Friday evening is open for conference participants to enjoy the bars and restaurants in Jackson.
- Legislative Lunch is Thursday.
- Children's Author Lunch is Friday.
- One of the sections (Government Documents?) is looking into an overnight trip to the Yellowstone Research Library. Participants would leave Tuesday and take a guided bus tour through Yellowstone, visit the library, stay overnight in Mammoth and return by bus Wednesday morning. This will ultimately depend upon the weather and open roads through the park.

#### Transportation:

Delta, Northwest and United fly into Jackson but planes are small (United uses 37 passenger planes). If you plan to fly, book early. The resort offers complimentary transportation to and from the Jackson Hole Airport and complimentary parking at the resort parking lots.

## Pricing:

- Exhibitors: \$500 for first table; \$450 for additional tables. Table set-up is \$35; rental of the Pavilion is \$3,000, adding an additional \$85 to the cost of exhibits. This has been factored into the \$500 cost. Cost of table includes pipe and drape set-up. Exhibitor options:
  - Electricity for 3 days: \$75.00
  - Internet Access 386 DSL: \$300 for three days
  - Wireless: No Charge but must provide own wireless card. This is not recommended as the service is unreliable in the mountain area.
- Registration:
  - WLA/MPLA members: Early Registration: \$80; Registration: \$90; Conference registration: \$100. Cost includes 2 continental breakfasts valued at \$12/each.
  - Non-members: \$100/\$110/\$120
  - One-day registration members: \$60/\$70/\$80
  - One-day registration non-members: \$80/\$90/\$100
  - Guest fees per day: \$35/\$45/\$55
  - Meals will be charged at actual cost.
- Rooms: We have all 204 rooms blocked out for the conference. Rooms are either queen/queen or king bed. Check-in time is 2:00 p.m. Check-out time is Noon. Rates are: Single: \$85/Double: \$85/Triple: \$95/Quad: \$105. Suites are \$190-220 for one bed or \$230-270 for two beds. There are also condominiums on a first come first served basis, outside of the hotel room block. The group rates are: One bedroom: \$190-220/Two bedroom: \$230-270/Three Bedroom: \$270-300/Four bedroom: \$310-330. Additional taxes are 9%. There is no charge for children 13 years and under when accompanying a full paying adult, utilizing existing bedding. There is a \$10/night rollaway charge.

## Programs:

Wyoming uses a Program Council for planning the conference. The Council met in Gillette on January 25th. Program proposals are due February 28th. So far, we have received many more proposals than we will be able to use. Each member of the program council will choose their top three programs from the various audience categories: public, school, academic, general and send them to Conference Co-Chair Erin Kinney. Erin, Sharon and Dail Barbour are meeting in Jackson in mid-March for a site visit. At that time, we will go through the list of programs that the Council has voted for and plug them into the various breakout sessions. We are all agreed that we need programs for each type of audience during each breakout session and that at least 25% of the programs should be from MPLA. The tentative schedule will then be sent out to Program Council members for input.

## Streaming Video:

A grant was written by the Teton County Library in Jackson prior to the beginning of conference planning allowing for streaming video of the conference. At the January 25th meeting of the Program Council, we spent over two hours in lively (and sometimes heated) discussion of the pros and cons. Since the Wyoming Library Association had to approve the web casting, we

collected all of the arguments on both sides and Erin Kinney presented them to the WLA Executive Board. After a long discussion at the WLA meeting, the WLA Executive Board voted to proceed with pursuing web casting the WLA/MPLA Joint Conference. Attached to this report are the [detailed notes on this topic](#).

Board Choice Award: I nominated Marty Magee from the National Library of Medicine office in Omaha.