

O-2 Vice-President's Report  
MPLA Board Meeting  
March 25, 2013

### **MPLA/SDLA/NDLA 2013 Tri-conference Update:**

On February 19, 2013, the Tri-Conference Programming Committee met via teleconference. Participants included Jan Brue Enright (SDLA), Scott Ahola (SDLA), Al Peterson (NDLA), Aubrey Madler (NDLA), JaNae Kinikin (MPLA), and Wendy Wendt (MPLA).

The following items were discussed:

#### **Conference Session Proposals:**

More than 80 tri-conference session proposals were received from states throughout the MPLA region, including Texas, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah, Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, as well as North Dakota and South Dakota. Our MPLA members submitted incredible session proposals and represented the Association well.

It was truly difficult to winnow down these great submissions into the time available. In addition to the pre-conferences, there will be 8 concurrent breakout sessions during 4 slots on Thursday and 7 concurrent breakout sessions during 3 slots on Friday. During this teleconference, we narrowed down the selections, with an eye on providing a fairly equal distribution of sessions for public, school, and academic libraries, as well as general sessions.

One timeslot has been reserved for the MPLA Professional Forum, which is tentatively scheduled as a breakout session at 8:30 Friday morning.

#### **MPLA Business Meeting:**

Business meetings for MPLA, NDLA, and SDLA will be held simultaneously as breakfast meetings from 7:00 am until 8:00 am on Thursday morning. Consensus was that this was the best option considering other limitations that exist. Section meetings for NDLA and SDLA will be held at 4:15 on Thursday.

#### **Keynote Speakers:**

The following keynote speakers have been selected:

- Wednesday Afternoon Keynote – PBS travel writer Rick Steves
- Thursday Morning Keynote – ALA President Maureen Sullivan
- Thursday Luncheon – YA author Neil Schusterman
- Friday Closing Luncheon – Encyclopedia Britannica editor Dale Hoiberg

#### Additional Events:

The exhibits will open on Wednesday following the keynote address. In addition, library tours will be scheduled for Wednesday evening. Dinner on Wednesday will be on your own and Board meetings will be scheduled for 8:00 pm on Wednesday evening.

I look forward to seeing you all in Sioux Falls!