

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

**MPLA Board Activities:**

Participated in the MPLA Board meeting via conference call on July 30, 2013.

Spent a considerable amount of time recruiting MPLA Committee Chairs and members. Committee Chair appointments for 2013/14 are as follows:

Administration Committee Chair	JaNae Kinikin
Awards Committee Chair	Mary Ann Thompson
Communications Committee Chair	Nicole Sump-Crethar
Membership Committee Chair	Danielle de Jager-Loftus
Nominating Committee Chair	Eileen Wright
Professional Development Committee Chair	Tom Taylor
Bylaws and Procedures Subcommittee Chair	Robin Reed Clark

My sincere thanks go out to Judy for all her help with this process.

**MPLA/SDLA/NDLA 2013 Tri-Conference Update:**

The Tri-Conference Program Planning Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and firmed up last-minute items for the Tri-Conference.

**Registration:**

Registrations are still coming in and will be accepted through the conference dates. At this point, registrations are as follows:

- 391 Full Conference registrations
- 43 Thursday-Only registrations
- 10 Friday-Only registrations

Of these registrations, the Association breakdown is as follows:

- MPLA – 76 MPLA-only;
- NDLA – 74 NDLA-only; 15 NDLA/MPLA
- SDLA – 140 SDLA-only; 54 SDLA/MPLA

Pre-conference registration is as follows:

- 102 Full-Day Preconference (63 for Story Time Slime – registration is now closed)
- 9 AM-only Preconference
- 22 PM-only Preconference

- The Story Time Slime conference will still be a loss-leader but generated more registrations than anticipated. Registration for this pre-conference is now closed since supplies for the event had to be ordered in advance.

#### Vendors:

On another very positive note, vendor registration exceeded expectations. Vendor booths total 67 and tables total 24. Of course, some vendors have double-booths so the exact vendor count will be lower.

#### Lodging:

The Ramkota is completely booked with librarians. Overflow accommodations can be arranged at the Brimark Inn, which is located across the street from the Ramkota.

#### Local Arrangements:

We are all asked to do a few things to help ensure the success of the tri-conference:

- Be positive and helpful.
- Participate in vendor experiences. Stop by vendor booths to thank them for coming (and buy when you can!)
- Attend all the special events, especially the Wednesday boxed lunch vendor presentations from noon til 1PM
- Make the most of the relatively short trek to the exhibit hall annex, where vendors and meals will be located. With the travel theme, this shouldn't be too difficult. Also, pedometers have been donated and there may be a contest involved!

**Enjoy this terrific conference! And thank you for such a great year!**

**Wendy Wendt**  
**MPLA President-Elect**