

Minutes of the MPLA Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, May 3, 1997
Shangri-La, Oklahoma

Present: Carol Connor, President; Roann Masterson, Vice-President/President Elect; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Judy Zelenski, Past-President; Carol Hammond, Arizona Rep; Susan Awe, Colorado Rep; Jean Hatfield, Kansas Rep; Avis Anderson, Montana Rep; Sharon Osenga, Nebraska Rep and Public Library Section chair; Sylvia Bartak, Nevada Rep.; Melody Kuehn, North Dakota Rep; Peggy Cook, Oklahoma Rep; Colleen Kirby, South Dakota Rep; Lori Andreason, Utah Rep.; Bobbi Thorpe, Wyoming Rep; Basha Hartley, Children's & School Section Chair; Dan Chaney, representing the New Members Round Table; Mary Ann Thompson, Preservation Chair; Jane Hatch, State Agencies, Systems and Cooperatives Section Chair; Althea Aschmann, representing the Technical Services Section; Brian Greene, Electronic Communications Committee; Heather McNeil, Intellectual Freedom Committee; Jan Sanders, Membership/PR Committee Chair; Dorothy Liegl, Nominating Committee Chair; Selma Dunham, ILL Interest Group; Betty Dance, incoming Utah State Rep.; Kathleen Todd, OLA Conference Co-Chair; and Cynthia Berner, outgoing Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Carol Connor. New board members were introduced. The agenda was approved as printed with the addition of a discussion of the MPLA booth and a report of recommendations from the Electronic Communications Committee. Lori Andreason moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Sharon Osenga and carried.

Joe Edelen and Carol Connor provided a brief orientation for new board members. They clarified the process for transferring files, the expectations of board members and the reimbursement policy from page 2.3 of the manual. Carol encouraged contributions from board members to the newsletter. E-mail access for all board members was encouraged. By consensus, it was agreed that all section officers and committee members should be added to MPLA-EX to help broaden communication. Joe will also add all board members to MPLA-L unless otherwise notified. Lists of delinquent members were distributed to state reps. Stationary, envelopes and membership brochures are available upon request from Joe. An updated list of board members will be mailed soon.

Kathleen Todd presented a conference report. Estimated attendance was 78 vendors, 120-150 MPLA members, 540 registrants and 700 onsite attendees.

Roann Masterson reported for the 50th Anniversary Committee. There is currently no budget for this committee. Lori Andreason moved that the 1997 budget be amended to include a \$1000 budget for this committee. The motion was seconded by Jane Hatch and carried. Among the ideas being considered are entertainment from the different decades, favors, and 50 new member incentives at the original dues rate of \$2.00. Special membership ribbons will be printed for the anniversary year. Blaine is working to identify all association presidents and award winners. Old photographs are needed. Individual state associations are encouraged to plan celebrations, but all projects should be approved by the Board. It was suggested that the Membership/Public Relations Committee consider T-shirts, sweatshirts and similar items which could be sold at fall and spring state conferences.

Roann and Lori Andreason also asked for direction concerning conference fees. By consensus it was decided that exhibit fees should be a minimum of \$350 and that registration fees should be as low as possible but should also include morning and afternoon breaks. A \$50 registration fee was suggested if it will cover expenses. Room rates will be in the \$90-\$100 range. All preconferences will be offered on a cost recovery basis.

Judy Zelenski reported that section and state representatives are needed for the Finance Committee. Judy moved that Jane Hatch be appointed to the Finance Committee as the section representative and that Carol Hammond represent state representatives. The motion was seconded by Jean Hatfield and carried. Judy then distributed budget request forms. She requested that forms be returned to her as soon as possible so that the committee can present a budget proposal at the September meeting.

Judy Zelenski moved that MPLA offer up to \$500 for programming to be sponsored by MPLA at the next New Mexico conference. The motion was seconded by Susan Awe and carried. The New Mexico Library Association President will be invited to be a guest of MPLA at the Utah conference.

Carol Connor announced that board meetings will be held in Denver on September 20, 1997 and January 31, 1998. Joe Edelen will send reservation information a few weeks before each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Cynthia Berner
Recording Secretary