

MPLA Executive Board Meeting
Billings, MT
April 6, 2011 1:00 MST

Present: Elvita Landau, President; Eileen Wright, Past President; Dana Braccia, Vice-President/President- Elect; Mike Mullin, South Dakota Rep; Basha Hartley, Oklahoma Rep; Deb McCarthy, Wyoming Rep; Pam Henley, Montana Rep; Dorothy Horan, Utah Rep; Theresa Jehlik, Nebraska Rep; Julie Huelsbeck, Arizona; LeAnn Weller, New Mexico Rep; Eric Stroshane, North Dakota Rep; Ellen Fockler, Nevada rep; Wayne Hanway, Bylaws Committee; Dan Stanton, Leadership Institute Committee; Kate Plunkett, Communications Committee; Lori Phillips, Professional Development Committee; Brenda Hemmelman, Membership Committee; Judy Zelenski, Executive Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Dan Chaney, Webmaster

President Elvita Landau called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm MST.

Eileen Wright moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 board meeting. Basha Hartley seconded. Motion carried.

Elvita presented an invitation from the Wyoming Library Association to host the 2015 joint conference. Basha Hartley moved to accept the invitation. Mike Mullin seconded. Motion carried.

Elvita presented the 2010 Audit Report from the Audit Committee (Annie Epperson and Stephen Sweeney). There were no deficiencies found. Several suggestions made were discussed by the Board, but not action taken. Dorothy Horan moved to accept the Audit Report. Eileen Wright seconded. Motion carried. The Board thanked Judy Zelenski for her continued excellence.

Eileen Wright reported that there were approximately 450 conference registrations and that everything was planned and ready to go.

Judy Zelenski expressed concerns about the membership numbers. All states were showing a decrease except for Arizona and Montana, with overall membership down by 63 since last year and by 99 since 4/09.

Dan Chaney reported on changes to the website to incorporate Facebook, Twitter, and other social networking. He is also using a new program, Machforms, which allows for easier creation of our various forms.

Dana Braccia outlined the process that the committees were doing to develop “buckets” of duties for committee members that corresponded with strategies and goals to ensure work gets done and that committee members were engaged in activities that they wanted to do.

In the absence of Stephen Decker and Lori Phillips, Dana reported that the Awards Committee would be examining the awards categories to see if these were still appropriate. They also would

be reviewing the process and form for nominating. She reported that the Professional Development Committee would be focusing their efforts in three areas: grants, continuing education, and mentoring opportunities.

Wayne Hanway presented updated information for several sections of the Manual of Procedure (Section 2: General and Section 3: Officers). Several suggestions were made. Mike Mullin moved to approve the Sections as amended. Eric Stroshane seconded. Motion carried.

Kate Plunkett reported that the Communications Committee had developed specific duties for each of its eleven members, including responsibility for contributing and monitoring the social network features just added. She also state that the Communications Committee and the Membership Committee would be working closely together. Dana added that David Gunckel would be acting as a regional leadership liaison to assist with membership and sponsorships.

Mike Mullin announced that the new chair of the Nominating Committee would be Robin Clark, director of the Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, Nebraska, and reminded state reps that they were members of the Nominating Committee.

Dan Stanton announced that Adrianna Juarez would be co-chairing the Leadership Institute Committee. The 2012 Institute will be held May 6-10, 2012 at the YCMA of the Rockies in Estes Park with Maureen Sullivan as Facilitator. Committee duties have been divided among the members.

Brenda Hemmelman reported that the Membership Committee goal would be to help new and current members be more connected to MPLA. Five teams of membership liaisons have been developed to connect with the various types of members.

The Board discussed whether to meet in person sometime during the next 18 months, prior to the joint conference in Nebraska October 2012.

Wayne Hanway moved that the MPLA Board express deep sympathy to Roy Degler for his recent loss. Kate seconded. Motion carried. A card will be sent.

Elvita Landau reminded Board members that there would be hospitality in the President's suite during the conference.

The next Board meeting will be April 8, 2011 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted
Elvita Landau

