

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2000
ADAMS MARK HOTEL, DENVER, CO

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In Attendance: Marilyn Hinshaw, President; Linda Rea, Vice President; Susan Awe, Recording Secretary; David Oberhelman, New Members Roundtable; Louise Treff-Gangler, Colorado; Melody Kuehn, North Dakota; Jane Kolbe, Arizona; Brian A. Greene, Sub/Wyoming; Betty Dance, Utah; Verne Haselwood, Nebraska; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Jane Hatch, State Agency, Cooperatives & Systems; Kathy Kaya, Academic; Judy Zelenski, PR/Membership; Vicki Nozero, Gov Docs; Dana W. R. Boden, Preservation; Marquita Boehnke, Children's; Linda Deacy, Nevada; Patti Butcher, Kansas; Charlene Greenwood, New Mexico; Theresa Dickson, Oklahoma; Carol Hammond, Nominating; Mary Bushing, Prof Dev Grants; Suzanne Taylor, Bylaws & Procedures; Jean Hatfield, Awards; Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Newsletter Ed.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Welcome and Introductions: At 9:15 President Marilyn Hinshaw called the meeting to order. Marilyn welcomed everyone and asked that committee chairs introduce themselves.
- Marilyn then asked for amendments to the Agenda. Hatch moved that we accept an amended agenda that added the Bylaws and Procedure Committee and Professional Development Committee under the committee reports, and Dana Boden seconded. Motion passed.

2. Minutes of December Meeting

The minutes of the December 11, 1999, Board Meeting were examined. With no changes, Haselwood moved and Kuehn seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Approved.

3. Officers' Reports

- President's Report: Hinshaw requested an additional Board meeting to focus on a long-range plan for MPLA. Greenwood made and Oberhelman seconded a motion that Edelen check the calendars at the Adams Mark and the Comfort Inn in Denver to schedule a meeting either July 29 or August 19 for the Board. Motion approved. Rea made a motion that the Board meetings be moved to the Comfort Inn in the future if possible and Kuehn seconded. Motion approved. Hinshaw also presented a written report to the Board.
- Vice President's Report: In conjunction with Haselwood, Rea presented an update on the MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-Conference 2000. The Conference will take place at the Holiday Inn in Omaha, October 25-27. A convention website is available at <http://reinert.creighton.edu/triconf>. A lengthy discussion about aspects of the conference and the location followed. Also discussed was the need for a full-day Board Meeting. Kaya moved the Board meet 9-5 on the Wednesday prior to the conference, October 25. Dance seconded. A friendly amendment to the motion stated that "both old and new board members would be invited to attend." Long-

range planning will again be the focus of this meeting. Motion was approved. Due to costs, registration will not be available online, but the registration form will be online. Linda also presented a written report.

4. General Business

- PNLA is proposing a joint conference. This discussion will be part of the long-range planning.
- ALA Nominating Committee memo was presented to Board members.

5. Staff Reports

1. Financial Report: Joe presented a written financial report current through April 6 as well as the 1999 Annual Summary. Boden made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented and Deacy second. Approved. Membership statistics were discussed, and Joe presented an instruction sheet on the new MPLA booth set up for state reps. He also encouraged state reps to get information in the Newsletter about their state. He handed out lists of former MPLA members to state reps.
2. Leadership Institutes: Joe attended ALA MidWinter. Continuing education is a high priority for many states, and MPLA is in a good position to contribute to this effort. This discussion will also be part of long-range planning.
3. Newsletter Editor: Heidi is always looking for input. She can put photos in quite easily. A digital camera will be available at the next Board meetings and the Omaha Conference.

ACTION: State Reps were asked to check to be sure that Heidi is on their state's newsletter mailing list!

6. Committee Reports

- Nominating Committee: Carol Hammond presented a written report and several recommendations from the committee. She distributed guidelines for the nomination process. After discussion of membership requirements for nominees, Kolbe moved to accept the committee's recommendation that a minimum of one year of membership (clarified to specify current year plus immediate past year) in MPLA and in the Section be required to run for office, and Greene seconded. After further discussion, Hatch moved to table the motion, and Boden seconded. Approved.
- AGENDA CHANGE: Government Documents Section report moved up. Nozero reported that currently the Government Documents section is not sponsoring a program at the 2000 Tri-Conference in Omaha but that it is interested in co-sponsoring a program.
- Awards Committee: Jean Hatfield presented the committee's proposal for the MPLA Youth Services Excellence Award. Hatch moved we adopt the committee's recommendation and defined procedures as presented for the MPLA Youth Services Excellence Award. Kolbe seconded. Motion passed. Information on this award will be added to the Procedures Manual. The Literary Contribution Award was also briefly discussed.
- Membership Committee: Judy Zelenski presented a written report and discussion items, including the Board Choice Award idea. Judy will edit the Board Choice

free membership guidelines and put together a press release announcing it. Also, Joe is out of membership brochures, and the question is should we reprint the old one? After discussion, it was decided the Joe and Judy will quickly update current brochure and have a minimal number of them printed. New brochures will be part of the long-range planning discussion.

A lengthy discussion then ensued about attracting new members to MPLA and mechanisms for doing this. Haselwood moved that MPLA award ten free memberships at each state conference. Winners who are current members will get their next year's membership at one-half price, AND they may award a year's membership to someone who is a newcomer to MPLA. This practice will operate for a 2-year period at which time the Board will re-examine the success of it. Kolbe seconded. Motion passed. After more discussion, Hatch moved that the Board Choice Awards begin immediately and continue for two years after which the Board will re-evaluate this practice. Each voting member of the Executive Board can award a one-year free membership to the person of their choice who is a newcomer to MPLA. Oberhelman seconded. Approved.

- Bylaws and Procedures Committee: Suzanne Taylor brought some items for discussion in regard to updating the Manual of Procedures. After discussion, it was decided that the committee will present recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.
- Professional Development Grants Committee: Mary Bushing presented a written report on the committee's February meeting and stated that she will bring another progress report to the Board at the Omaha Conference in October. The committee is looking at ways to structure, implement, and fund a mentoring program. If you have ideas about the mentoring program, please email Mary (alimb@gemini.oscs.montana.edu).

7. Section Reports

0. State Agency, Co-ops & Systems: Listserv is up and running, and Hatch presented a written report.
1. Public Library & Trustees: Written report.
2. Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section: Two programs will be sponsored at 2000 Omaha Conference and one co-sponsored. In depth written report included.
3. New Members Round Table: Oberhelman reported plans for NMRT to host a social gathering, one program entitled, "So You Want to Go to Library School," another program, "Job Search 2000," in Omaha, and a listserv is being set up. A roommate matching service is also planned. Written report submitted.
4. Children's and School: Written report. Section is working on four conference programs, appealing to school and public librarians and supports the new MPLA Excellence in Service to Youth Award.
5. Academic: Written report. Will present program as well as Professional Forum and co-sponsor with NLA's College & Univ. Section's program on Internet Law.
6. Technical Services: No report.

8. State Reports

- Nevada: Written report.
 - Nebraska: Written report.
 - Montana: Written report. Montana's first State Library Summer Institute will be in Billings June 4-9, 2000; it's funded with LSTA grant funds.
 - Kansas: Written report.
 - Colorado: Treff-Gangler brought a written report and reported that CLA is in need of an office manager again. Many states are finding these positions difficult to fill and difficult to keep good people.
 - Arizona: Kolbe presented her written report, and announced that the Second REFORMA National Conference will be held in Tucson in August.
 - Wyoming: Brian Greene substituted for Anderson and presented a written report.
 - Utah: Dance brought a written report.
 - South Dakota: Written report.
 - Oklahoma: Written report. Dickson announced that Oklahoma will have a new rep next meeting and that the Univ. of OK's Library School has a new Dean.
 - North Dakota: Kuehn announced that NDLA has a new Interim Executive Secretary who will become permanent in the position soon. Written report as well.
 - New Mexico: Written report. Greenwood announced that April is New Mexico's Month of the Library proclaimed by the governor and many NM cities.
9. Announcements
- Edelen asked the Board if he could begin giving away the extra MPLA shirts and caps. Board agreed. Board also reminded to get their reports to Edelen in electronic format.
 - Board was reminded to get Heidi late newsletter items by 5 p.m. Monday, April 10.
 - Hinshaw reminded Board members that meetings generally run 9-3 and to please try to make plans accordingly. This meeting ran long due to five committee reports and extensive discussion.

Next meeting TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectively submitted,
 Susan Awe
 Recording Secretary
 April 11, 2000