

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1999  
WARWICK HOTEL, DENVER, CO  
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In attendance:

Rosario Garza, Technical Services; Judy Zelenski, Public Relations; Louise Treff-Gangler, Colorado; Betty Dance, Utah; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Brian Greene, Wyoming; Judy Yeo, Continuing Education; Patti Mersmann, Kansas Jean Anderson, Academic; Linda McCleary, Arizona; Kathleen Hallin, Recording Secretary; Carol Connor, Past President and Finance; Marilyn Hinshaw, President-elect; Paula Duffy, Montana; Melody Kuehn, North Dakota; Sally Docktor, Government Documents; Venice Beske, Preservation, Archives and Special Collections; Mike Jaugstetter, State Agencies, Cooperatives & Systems; Heidi M. Nickisch, Newsletter editor; Verne Haselwood, Nebraska.

1. Call to order: Past-president Carol Connor called the meeting to order at 9:05. Introductions were made. The minutes were approved after changing informa to REFORMA. Greene made the motion to approve, it was seconded by Dance. Motion passed. Joe led us in an icebreaker, a humorous letter requesting funds. Changes to the agenda were made with the addition of the Vice-Presidents report.
2. Conference updates:
  - o Montana-still looking for keynote speaker. If you're flying to Montana, plan to fly to Bozeman and shuttle to Big Sky. Marilyn suggested teaming up for roommates at the resort. Duffy will check with local arrangements about side trips to Yellowstone. The board discussed changing the times for the Sunday MPLA board meeting. Hallin moved that the meeting be from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday. Haselwood seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - o 2000- Nebraska - Is Busy planning for the conference in Omaha on October 25-28. Planners will send promotional materials to the state reps for each state's 1999 conference. They hope to have Amazon.com's CEO as a speaker.
  - o 2001- Arizona- Conference in Phoenix at the Plaza in October.
  - o 2002- North Dakota- Conference in Fargo at the Ramada Inn. Diane Briggs from the Fargo Pubic Library is the planner. Room rates will be between \$72 and \$82.
  - o 2003- Nevada
  - o 2004- Colorado-A location has not been determined but it will probably be in October.
  - o 2005- Wyoming- MPLA has been invited to join Wyoming for the conference in 2005. Garza made a motion to accept the invitation to Wyoming in 2005. Greene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Business:
  1. New Mexico- the question was raised about how to change the bylaws to include New Mexico in our organization. After discussion the rules were suspended to 3.32 bylaws change Hinshaw made the motion and Greene seconded. Passed. Bylaws discussion argued whether the bylaws should be changed to reflect the way we were taking in New Mexico. Jean Anderson motioned to change the text

in bylaws 3.2.2 as recommended by the bylaws and procedures committee and Betty Dance seconded. Passed. Melody Kuehn moved and Brian Greene seconded the acceptance of New Mexico as a part of the MPLA association. It passed unanimously and with much enthusiasm. Marilyn Hinshaw has been asked to be New Mexico's keynote speaker at the conference in April

2. Amazon.com  
Greene has researched the idea of listing or linking to their electronic bookstores. You have to fill out a form and then they check your web site. Referral fees vary from 5% to 12% . Two of the three will let you have multiple vendors. Barnes and Noble is exclusive. They will handle all billing etc. You could link a title or link a book list or use the bookseller's search engine. Greene and others will continue to research this idea and report again to the board.
3. Judy Zelenski has contacted the Colorado president of REFORMA. She will come to the September meeting. They are interested in having some presence in the MPLA association.
4. General reports:
  1. Vice-presidents report. Hinshaw asked for recommendations for next year's appointments. Discussed plans for next year, including presidential travel to the 12 states.
  2. Executive Secretary/ Finance- Joe sent around the current membership and finance sheets. Joe corrected the membership number for personal memberships from 469 to 674. Joe passed out membership lists to state reps. Discussion followed about the jobline. Numbers have gone down consistently since the 800 number was closed. Joe wonders if it should be continued. Carol asked Joe to come back to the board with a firm recommendation in the June board meeting. Hinshaw asked about the "Miscellaneous" expenditure. It is from hats and t-shirts. Carol asked that Joe revise the report.
5. Committee reports:
  1. Award committee- Proposes two new awards, The Trustee Award: to be given to a library trustee in the PLA region whose activities on behalf of libraries have had a positive Impact beyond their library, to the area, state, regional, or national level. The Spark Plug Award: to be given to an individual who has been the instigator or prime mover in causing a significant positive development for libraries to happen in the MPLA region.
  2. Bylaws committee- motion was presented by Hinshaw and approved by the board to propose bylaws changes to 3.2.2 and 6.4.1. These changes will go out with the February newsletter for a membership vote.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

3.2.2 Organizational members shall include libraries, state library associations and other such institutions, firms or organizations that have applied for membership and have paid annual dues. Organizational members shall not be entitled to the privileges of individual members. When a state library association elects to apply for organizational

membership in the Association, it shall have voted to become an organizational member of the Association at a regular membership meeting in such a manner as prescribed by its constitution and/or bylaws and shall have certified to this action in its initial application for membership. A state association's application for membership must be approved by a three-fourths vote of the MPLA Board of Directors. Upon acceptance, the state association shall thereby be entitled to voting representation on the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.4.1 Representatives shall serve for two three years or until their successors are chosen and their term of office shall begin at the first MPLA Board of Directors Meeting following election by a state association.

3. Electronic communications- the committee is using ICQ to explore the idea of teleconferencing for MPLA communications. Greene would like the group to also use Netmeeting. Hallin suggested using Intel's Teamshare. Joe complimented Dan on all of the work he has done on the web page. The membership application is also available on the web. People who do not want to submit their credit card number can mail in their application and then ask Joe to send them a bill electronically.
4. Finance committee-Connor just received the audit. It was a good report. Our net balance for December 1997 is \$63,884.00. The audit reflects a \$5552.00 cash increase. A significant amount of money from reserves is reflected in the new budget. Connor ammended the budget to increase the newsletter amount by \$4,200. This makes the proposed budget of \$51,295, with a transfer from reserves of 15,995. Dance made a motion to adopt the budget and Mersmann seconded. Motion carried.
5. Nominating committee- Joe encourages the sections to be working on a slate of officers as soon as possible. Coordinate this with Carol Hammond by March 1.
6. Public relations- Judy Zelenski again asked the board members for testimonials and/or pictures. She encourages us to try for 25 new memberships per state. The new banner will be available in the spring. Melody Kuehn suggested posting state reports to the listserv. Joe reported on suggestions for changes to the membership brochure.
6. Section reports:
  1. Academic- accepting abstracts from both MPLA members and/or MLA members.
  2. Government Documents- presenter at conference will be Fran Buckley, U.S. Superintendent of Documents.
  3. Preservation- presenter at conference will be Randy Silverman.
7. Interest Groups: Joe encourages the board to increase the participation of this section.
8. State representatives:
  - Arizona-McCleary, sent out 30 letters to previous members.

- Colorado-written report
  - Kansas- New section, legislative agenda asking for 10% support from state coffers.
  - Montana- written report
  - Nebraska- written report. Oct 20-22, 1999 is the conference in Lincoln
  - North Dakota- has a new executive secretary from, Bismarck, North Dakota.
  - Utah- did not support ALA statement on Libraries and American Value.
  - Wyoming- has a new state Librarian, Lesley Boughton. Greene proposed a motion to send a letter of congratulation to Keith Cottam for his part in securing the release of Vo Thi Van. Seconded by Kuehn. Passed.
4. Next meeting: Big Sky, Montana on June 13th.
  5. Announcements