

MPLA Executive Board Meeting
March 14, 2007
Albuquerque Convention Center, Sandia Room

Members in attendance: Beth Avery, Rob Banks, Sandy Barstow, Julie Beno, Patti Butcher, Dan Chaney, Shirley Condit, Betty Dance, Theresa Dickson, Sally Dockter, Annie Epperson, Wayne Hanway, Marilyn Hinshaw, JaNae Kinikin, Peter Kraus, Richard Landreth, Janet Mastelir, Valerie Nye, David Oberhelman, Sharon Osenga, Barbara Ray, Michele Seikel, Colleen Smith, Eileen Wright, Judy Zelenski.

The meeting was called to order by MPLA President Sharon Osenga at 1:10 p.m. MDT. In lieu of a formal roll call, all board members in attendance introduced themselves. The agenda was approved without amendment.

Approval of Minutes – It was moved by Betty Dance, seconded by Peter Kraus, that the minutes of the January 17, 2007, board meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Officer and Paid Staff Reports:

President – Sharon Osenga reported that she has appointed David Oberhelman chair of the Electronic Communities Working Group. The group has met by phone and there will be a working dinner Thursday night. There will be a formal report from the working group at the July 2007 board meeting.

Sharon reported that the Ireland Literary Tour itinerary is pretty firm. There have been 40 inquiries about the tour so far. A deposit will be due by December 31, 2007, with the balance due 2 weeks before the tour. The scheduled departure date is July 6, 2008.

Sharon mentioned the Leadership Institute briefly. Contracts for Mary Bushing, Maureen Sullivan, and the Ghost Ranch facility need to be signed.

Regarding the MPLA conference suite, in room 1503 in the Doubletree, there will be a reception after the awards banquet for board members and board choice selectees. In addition, the suite will be available Wednesday and Friday evening for informal meetings (no refreshments will be provided).

Vice President – Wayne Hanway reported on the conference. So far there are over 600 registrants. The mugs on the table at the meeting were free to the board members but will be for sale during the conference.

Wayne has appointed chairs for the standing committees: Awards – Beth Avery; Communications – David Oberhelman; Leadership Institute – Patti Butcher; Nominating – JaNae Kinikin; Professional Development – Sandy Barstow; PR/Membership – Michele Seikel.

Wayne announced that there will be a board meeting by phone in late April or early May. The next face-to-face board meeting is scheduled for July 21 at the Doubletree North in Westminster, CO.

Past President – Beth Avery reported that the budget looks good and that the Professional Development Committee would receive the extra funding they previously requested. She has been working with art students at her institution to develop a new MPLA display, and she passed around some illustrations of free-standing displays to get the board's reaction. In reference to the Leadership Institute she mentioned that the costs should be similar to last year's.

Recording Secretary – Sandy Barstow had nothing to add to the minutes which serve as her report.

Newsletter Editor – Judy Zelenski reported that the newsletter went to the printer yesterday and that it will be posted on the website next week. She mentioned the challenges of dealing with bulk mail, and that led to a discussion of offering the members the option of receiving the newsletter via print and electronically, or just receiving it electronically. The entire board agreed to offer this option, and Judy will add this attribute to the database. She also mentioned that she has set up the database so people can have more than one address in the database, such as their work address and home address. To make the newsletter more entertaining she encouraged board members to submit photos of themselves and their pets.

Executive Secretary – Judy Zelenski distributed a revised and corrected budget. There was some discussion about whether the Professional Development Committee expects to receive a further allocation. [According to the minutes of the January 17 meeting, Wayne Hanway moved and Annie Epperson seconded the motion to allocate an additional \$1750 to the committee, using some of the surplus from the end of 2006. As this motion was unanimously approved, there does not seem to be any need to consider a further allocation at this time.] Judy mentioned that NMLA paid \$3600 to MPLA to defray the costs of mailing newsletter issues to all NMLA members.

Judy talked about the types of statistical information she can retrieve from MemberClicks if the member profiles are coded correctly and are kept up to date. Many members do not actively use MemberClicks, as evidenced by the fact that the system-generated passwords have not been changed and there are a lot of invalid e-mail addresses in the database. Sharon suggested asking members at the membership meeting to update their profiles. Judy mentioned that there is a MemberClicks help page on the website and that she is happy to help people with their MemberClicks profiles.

Webmaster – Dan Chaney said that he has posted quite a few conference handouts to the website, and when he gets home from the conference he will post all others he receives. He is also interested in receiving photos of board members to post; or the members can add photos to their profiles if they prefer.

Committee Reports:

Awards – Sharon gave kudos to Cassandra Osterloh for taking the lead on the committee at midyear and coming up with some great nominees for several awards.

By-Laws – Betty Dance explained that any changes to the Manual of Procedure need to go through the By-Laws Committee before being brought to the full board, so, on a point of order, she asked that the document presented by the Professional Development Committee be referred to the By-Laws Committee.

Communications – no report at this meeting.

Intellectual Freedom – no report at this meeting.

Leadership Institute – Marilyn Hinshaw asked the board to sign a card thanking Stan Terry for continuing EBSCO's financial support of the Leadership Institute for another year. Patti Butcher was welcomed as the incoming chair. There will be a subgroup formed to look at fundraising and to develop ideas and proposals.

Nominating – Peter Kraus reported that “many were called, but few stepped forward.” A valid slate was approved, however, and an election was held. Rob Banks was elected Vice President/President Elect, and David Alexander was elected Recording Secretary. Their terms begin at the end of this conference.

Professional Development – Sandy Barstow mentioned that some members of the committee felt that their terms had been extended in error. Wayne said that a lot of people are interested in serving on this committee so anyone who wishes to be removed can be accommodated.

PR/Membership – JaNae Kinikin reported that the breakfast for new members will be held in the MPLA suite at the Doubletree at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, not in the Apache Room at the Convention Center as is listed in the program.

State Reports (most of the state representatives had submitted written reports, so only the additional comments are noted below):

Arizona – The state library purchased statewide access to about 20 new databases a few months ago.

Kansas – Wayne explained the current status of the possible joint KLA/MPLA conference in 2009. The situation which has resulted in lack of a contract may be resolved after the KLA conference next month. It is also possible that the 2009 conference will be joint with OLA if the situation with KLA cannot be resolved.

Nebraska – 32 people rode the state sponsored bus to Albuquerque, at a cost of \$20 per person.

New Mexico – Val Nye thanked the people who have volunteered to sit at the help table at the Convention Center. She said she has a lot of great items for the raffle basket. Raffle tickets, tee shirts, and mugs are available to purchase at the table.

Oklahoma – The OLA conference, April 2-4, 2007, is the organization's centennial conference. There was an appreciative "oooh" from the entire board.

Final Announcements:

Annie Epperson and Louise Treff-Gangler will be performing an internal audit of MPLA's financial records on April 24, 2007.

Tonight's opening reception at the public library is not a substitute for dinner.

Wayne announced that the next board meeting will be a conference call on May 9, 2007, at noon PDT, 1 p.m. MDT, and 2 p.m. CDT. When the board members get home to their calendars, please let Wayne know as soon as possible if this date is a problem.

Dan Chaney requested that any photos the members take during the conference be sent to him to post on the website, as they are a popular destination for website visitors.

Wayne announced that long-time MPLA members (with over 15 years of membership) will be recognized at the membership meeting on Friday morning. The meeting is at 8:15 a.m. in Ballroom B.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. MDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Barstow
Recording Secretary