

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1999
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In Attendance: Marilyn Hinshaw, President; Linda Rea, Vice President; Susan Awe, Recording Secretary; David Oberhelman, New Members Roundtable; Charlene Greenwood, New Mexico; Louise Treff-Gangler, Colorado; Melody Kuehn, North Dakota; Linda McCleary, Arizona; Paula Duffy, Montana; Brian A. Greene, Wyoming; Betty Dance, Utah; Deb Hagemeyer, South Dakota; Verne Haselwood, Nebraska; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Theresa Dickson, Oklahoma; Patti Butcher, Kansas; Jane Hatch, State Agency, Cooperatives & Systems; Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Newsletter Editor; Kathy Kaya, Academic; Elvita Landau, Public Library & Trustees; Roann Masterson, Past President; Judith Valdez, Visitor; Ed Volz, Visitor.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Welcome and Introductions: At 9:10 President Marilyn Hinshaw called the meeting to order. Marilyn welcomed everyone and asked that everyone introduce themselves and give current Board position and job title/location.
- Marilyn then asked for amendments to the Agenda. Greene added a report from the Electronic Communications Committee. Greenwood also added a Letter of Invitation to have a joint conference with MPLA in New Mexico. Hatch moved to approve the amended agenda and Greene seconded it. Approved.
- The minutes of the June 13, 1999 Board Meeting were examined. After changes, Dickson moved and Greene seconded a motion to approved the minutes as amended. Approved. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of June 15, 1999 were read. Landau moved and Masterson seconded a motion to approve. Approved. The minutes of the June 16, 1999 Board Meeting were examined. After several additions, Dance moved and Haselwood seconded a motion to approve. Approved.

2. Officer's Reports

- President's Report: Hinshaw reported that the first month of the presidency is taken up with appointing chairs of committees and committee members. She views MPLA as a support system for all regional librarians, and we should present the message that we want YOU to join MPLA. She also presented a written report to the Board.
- Vice President's Report: Rea reported that Nebraska state elections will be announced at the conference the end of October. In conjunction with Haselwood, Rea presented a written Timeline for the MPLA/NLA/NEMA Tri-Conference 2000 and a Partial Committee List. The Conference will take place at the Holiday Inn in Omaha, October 25-27. Rea has a list of people who are interested in presenting programs for committees looking for presenters. Duggan ask to have the Program Proposal forms put on the website.

3. Business

- Big Sky Final Financial Report: Written 1999 MLA/MPLA Joint Conference reports were presented from Alice Meister and John Thomas. The financial report is not complete at this time, but it looks very promising, net revenue of over \$14,000 with 40% going to MPLA. A written compilation of 119 evaluation forms was also given to the Board.
 - Academic Research Forum Communications/Response: Dance and Kaya initiated a Board discussion of guidelines for the Academic Research Forum after presenting a letter criticizing the lack of research in Big Sky's Forum. After a lengthy discussion, the matter was postponed until the Academic committee's report to enable Dance and Kaya to discuss ideas presented. See Committee report below.
 - Historian Committee Charge Ideas: Masterson reported on her work in organizing a committee of four members. She hopes to have a description of charge at the next meeting.
 - REFORMA's work in MPLA Region: Judith Valdez presented a report of REFORMA's activities in the region. She handed out a brochure describing REFORMA's mission and goals. The Colorado chapter has a website: <http://www.cudenver.edu/public/library/reforma> and states without chapters can contact John Sundall, representative-at-large, at email address: j_sundall@forsyth.lib.nc.us.
 - Letter of Invitation from New Mexico: Greenwood presented a letter inviting MPLA to hold a joint conference in 2006 or 2007. After some discussion, Hatch moved that MPLA accept New Mexico Library Association's invitation for a joint spring conference in 2007, and Green seconded. Approved.
4. General Reports
- Executive Secretary, Joe Edelen: Edelen presented his written Financial Statement for January 1 – August 31, 1999. Membership statistics are down, and the jobline phone number has been discontinued. He also handed out packets containing: Newsletter, ALA's Directory of State and Regional Library Associations, 1999-2000 MPLA Membership Directory, and the current MPLA Officers Directory. A couple of small changes were made to the MPLA Officers Directory. Edelen asked that board members remember to put the correct numbers on their reports and to submit reports electronically either on disk or by email to him. He also provided each state representative with a list of people who were MPLA members in 1998 but did not join in 1999.
 - Newsletter Editor, Heidi N. Duggan: Duggan handed out her new cards with a new address, phone numbers, and a NEW NAME. (Wedding pix were available for viewing.) She asked for submissions in any format and help in getting more ads for the newsletter. Next deadline is October 1.
5. Committee Reports –
- Electronic Communications Subcommittee Report: Greene and Duffy presented a possible source of revenue for MPLA. A group called MyCause.com has a website where you can shop and percentage of your purchase is donated to a cause of your choosing. The Board liked the idea and asked Greene to pursue for the fourth quarter of 1999.
6. Section Reports

- Technical Services: No report.
 - State Agency, Cooperatives & Systems: Hatch presented written report.
 - Public Library & Trustees: Landau invited Board to grand re-opening of Brookings Public Library after \$2.8 million renovation.
 - New Members Round Table: Oberhelman reported plans for NMRT hosting a social gathering, a formal breakfast meeting, a possible program, all in Omaha, and possibly a listserv.
 - Government Documents: No report.
 - Children's and School: No report.
 - Academic: Kaya and Dance will initiate changes for the Academic Forum through their committee. Kaya made a motion for an interim plan at the 2000 conference to change the name from the Academic Forum to the Professional Forum with an award of \$300 for the winning paper, and Hagemeyer seconded. The theme will be new ideas and innovations.
 - Preservation, Archives & Spec Coll: No report
7. State Reports – All state reps present also presented written reports.
- North Dakota: Melody Kuehn added to report that Marilyn Hinshaw will be attending NDLA.
 - New Mexico: Charlene Greenwood added some information about the discussion occurring on the NMLA listserv.
 - Nevada: absent
 - Nebraska: Verne Haselwood reported that NLA is planning for a great joint conference next fall.
 - Montana: Paula Duffy
 - Kansas: Patti Butcher emphasized that it is KLA's 100th anniversary and their goal is to double their membership!
 - Colorado: Louise Treff-Gangler
 - Arizona: Linda McCleary
 - Wyoming: Brian Greene announced that this is his last meeting as Wyoming Rep, and the new Wyoming rep will be elected for the new-three year term.
 - Utah: Betty Dance
 - South Dakota: Deb Hagemeyer will be hosting an MPLA "face-to-face" chatroom at the annual conference in October.
 - Oklahoma: Therese Dickson: Most of the states also will be benefiting from the Gates Grants, and we'll be hearing more about those at future meetings.
8. Announcements
- Edelen asked the Board to look at the letterhead which he needs to reprint. A lengthy discussion ensued. Rea made a motion to use black ink on the stationery instead of brown, and Awe seconded. More discussion followed. Dickson called the question, but Hagemeyer moved to table the discussion on the color of the ink, and Greene seconded. Dickson then moved to refer to the PR committee the question of ink color for resolution, asking Rea to share with them the discussion of the Board, and Hatch seconded. Approved. Rea will report back to the Board.
 - Masterson is looking for recommendations on speakers on copyright.
9. Next meeting: December 11, 1999 Denver

Greene moved to adjourn the meeting, and Awe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hinshaw adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Susan Awe
Recording Secretary
September 28, 1999