

## MPLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2011

1 PM phone meeting

Welcome and call to order. Roll call of attendees: Dana Braccia (President), JaNae Kiniken (Vice President), Elvita Landau (Administrative), Julie Huelsbeck (Arizona), Mary Katherine Katzer (Colorado), Dan Ireton (Kansas), Norma Glock (Montana), Teresa Jehlik (Nebraska), Ellen Fockler (Nevada), Leann Weller (New Mexico), Eric Stroshane (North Dakota), Basha Hartley (Oklahoma), Mike Mullin (South Dakota), Dorothy Horan (Utah), Steve Boss (Wyoming), Jon Fackrell (Awards), Kate Plunkett (Communications), Dan Stanton (Leadership Institute), Adriane Juarez (Leadership Institute), Brenda Hemmelman (Membership), Robin Clark (Nominating), Lori Phillips (Professional Development), Wayne Hanway (Bylaws), Dan Chaney (Webmaster), Judy Zelenski (Executive Secretary, Newsletter, Leadership Institute Coordinator), Roy Degler (Community Portal Administrator).

Absent: Royce Kitts (Secretary)

Approval of minutes from the July 28 Board Meeting.

Judy commented that her name was misspelled. Amendment to change spelling moved by Ellen. Norma seconded. All were in favor of the motion to approve the minutes with changes.

Nevada joint conference in 2017. Will discuss later.

Welcome new Board Members: Awards Chair, Jon Fackrell, Tiffanie Wick, New Colorado Rep, and Steve Boss, New Wyoming Rep. This is Mary Katherine's last meeting. Tiffanie will be here any minute.

Discussion moved to the in person board meeting next May. Judy said this would be the last day of the leadership institute on May 11. The Board will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup>. She explained that the budget will handle the travel arrangements for officers and committee chairs, not state reps. Double room occupancy is covered, single is not, although in the past, single rooms were covered. Judy needs to know how many rooms are needed so she can reserve them.

She went on to say, adding a room is easier than deleting one. If you delete them you have to pay anyway. She reminded us MPLA can only cover a double room. Anyone who prefers a single room must make up the difference. Judy emphasized she needs to know as soon as possible as the rooms fill up fast and she doesn't want to overbook. Those not driving will fly into Denver and shuttle to Estes Park. Fee for shuttle is 85.00 round trip. Car rental may be a better option. Dana will research car rentals and send the information to everyone for planning and deciding to attend. This will be a good opportunity to meet in person and encourage Leadership Institute attendees to become active in the MPLA. Everyone will arrive on May 10 and meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> then fly out on Friday afternoon. There is a two hour shuttle ride each way. The last shuttle is late afternoon. The board meeting is expected to take about 2.5 hours. It should be over by 11 am. Meals covered are Thursday evening, Friday breakfast and Friday lunch.

JaNae Kiniken, Vice President's Report:

Joint conference update: Theresa Jehlik (Nebraska), Judy Zelenski, Dana Braccia, and JaNae need to meet to discuss conferences. It will be a great conference.

Elvita Landau, Administrative Report:

Budget: Administrative Committee proposed 2012 budget starts a 21<sup>st</sup> biggest change audit year. Decreased awards line. No longer pay travel for winners. Salary increase undetermined. Make the recommendations in January. Big jump in expenses is the leadership institute. With the gifts and donation there should be no problem No questions or comments. Motion to approve was made by Lori Phillips. Mike seconded. All in favor. Budget approved unanimously.

Judy Zelenski, Financial Reports:

We are in good shape financially. How many renewals we get is a big question. Donations don't show up until the next year. MPLA won't be spending any of its own money at the L.I. Memberships are unknown but it looks good. No question or comments on reports.

Membership competition suggestions were requested.

Newsletter, Judy thanked Dan Chaney for helping her.

Adriane Juarez and Judy Zelenski, Leadership Institute Report:

Fewer than 20 applications have been received so far but there may be more at the end. Everyone was asked to encourage others to apply. Mentors will be Adriane Juarez (large urban library), Robert Shoup (small rural) Valerie Nigh (Academic) and Mickey Coldwell (Systems/Cooperative) Dan Stanton will be working with Maureen Sullivan and the mentors to plan the L.I. Judy will coordinate. Adriane encourages everyone to promote the L.I and get the word out that November 1 is the deadline for applying. They continue to solicit current and future sponsors. Dan Chaney has created an online form for donations. Judy explained that when the applications come to her she sends them to the representatives of each state for recommendations. She encouraged the state reps to select a group to go over the applications together; she suggested Presidents of State Library Associations and other state officers. After the state reps make their recommendations they send them to the L.I. committee who then makes final selections. Tiffany Wick has applied so Mary Katherine Katzer will make the recommendations for Colorado. Kansas, Nebraska, Arizona are doing well in applications.

Further discussion of submitted reports:

Kate Plunkett, Communications Committee Report:

We are currently reassessing whether we need the blog as we have active Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn accounts. We may be stretched too thin to maintain so many social media sites.

Brenda Hemmelman, Membership Report:

The committee is working on the membership contest and prizes. The state rep for the state that gets the most new memberships will get a free membership for 2013. There will also be a drawing for prizes. One goal is an annual sponsor for the contest. 2500 sponsorship level.

Lori Phillips, Professional Development Report: No discussion. No questions.

Ellen Fockler, Nevada Report:

Ellen missed the first day of the Nevada conference because of cancelled flights. The NLA Board asked her to request a joint NPLA/MPLA in 2017 in Reno/Tahoe area. Judy said the first step is for the NLA Board to send a letter of invitation to her. Judy will send Ellen a sample letter. Ellen will talk to Judy later about the details.

No final comments.

Motion to adjourn made by Dorothy Horan, Seconded by Adriane Juarez.

MPLA Executive Board adjourned until the next meeting on January 18, 2012.