

MPLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
 Little America Conference Center, Cheyenne , WY  
 September 23, 2015, 12:00-1:30pm MST

<b>PRESENT</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>MPLA Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>MPLA Position</b>
Annie Epperson	President	Eric Stroshane	Vice President/President Elect
Melanie Argo	Recording Secretary	Jake Rundle	NE State Rep
Judy Zelenski	Executive Secretary	Eileen Wright	MT State Rep
Aubrey Madler	Leader Institute Coordinator	Mary Ann Thompson	Awards Chair
Brenda Hemmelman	SD State Rep	Dan Chaney	Webmaster
Wendy Wendt	Past President	Roy Degler	Systems Administrator
Paulette Nelson	ND State Rep	Tina Walker	Communications Chair
Tim Miller	OK State Rep	Kris Johnson	Professional Development Chair
Diana Weaver	KS State Rep	John Crocket	NV State Rep
LeAnn Weller	NM State Rep	Robert Shupe	UT State Rep
Mary Soucie	Leadership Institute Co-Chair	Ellen Fockler	Membership Chair

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm

**Announcements**

- Dan C. - Wi-Fi passcode information posted under MPLA/WLA Conference Information
- LeAnn W. - Hot Tub Round Table? – Pool still open; beverages (no glass); Eileen W. and Aubrey M. coordinating between whose room will be home base.
- Eric. S - 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Mtg (Thursday) – Meeting the new board; brief and informal.

**Approve/Amend Agenda**

- A MOTION was made by Rundle. The motion was SECONDED by Weller. The amended agenda was APPROVED.

**Approval of June Minutes**

- A MOTION was made by Thompson. The motion was SECONDED by Wright. The minutes were APPROVED.

**President – No Report**

### **Vice President/President Elect**

- Eric reported on the MPLA/CAL Conference
  - Initial conference agreement was approved – CAL Board came back with minor wording clarification amendments. It has been an amenable process with the CAL conference chair, Stephen Myers. Annie noted that the venue in Loveland, CO was great and had easy access for air and car travel.
- A MOTION was made by Soucie to approve the amendments. SECONDED by Weller. The motion was APPROVED.

### **Past President/Administration**

- Wendy noted that she had a terrific time serving the association. Annie passed along congratulations on her NDLA presidency and was thankful for her service.

### **Recording Secretary – No Report**

### **Executive Secretary**

- Judy reported that we are  $\frac{3}{4}$  through the year and fiscally doing fine. The conference income is always questionable and may not get numbers until next year because of the lateness of the conference.

### **Newsletter**

- Amadee – not present due to travel issues. Annie noted that the newsletter looks amazing. Asked the State Reps to continue in succeeding in sending information.

### **Leadership Institute (LI) Coordinator**

- Aubrey noted that LI applications are trickling in. Tina noted to connect with Jake (NE State Rep) about reaching out in the Nebraska area as the association dropped their Leadership Institute.

### **Webmaster- No Report**

### **Systems Administrator – No Report**

- Roy left early for Pre-conference event

### **Awards**

- Mary Ann noted that MPLA awards are first in the Awards Banquet on Thursday and that all but one winner is in attendance. Also, the MPLA Literary Contribution Award winner, Craig Johnson will be signing books and selling merchandise. There are tables reserved in the front for winners and MPLA members are encouraged to fill in spaces as needed. Possibility of 3<sup>rd</sup> table for MPLA.

### **Bylaws & Procedures**

- Judy indicated that the proposed amendments will be handled in the membership meeting.

### **Communications**

- Tina reported on Zoom videoconferencing platform
  - Only complaint was that there was no calendar option for scheduling purposes. Tina and Dan worked out a process (web form) to circumvent this issue.
    - Web form – gets sent to both Tina and Dan; Dan schedules on calendar and Tina handles sending out appropriate videoconferencing links to moderator. Dan noted that the times are set in Central (CT) and to schedule at least a day or two in advance.
  - Tina noted that moderator name information is specific to Judy – let your attendees know. Judy indicated that moderator name information cannot be edited and cannot have 2 meetings at once (1 moderator option only – unless we pay for another). Also, getting statistics easy and Zoom only keeps 6 months' worth of data at a time. Kris noted that the platform was nice for meetings and useful for putting names to faces.
  - Annie asked for an assessment of Zoom platform by mid to end of October in order to be a part of the budget discussion in November.
- Tina brought up mobile apps and possibility for conference use. Boopsie? Guidebook (cost associated)? Eventbase?
  - Annie noted that willing to do as a pilot; concerned with workloads – possibility of including a communications member as part of conference planning. Tina connecting with CAL/MPLA conference to see if they already have an app. John noted that Nevada (location for 2017) does not have an app for the association.

### **Nominating – No Report**

### **MPLA Leadership Institute**

- Mary reported that she would be the only continuing member of the committee at the end of the conference. She stated all members are willing to continue to serve through the end of the leadership institute. Mary also addressed that the committee as a whole were under the impression that service term was through the end of institute and changing committee members midway through the planning process would affect communications with sponsors and funding. In effect, service term needs to be addressed.
- Annie proposed that the leadership institute chairs, coordinator, and the administration committee review and discuss the service term (staggered years, etc.) bylaws for the institute committee by January 15, 2016. Discussion coordinated by Aubrey.

### **Professional Development**

- Kris reported all budgeted funds have been allocated and is asking for more as they are currently over by \$515.00; with one application still outstanding to be considered at the October meeting. To date, no notification has been made to membership. Asking for an additional \$2315.00.
- Judy informed board that there were funds available in the audit and president travel budgets. So this amount would be doable.
- The MOTION was made by Wendt to fund the total amount (\$2315) with funds identified. Johnson made the caveat that she'd handle communications with the membership at the conclusion of the October meeting. The motion was SECONDED by Soucie. Johnson Abstained. The motion was APPROVED.

Dismissed for 5 minute break at 1:22pm / Reconvened at 1:27pm

### **Membership**

- Author Membership
  - Ellen reported on the possible addition of an author membership at a set rate (\$50) and a ½ or ¼ page ad in the newsletter. She has been in contact with authors who feel it would give them access to talk with librarians. Brought up questions, would it be a voting/non-voting membership? Registration fees at conference?
  - Judy noted costs on sizes, that the ads themselves do not add a cost to the association, and could be an incentive to join.
  - LeAnn stated that there were no non-voting members but upon further inspection of the bylaws found that institutional members do not have voting privileges. Judy then clarified that institutional members get a personal membership as well which is voting.
  - Mary indicated that she was not opposed to the addition of authors but opposed the voting aspect as there perspectives are different from librarians.
  - Kris noted that there would need to be a clear set of parameters such as limit to advertising and that more considered conversation was needed.
  - Annie indicated that with the bylaws questions that Dan Ireton should get involved and this discussion can continue with the new board.
- Joint Membership
  - Fockler reported discussion about the idea of joint membership rates between state associations and MPLA. She stated that there are still complications such as different terms of membership and logistical details (money transfers between associations) would need to be discussed further but that most states were receptive to this idea.
  - Fockler noted that Amadee redid the MPLA membership brochure as a possible way to promote membership at conferences. Judy indicated costs and that the more printed the cheaper it would be. Also, for ease of use, further discussion is needed on content included to effectively decide return on investment.

### **Other - Archiving Practices**

As incoming past president, Annie wants to evaluate the current archiving practices (paper vs. electronic) to see and decide on the future of the association archives.

### **State Representatives**

- NE State Rep, Jake, indicated that MPLA funds from the state association were changed to contingency funds. With this cooperation, it closed a \$13,000 budget gap.

### **Final Announcements**

- Kris reminded board of her presentation on Friday from 2pm to 4pm
- Board was invited to the new members breakfast Thursday morning from 7:30am to 8:30am held in Annie Epperson's room.

The meeting was called to a close at 2:16pm MST

Respectively submitted,  
Melanie Argo  
MPLA Recording Secretary