

MPLA Executive Board Meeting
Conference Call
25 January 2011, 1:00pm MST

Present: Elvita Landau, President; Eileen Wright, Past President; Dana Braccia, Vice-President/President-Elect; Mike Mullin, South Dakota Rep; Mickey Coalwell, Kansas Rep; Basha Hartley, Oklahoma Rep; Wayne Hanway, Bylaws Committee; Judy Zelenski, Executive Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Dan Stanton, Leadership Institute Committee; Deb McCarthy, Wyoming Rep; Kate Plunkett, Communications Committee; Roy Degler, Community Portal Administrator; Dan Chaney, Webmaster; Rep; Pam Henley, Montana Rep; Dorothy Horan, Utah Rep; Theresa Jehlik, Nebraska Rep; Julie Huelsbeck, Nevada; LeAnn Weller, New Mexico Rep; Eric Stroshane, North Dakota Rep; Lori Phillips, Professional Development Committee; Brenda Hemmelman, Membership Committee; Steven Decker, Awards Committee

President Elvita Landau called the meeting to order at 1:04pm MST.

Pam moved to approve the minutes of the October 2010 board meeting. Mike seconded.

Officer and Paid Staff Reports:

As part of the President's Report, the 2012 Leadership Institute was discussed. Both extending Maureen Sullivan's time at the Institute as well as raising rates for attendees was agreed upon by the Administrative committee and moved to the Board for discussion. Dan Stanton noted that of the current \$450 fee, \$360 goes to paying for the facility and food. Also, similar institutes charge significantly more. Mickey Coalwell moved to increase the fee to \$600 for MPLA members, \$700 for non-members—Dana seconded. Motion was approved. Mike moved to return the Leadership Institute Coordinator to a paid position and offer it to Judy—Pam seconded. Motion was approved.

An issue of "Transitional" membership was brought up by Eileen and Dana. Of concern was keeping MPLA member engaged when they are out of work or dealing with greatly reduced hours. A reduced rate of \$15 annually was suggested, to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and renewable for up to two years. Wayne noted that it would require a bylaws change to add the new fee structure as well as the determination of eligibility (president and chair of membership committee would have final say). Discussion followed. Mike moved and Pam seconded to move the issue forward to Membership to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Elvita noted that the chair of the Professional Development Committee is currently appointed on a calendar year rather than the budget year. Lori moved to change the appointment to a budget (conference to conference) calendar year—Eileen seconded. Motion was approved.

Vice President Dana Braccia gave a 2011 Joint Conference update. According to Facebook event statistics, there are 25 confirmed "yes," 9 "maybe," and 300+ "no response." Promotion is ongoing. Currently looking for room hosts/announcers and other facilitators—please contact Eileen with names. There will be an attempt to match host interests to programs. Award nominations have had a good response, and Eileen

is still working on hospitality arrangements, including an unofficial “pub crawl” during/after the opening reception.

Past President Eileen Wright reported that MPLA staff evaluations are done. All reviews were positive, and all positions should receive a raise. Kate moved to accept, Eileen seconded—motion was approved. The 2011 budget is up—the line for the Leadership Institute has placeholders based on past practice/expenses. Dana moved, Pam seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary/Newsletter Editor Judy Zelenski noted that the end of this budget year looked good.

Elvita relayed a her phone discussion with Roy Degler, Eileen Wright, Dana Braccia, and July Zelenski--MPLA 2.0 is not really working and takes up a lot of Roy’s time. A suggestion was made to instead put more effort into the Facebook application. Roy is calculating his hours and Community Portal Administrator compensation may be adjusted accordingly (will involve changing the job description in the manual of procedure). The Communications Committee might want to come up with a strategy for Facebook.

Committee Reports:

Awards Committee Chair Steven Decker noted that two award nominations have been received so far.

Professional Development Committee Chair Lori Phillips reported that David had sent out a survey and that an article would be written up about the results. There were good suggestions from people about future training requests.

State Representative Reports:

No discussion/action items.

Final Announcements:

The new deadline for Professional Development grant applications is February 14th.

Don’t forget to vote for MPLA officers!

The next Board Meeting date is April 6th at 1:00 pm MST (at the MPLA/MLA Conference)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Meredith