

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2000
HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL, OMAHA, NE

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In Attendance: Marilyn Hinshaw, President, Linda Rea, Vice President; Susan Awe, Recording Secretary; Debbie Iverson, incoming Vice President; Diana Oedekoven, incoming chair, Preservation; David Oberhelman, New Members Roundtable; Suzanne Taylor, Colorado; Melody Kuehn, North Dakota; Brian A. Greene, incoming chair State Agency, Cooperatives & Systems; Betty Dance, Sub,Utah; Verne Haselwood, Nebraska; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Jane Hatch, State Agency, Cooperatives & Systems; Kathy Kaya, Academic; Dana W. R. Boden, Preservation; Nancy Deyoe, incoming chair, Technical Services; Rosario Garza, Technical Services; Marquita Boehnke, Children's; Patti Butcher, Kansas; Charlene Greenwood, New Mexico; Basha Hartley, Oklahoma; Linda Deacy, Nevada; Carol Hammond, Nominating; Ara Anderson, Wyoming; Deb Hagemeyer, South Dakota; Dan Chaney, ECC/Webmaster; Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Newsletter Editor; Jane Kolbe, Arizona; Rob Banks, incoming chair Public/Trustees; Susan Dingle, MPLA GODORT; Joe McKenzie, Public Library/Trustee; Mary Ann Thompson, incoming Recording Secretary; Jean Hatfield, Awards; Julie Tomlianovich, incoming chair Children's; Ann Bailey, incoming chair Continuing Education; Donna Jones Morris, Past Presidents-Long Range Planning; Guest: Seana Vece.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- o Welcome: At 9:05 President Marilyn Hinshaw called the meeting to order. Marilyn welcomed everyone and dispensed with Introductions advising people to introduce themselves as they spoke.
- o Marilyn then asked for amendments to the Agenda. Hinshaw and Rea both provided the Board with written reports.

2. Minutes of April meeting

Hatch moved and Kuehn seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2000 Board meeting. Approved.

3. General Business

- o Nominating Committee Chair, Carol Hammond brought several issues back to the Board which had been held over from the July meeting. After a brief discussion, Haselwood made a motion that the position of Secretary for each of the sections be optional, and if needed, be appointed by the Chair instead of elected. Awe seconded. Motion approved.

The Committee also proposed a motion to increase the consistency in section operations. Butcher made the motion that each Section provides for a Nominating Committee of 3 members. The Chair-elect of the Section will be one of the members and will chair the Committee with the remaining two members appointed by the Chair; and the sections will be directed to amend their bylaws

accordingly. These changes will begin with the 2001 elections. Oberhelman seconded. Motion passed.

- Deacy expressed doubts about PNLA participating in the Nevada/MPLA joint conference. Edelen assured the Board that division of finances is clearly defined. Hinshaw described the Nevada conference as the most logical for PNLA participation since the Montana and Utah conferences are nearly 10 years away. After this brief discussion, the Board agreed to postpone further discussion until the next Board meeting.
4. Staff Reports
 - Financial Report: Edelen presented a written financial report current through October 23.
 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Jean Hatfield, Awards Committee, announced that she had press releases concerning MPLA awards for State Representatives.

At this point, Donna Jones-Morris introduced herself and the facilitator, Seana Vece, to new Board members and those not at the previous Board meeting. The Board went into a planning session for the rest of the meeting.

6. Committee Reports - written reports
 - Awards Committee
7. Section Reports - written report
 - Academic
 - Children's and School: Highlighted the new Cooperative Summer Library Program and asked for more states to join.
 - Government Documents
 - New Members Round Table
 - Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section.
 - Public Library/Trustee: Highlighted public libraries in the MPLA region that are among the top 10 in their population class in Hennen's American Public Library Ratings.
 - State Agencies, Cooperatives and Systems
8. State Reports - written reports
 - Arizona: Highlight: REFORMA met in Tucson in August with 500 attendees.
 - Colorado: Highlight: New state rep is Suzanne Taylor.
 - Kansas: Highlight: Kansas State Library will be providing web access SIRS Discoverer Deluxe to all libraries.
 - Nebraska: Highlight: The Nebraska Library Commission will provide Library Classifieds from OHIONET to all Nebraska Libraries. Nebraska also hosted two LAMA Institutes this past summer.
 - Nevada: Highlight: UNLV's new Lied Library will open in January, 2001.
 - New Mexico: Highlight: NM Task Force for School Libraries is preparing a presentation to state legislature addressing the crisis in school libraries.
 - North Dakota: Highlight: ND is working with SD and MN to explore tri-state contracts for web access to full-text articles.

- South Dakota: Highlight: SDLA began a project to develop a grassroots Vision for SD Libraries to reinvigorate a spirit of cooperation.
 - Wyoming: Highlight: Wyoming is beginning a Library Leadership Institute to identify potential library leaders.
9. After the planning session, the 1999-2000 Board members went into executive session to discuss the annual evaluations of the Executive Secretary and the Newsletter Editor. Boehnke made a motion to extend the contract of the present Newsletter Editor through the end of the current volume numbers while options for publishing the newsletter only electronically are explored and Garza second. Motion passed. Hatch made a motion to raise the Executive Secretary's salary by 5.5% and Kolbe seconded. Motion approved.
10. Next meeting will be October 28 in Omaha.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectively submitted,
Susan Awe
Recording Secretary
October 31, 2000