

MPLA Executive Board Meeting

January 27 2009 conference call

Present: Mike Mullin, South Dakota Rep; Mickey Coalwell, Kansas Rep; Basha Hartley, Oklahoma Rep; Mary Katherine Katzer, Colorado Rep; Elvita Landau, Vice President/President Elect; Wayne Hanway, Bylaws Committee; Dana Braccia, Arizona Rep; Judy Zelenski, Executive Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Rob Banks, Past President; Eileen Wright, President; Dan Stanton, Leadership Institute Committee; Robin Clark, Recording Secretary; Theresa Jehlik, Nebraska Rep; Ellen Fockler, Awards Committee; Dorothy Horan, Utah; Florica Hagendorn, Nevada; Deb McCarthy, Wyoming; Rita Severt, Membership Committee; Annie Epperson, Communications Committee; Jerry Hudson, Nominating Committee; Pam Henley, Montana Rep, Roy Degler, Community Portal Administrator, Dan Chaney, Webmaster

President Eileen welcomed all, special welcome to new Nebraska representative Theresa Jehlik and Florica Hagendorn, representative from Nevada.

Agenda was amended to add reports from Annie Epperson, Communications, Roy Degler, Community Portal Administrator, and Ellen Fockler, Awards Committee.

Rita Severt moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Micky Coalwell.

Officers and Paid Staff Reports:

Reports were accepted electronically and without further discussion except for the following discussion items.

2010 Budget, Rob Banks presented the proposed budget – Deficit budget, would require taking \$30,000 out of savings to balance the budget. Additional Leadership Institute sponsors would reduce deficit. No raises for staff because there is no money in the budget.

President Eileen introduced a proposal that the organization could save \$6,000 if we did not print the newsletter just for this year only. Annie Epperson moved that the MPLA newsletter goes to an online format for the next twelve month cycle. Seconded by Rita Severt. Motion carries. This will allow Judy more flexibility to add additional content.

Mike Mullen moved that in order to save money the new board meet after conference on Wednesday April 21st instead of a face-to-face meeting during the summer in Denver. Pam Henley seconded. Motion carries. Line item for face to face meeting will remain in the budget. Meeting for incoming board will be April 21, 11:30-1:00, lunch provided.

President Eileen suggested that Roundtables be combined into generic titles roundtables. 1)Hot tub roundtable 2)Serving the public roundtable 3)Tech stuff roundtable. Board agreed to recommend this structure to conference planning.

MPLA/Montana April 6-9, 2011 at the Billings Hotel and Conference Center.

Joint conference, Elvita Landau – Program is set, went to the printer this week. Preliminary program will be online. Online registration will be available after February 1. Elvita asked that state reps send out frequent reminders to register for conference. There may be an online payment option for conference registration. Elvita is very excited about the Runway Project, clothing made from library things. There will be an MPLA board meeting on April 18 and a meeting for the new board on April 21, 11:30-1:00.

Roy Degler suggested if there are presentations that were not accepted for conference that would be suitable to post online that that option be made available to presenters. These presentations would be promoted as a virtual conference within a conference. Roy will print up a flier to promote virtual conference. Elvita will act as a peer review for the presentations and will send to Roy.

Elvita said that MPLA had been approached by the Western Council of State Librarians who want to join with MPLA in a future Leadership Institute. MPLA has also been approached by PLNA in the past.

Rob Banks – Four annual contracts with calendar year terms are ready to be renewed. Compensation will remain the same in 2010 as in 2009. Rob made a motion to approve contracts for Executive Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Community Portal Administrator, and Webmaster. Dan Stanton seconded. Motion passes.

Rob Banks – Amended budget reflects one mailing of the newsletter, removal of money for December meeting. Rob moved to approve the budget as amended, Elvita Landau seconded. Motion passes.

Judy Zelenski – Please continue to encourage membership.

Committee Reports

Awards, Ellen Fockler – Extended deadlines for submissions of nominees for awards. So far have one each for beginning professional and distinguished service, four for unsung hero and three for literary contributions. Ellen requested permission to switch nominees from award to award if necessary.

By-Laws, Rob Banks – Presented by-laws changes for Wayne Hanway. Most of the changes, that were sent out before the meeting, are clarifications to reflect real world changes. Changes were approved earlier by the administrative committee. Rob moved to approve for advancement to membership. Mickey Coalwell seconded. Motion passes.

Communication, Anne Epperson – Reported that she has made progress towards an MPLA Wikipedia entry.

Nominating, Jerry Hudson – Nominating has been fairly successful, voting shortly.

Leadership Institute, Dan Stanton – 65 applications, big thank you to the state representatives for their work. Went with the top two picks from each state. Leadership Committee chose six MPLA members at large positions. Of the 24 selected, 4 do not have an MLS, 5 academic, 16 public, 3 special librarians. Dan will continue to contact vendors for sponsorships.

Membership, Rita Severt – MPLA new member breakfast will be combined continental breakfast with the Oklahoma Library Association. Cost of this breakfast will be covered as part of the conference cost. Rita noted that she is current on sending out welcome letters. Suggested that rubber ducky stickers be placed on MPLA new member nametags.

Next meeting will be April 18, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18.