

MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2000  
HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL, OMAHA, NE

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In Attendance: Linda Rea, President; Debbie Iverson, Vice President; Mary Ann Thompson, Recording Secretary; Marilyn Hinshaw, Past President; Nancy Deyoe, Technical Services; Paul S. Hoffman, Nebraska Rep.; Linda Deacy, Nevada Rep.; Ara Anderson, Wyoming Rep.; Diana Oedekoven, Preservation; Joe McKenzie, Public Library; Julie Tomlianovich, Children's; Susan Dingle, Government Docs; Suzanne Taylor, Colorado Rep.; Jane Kolbe, Arizona Rep.; Charlene Greenwood, New Mexico Rep.; Brian Greene, State Agencies, Coops & Systems; Melody Kuehn, North Dakota Rep.; Alice Meister, Intellectual Freedom; Basha Hartley, Oklahoma Rep.; Betty Dance, Academic; Jean Jensen, Utah Rep.; Heidi Nickisch Duggan, Newsletter Editor; Dan Chaney, Webmaster; Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary.

1. Call to Order:

- Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order by President Linda Rea at 9:05 a.m.. Linda welcomed everyone and we went around the room making introductions to become better acquainted.
- Linda asked if there were additions to the agenda. Marilyn Hinshaw added a general report following the Executive Secretary's report and added a discussion of the procedure to pay bills under Business. Marilyn Hinshaw moved and Brian Greene seconded that the amended agenda be approved. Motion carried.

2. Joint or Tri-Conference Updates/Reports:

- 2000-Nebraska. Paul Hoffman reported that the numbers as of Friday were 704 Tri-Conference registered, 4 pre-conference only, 134 post-conference only, 135 exhibitors, and 38 WHCLIST, giving a grand total of 1015 people at this conference. This is an outstanding number and can probably add another 100 people registered after this tally. It has been a very successful conference.
- 2001-Arizona. Jane Kolbe reported that the date for the Arizona conference has been changed to December 4-7, 2001. She was asked to get the corresponding section head names in the Arizona association so MPLA people can be in contact with them. Arizona has not had their annual conference yet, so there isn't a great deal of information available yet. Vice President, Debbie Iverson has not been named co-chair of the conference yet, but that will get worked out soon. The Hyatt Regency will be the conference hotel and it was suggested to book a room as soon as it is announced as there is no public transportation to speak of in Phoenix and people will need to stay near the convention center.
- 2002-North Dakota and South Dakota. Melody Kuehn reported the dates are to be Oct. 2-5, 2002 at the Ramada Suites in Fargo. This is a great facility and should work very well.
- 2003-Nevada. This conference will be discussed in the January meeting. Linda Deacy did explain that the records from the last joint conference have been lost

and Nevada would like any information MPLA has from that meeting. Joe Edelen will send what he has.

### 3. General Reports

- President 's Report. Linda Rea welcomed everyone again. Copies of the Long Range Plan were available and it is on the web-site. New board members need to get the MPLA notebooks from the old members. Brian Greene mentioned that his notebook has some missing pieces and wondered if others have the same problem and how to rectify the problem. Everything will be on the web-site in PDF, so the entire notebook will have to be downloaded and then the needed pages printed from that. Suzanne Taylor added that she had some changes that hadn't gotten on the web yet. If there are lots of changes to the manual, it may need to be reprinted. The addition of New Mexico hasn't been added yet either. Linda added that we'll cover much of this at our January meeting.
- Executive Secretary/Financial Report. Joe Edelen had previously handed out copies of the financial report. The bottom line is that we have \$70,000 in the bank and that isn't bad.
- Marilyn Hinshaw presented Joe with an award for his excellent work, a trick or treat bucket filled with cookies to help him raise MPLA funds.
- Newsletter Editor. Heidi Nickisch Duggan reminded people to send news items for the newsletter, either through regular mail or e-mail. Dan Chaney added that things can be sent to him to post to the web-site for each committee and group as well. Marilyn Hinshaw brought up the Board Choice Awards which are memberships given to people that board members nominate as deserving and interested. It is a way to increase membership and to gain leaders in the organization. Marilyn thought that these members would make a good article for the newsletter. Joe Edelen added that we should start working on the next year 's nominations. Marilyn suggested having someone picked by January. Both, last year's awards and next year's could be included in the article.

### 4. Business.

- Approval of the Long Range Plan. Linda Rea said that since the Plan was approved by the members on Friday, Oct. 27, 2000, the Board now needs to adopt it. She asked for a motion to accept the Plan. Alice Meister said that her committee would like to have an Intellectual Freedom award added to the MPLA Awards and have that added to the plan. Brian Greene made a motion that we adopt the Long Range Plan and Marilyn Hinshaw seconded. Debbie Iverson agreed as long as the Plan can be updated. The Plan is a living document and is meant to be updated. The motion carried and the Plan was approved.

There was a discussion about whom the voting members of the board are. Officers, State Representatives, and Section Chairs are voting members. Committee chairs are extremely important to the organization, but are not voting members.

It was mentioned again that the Vision Statement of the Plan is too long. Do we want to fix it now or later? It was decided to work on it later. Brian Greene suggested using the Listserv to discuss it.

- Bill Procedure. Marilyn Hinshaw explained that the present bill paying procedure is that Joe Edelen submits bills to the finance committee chair to get approval and after that approval is given, then Joe pays the bills. This has created problems and has slowed down the reimbursements. To make this procedure smoother and more expedient, Joe would like to have approval from the board to directly make reimbursements. Marilyn Hinshaw made a motion to give the Executive Secretary authority to pay the bills directly. Suzanne Taylor seconded the motion. Debbie Iverson asked if this was just for certain types of payment or for everything. Joe explained that years ago he had the authority to pay bills up to a certain amount without approval. The motion was amended to read, A If within the budget, allow the Executive Secretary to pay the bills directly. @ The motion was approved.

#### 5. Board Meeting Calendar.

The next meetings of the MPLA board will be January 6, 2001 and April 21, 2001 in Denver. A third, tentative meeting was discussed. The dates of July 28, 2001 or August 4, 2000 have been reserved. Linda Rea suggested moving the third meeting to August 11th because the Arizona Conference date is now in December. Joe Edelen didn't believe it would be possible to get the hotel for a different date than what he had already booked. It was decided that August 4th would be the better date. Joe pointed out that we don't normally have a third meeting and having one does increase the costs to the organization. There was a third meeting last year because of the Long Range Plan and Marilyn Hinshaw pointed out that Planning is costly and time consuming but can ultimately result in more members and more money. Nancy Deyoe said that she couldn't afford to travel to three meetings. Joe wanted to make sure that everyone knows there is some travel reimbursements and the policy needs to be looked at by all members. States have not budgeted for the extra meeting in their budgets and if we are going to change to having three meetings, then something may have to take place on that level. Marilyn Hinshaw said that she thought a third meeting would not be necessary after this year. This is the first year of the Long Range Plan and an extra meeting would be a good idea. Betty Dance thought there was a third meeting because of the timing of the conference. It was decided to definitely have the third meeting this year and recommended the August 4, 2001 date.

#### 6. Committee Reports

- Intellectual Freedom-Alice Meister reported that the Intellectual Freedom committee sponsored a well attended and well-received program at the Omaha Conference. The committee is looking for a good program for next year. She would also like to encourage each state representative to give Intellectual Freedom activities in their states to the committee.
- Other Committee discussion-When Joe Edelen gets the final appointees from Linda Rea for the committees, he will update the list. The year listed after the committee member indicates the end of their term. Committee chairs are appointed by the president and their term is listed. Linda would like committee recommendations. Marilyn Hinshaw asked that those who nominated a board choice award to think of recommending them to a committee.

#### 7. Section and Interest Group Reports

- Academic-The section had a good meeting and had good suggestions for programs for the Arizona conference. They plan to add the Professional Forum back again and present it at the conference.
- Children and School-The section met on Thursday (October 26, 2000) and voted to not have an elected secretary. They also talked about programs for the Arizona conference.
- Government Documents-This section had trouble getting people to the meeting, but did discuss putting together a program for the Arizona conference.
- Interlibrary Loan-This group has not had anyone as a representative for quite some time.
- New Members Roundtable-Marilyn Hinshaw explained that the elected representative has moved out of the MPLA area. His opponent in the election was asked if he would take over the office and he agreed.
- Preservation, Archives and Special Collections-This section also had a small group. The bylaw change was discussed and programming for the next conference was also discussed.
- Public Library and Trustees-The section voted to not have an elected secretary and discussed program ideas for the next conference.
- State Agencies, Cooperatives and Systems-This had a good group who will use e-mail to get people involved and decide the bylaws change. Their programs at the Omaha conference went well and are looking at putting together a program about establishing foundations for the Arizona conference.
- Technical Services-The meeting room was not published in the conference program, so only three people attended the meeting. They will use e-mail to get in touch.

#### 8. State Reports

- Arizona-Jane Kolbe asked for suggestions of activities for the next conference. Restaurant information was requested as well as recommendations by the Arizona members. Perhaps the Convention bureau could send information to the President and conference chair. A trip to the desert was suggested.
- Colorado-The Colorado Library Association and the Colorado Education Media Association have merged. It will not take effect for two years. There will only be seven board members. The MPLA and ALA representatives will no longer be voting members, but will be ex officio members. This is something that could go into the newsletter.
- Kansas-The representative was absent.
- Montana-Montana survived the fires of the summer. The state has signed a contract with OCLC. They are working toward creating a union catalog.
- Nebraska-Paul Hoffman is the new representative and will check the manual and talk to other members to put together a report for the next meeting.
- Nevada-A written report was handed out. They have a new web-site, <http://www.Nevadalibraries.org>. The Nevada Library Association will now give member rates to all MPLA members for all of their conferences.
- New Mexico-New Mexico also did not burn down. A task force for school libraries to improve conditions was formed. It is now going into legislative action.

It is a cooperative movement. They have a tribal library project that is automating eight libraries.

- North Dakota-North Dakota is looking at the Lewis and Clark bicentennial coming up and would like to have something at the Dakota conference using that theme. The state library has an acting librarian presently.
- Oklahoma-The state librarian has retired and the assistant is presently the acting librarian.
- South Dakota-The representative was not present.
- Utah-The report has handed out. Two communities built new buildings this year.
- Wyoming-A written report was handed out.

9. Announcements

Listservs-Joe Edelen explained there are two MPLA listservs, MPLA-L is the general membership discussion list. MPLA-EX is the executive board list.

Marilyn Hinshaw reminded everyone to turn in your evaluations of the Omaha conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Thompson  
Recording Secretary  
November 2, 2000