

MPLA Executive Board Meeting

April 29, 2008: 1 p.m. MDT, Hilton Salt Lake City, Canyon Room IA

Revised Agenda as of Apr. 21st

President Hanway called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Al Peterson, Janet Mastalir, Elvita Landau, Patti Butcher, Rob Banks, Barbara Ray, Michele Seikel, Debbie McCarthy, Connie Lamb, Julie Beno, David Alexander, Lynette Schurdevin, Wayne Hanway, Shirley Condit, Beth Avery, Dan Chaney, Roy Degler, Annie Epperson, Dorothy Horan, Eileen Wright, JaNae Kinikin, Sharon Osenga, Judy Zelenski

Members Absent: David Oberhelman, Betty Dance, Susan Moyer

Guest: Keith Michael Fiels, executive director ALA

New members were welcomed to the Executive Board:

Roy Degler, new portal administrator

Lynette Schurdevin, New Mexico

Janet Mastalir, Nevada

Barbara Ray, Oklahoma

Debbie McCarthy, Wyoming

Dorothy Horan, Utah

Minutes of the January 23, 2008 Board Meeting - David Alexander

Osenga/Beno moved approval. The motion carried.

Officers and Paid Staff Reports.

President – Wayne Hanway

From the report: Please keep encouraging people to change their MemberClicks password to something that is easy to remember. President Hanway recognized outgoing Executive Board members. Please encourage members to vote in elections because every vote does truly count.

MPLA staff contracts: President Hanway will sign the contracts.

Leadership Institute: A task force has been appointed and is working on considering re-visioning the plan for the institute. Osenga reported that the task force is working and will bring proposals to the in person meeting in the fall. Anyone wishing to express thoughts may contact members of the task force.

Logo pins: Pins are ready and will be sold during the conference. The banner is also done and should be arriving during the conference. The drape is also done and at the conference. The colors are slightly different between the banner and drape. Barbara Ray volunteered to paint the bottom of the drapes to make them more yellow than orange to better match the banner.

Anticipating that the first 100 pins will sell out, Banks/Kinikin moved that the Executive Secretary be authorized to reorder when appropriate. The motion carried.

Future conferences: The conference planning manual needs to be revised. The executive board

and state representatives will begin working on the revisions. Roy will prepare a private discussion list on the Web to be used in this process.

Vice-President – Rob Banks

2009 Joint Conference contract: President Hanway has the contract in hand for the April 1-3 conference in Wichita. Butcher/ Landau moved that the contract be signed. The motion carried. 2008 Joint Conference Update: The contract with the hotel had high minimums for the room count and food. We did not meet the room, but after releasing the rooms they were taken. Food also has not been met but is getting close. A few programs were lost through the process of electronic submission. VP Banks and Eileen will work to make sure this does not happen next year. Birthday party will be held on the 5th floor of the public library. The alcohol will be free due to the restrictive regulations about selling alcohol in Utah. Over 600 have registered. The Academic Forum failed to materialize for this years conference, but it will be back for next year.

Past-President – Sharon Osenga

Revised 2008 budget: the Leadership Institute has been removed, but \$400 is in for the Task Force. The budget was approved.

Executive Secretary - Judy Zelenski

Judy reported she is very happy with the new banner that is much easier to mail than the old one. Due to falling interest rates we will probably not meet the goal for interest income.

Legal status: It appears that we are not registered with the Secretary of State (Colorado) as previously reported. We may need to have an attorney to help sort out how best to proceed in this regard. We can check to see if the articles of incorporation are in the archives. Osenga/Banks moved to appropriate up to \$500 for use in obtaining articles of incorporation if it proves necessary. The motion carried. Annie Epperson volunteered to check box 11 in the archives.

Newsletter Editor - Judy Zelenski

Bulk mailing regulations will be changing and may incur additional expenses, Judy is looking into possibly printing through Office Max. We may need to seriously consider going primarily digital for the newsletter even though the majority have expressed a preference for paper.

Webmaster - Dan Chaney

Dan will again be archiving conference presentations. Please encourage presenters to provide their presentations as this becomes a valuable part of the Web site.

Board members are encouraged to send “better” photos to Dan for their profiles on the Web site.

Community Portal Administrator - Roy Degler

Community portal progress and features: Will be converting the forms, switching the domain name to new hosted service, upload membership data, and then can go in whatever directions the membership indicates is desirable. Wants to have content before going live, and will draw on members of the executive board to contribute.

Committee Reports.

Audit (ad hoc) - Annie Epperson and Louise Treff-Gangler

Epperson reported (due to Louise's emergency appendectomy) that Judy appears to be doing a very good job and the formal audit next year should go smoothly. They were happy to see that the recommendations from last year were taken seriously. For next year, consideration should be given to providing a computer for the executive secretary, that roughly \$30 be used to buy Quick Books books, and to give further consideration to purchasing CDs, and buying a large flat panel monitor. The recommendations will be considered at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee for presentation at the next Board meeting.

Awards—Beth Avery:

Correction to the report, it was the president-elects award, not recording secretary's.

Bylaws and Procedures - Betty Dance

Osenga reported that the administrative committee has approved the recommendations. The board approved presenting the recommendations for consideration to the membership at the annual meeting.

Membership – Michele Seikel

Information on café press.com and logo merchandise will be forwarded to the new membership chair for possible actions. The membership committee can look into whether or not it would be desirable to have mini logos for use by individual members.

Professional Development – Connie Lamb

Please encourage members to apply for grants.

State Representatives.

Arizona – Shirley Condit: In Arizona a protest was held by 60 librarians over the lay-off of school librarians. The school board agreed to reconsider, but they do have to cut 1.6 million dollars from the budget.

New Mexico - Lynette Schurdevin: The state legislature approved a general obligation bond issue to go to vote, includes tribal library support.

North Dakota – Alfred Peterson: The Bismarck Tribune gave a nice editorial in support of public libraries.

Oklahoma - Barbara Ray: Grant with Kerr Foundation and support from Follet

Utah – Dorothy Horan: ALA will republish article about new library, there is a new public library director at Salt Lake City Public Library

Final Announcements: The New Members Breakfast (7:00) and MPLA reception after the birthday party will be held in the Executive Suite room 1607 (just push the button in the elevator).

Next Board Meeting Date – Rob Banks: Wednesday July 23, 2 pm central, 1 pm mountain, conference call. Fall meeting will be Oct 11 in Denver.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by David Alexander.