

Draft Minutes - MPLA Member Meeting

3 April 2009 Wichita Hyatt 10:00 a.m.

### **MPLA Member Meeting – 3 April 2009 Meeting**

Rob Banks called the meeting to order 10:03 a.m.

Minutes of 2008 member meeting approved as amended.

Our financial situation is OK; our compliments to Judy Zelenski for her close management of accounts

Author Robert Balay (not present) sends his appreciation to MPLA and its' members for their support.

Next year we'll be meeting in Oklahoma City, which is a great place to meet. Also with Wayne as conference chair for OK we are sure to have fun, without fail!

Rob extended his thanks to

- Sharon Osenga, Leadership Institute Task Force
- Connie Lamb, Professional Development Committee
- JaNae Kinikin, Awards Committee
- Bette Dance, Bylaws Committee
- Dorothy Liegl, Nomination Committee
- Mary Ann Thompson, Communications Committee
- Basha Hartley, Membership Committee
- Eileen Wright, Program Council
- Annie Epperson, Recording Secretary
- Wayne Hanway, Administration Committee
- Dan Chaney, Webmaster

State of the Association

- Legal paperwork has been completed by Judy Z. Many thanks, we are now clear on our legal status.
- Financial audit has been completed, with excellent findings. Kudos to Judy.
- The MPLA Portal is up and running, Roy Degler got that done for us this year.
- Basha's Membership Committee sold shirts as a fundraiser this year.
- Leadership Institute is being reformulated. It has been an important aspect of MPLA in recent years, and has been much valued by participants. MPLA is committed to

continuing to offer a valuable, meaningful opportunity to our members. We do have a contract with YMCA of the Rockies for 2010, but given current economic conditions the Leadership Institute may need to rethink, possibly even breaking that contract. We'll have online discussions about the future shape of the Leadership Institute. Members are encouraged to contribute to those discussions.

- Concentrating the Institute into 2 or 2.5 days immediately prior to conference, even the OK conference, is one possibility.
  - We do want to try to keep the Leadership Institute going.
  - One brainstorm idea: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the MPLA Leadership Institute" (a session or series of sessions). This could also foster solicitation of additional funds for the Institute[?]
- Overall we are in good shape. We have a good budget and bank account; we just need to be careful with it.
  - We have a good loyal membership, and could build on that. For example, each member could contact someone and encourage that person to join.

At 10:32 Rob Banks handed the gavels to Eileen Wright, at which point our new president voiced her personal appreciation for Rob's service to MPLA. She also presented him with a plaque and a tie in MPLA colors. She praised Rob for his ongoing revitalization of MPLA.

Eileen's goal is to work closely with state representatives, fostering enthusiasm for MPLA. She mentioned that we are already well integrated in many of the social network systems: Facebook, Twitter, and we have our own meeting place in the portal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37.

Respectfully submitted,

*Annie Epperson*

Recording Secretary 08-09