

Mountain Plains Library Association
Annual Business Meeting
Ramada Suites, Fargo
October 4, 2002

The meeting was called to Order by President Debbie Iverson at 8:05 a.m.

Elizabeth Fox held a drawing for free advertising for exhibitors. The winners were Gumdrop Books, epixtech, Quality Books, Inc., the North Dakota State Library, Learning Opportunities, Inc., and Bester Brothers Library Relocation Service.

MPLA t-shirts and hats are available for sale: \$10 for shirts and \$1 for hats.

- I. Introductions
 - A. Retiring officers and committee participants were recognized.
 - B. New officers and committee appointees were recognized.
 - C. No Board Choice Award winners were in attendance.
 - D. MPLA Staff was introduced.
 1. Joe Edelen - Executive Secretary
 2. Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson - Newsletter Editor
 3. Dan Chaney - Web Master
- II. Reports
 - A. MPLA membership and finances: Joe Edelen had a written report on the finances and membership statistics. The Johnson County Library Fund has been taken out of the budget. It was used as seed money for the Leadership Institute.
 - B. Long Range Plan: Jean Hatfield made copies of the original and revised long range plans available. Significant parts of the plan: hiring of the amazing Web Master and the Leadership Institute.
 - C. Leadership Institute: Marilyn Hinshaw reviewed the details of the Leadership Institute that will be held at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Three representatives from Institute sponsor EBSCO were introduced.
 - o Joe Edelen recognized Mary Bushing's birthday. All joined in singing "Happy Birthday."
 - o Linda Deacy from Nevada has been chosen as the Nevada Library Association's Librarian of the Year.
 - o Jean Hatfield was recognized for all of her work on this tri-conference.
- III. Debbie Iverson passed the gavel to Jean Hatfield. Jean's first official act was to mention again that MPLA t-shirts and hats are on sale. Jean Hatfield recognized Debbie Iverson for her work as President this past year.

48 people attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Osenga
Recording Secretary
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