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MPLA Membership Meeting  
November 7, 2003  
Lake Tahoe, NV

1. Call to Order

President Jean Hatfield called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Hatfield moved the approval of changes to the bylaws to the top of the agenda.

3. Changes to the MPLA Bylaws

Dana Boden, Bylaws and Procedures Committee Chair, showed the members the proposed changes to the bylaws that had been distributed electronically 30 days prior to the meeting. Hatfield asked if the members would approve the revisions; the members all voted to approve the changes.

4. Introduction of 2003 MPLA Officers

Hatfield asked all the past presidents present to stand for recognition. She then asked all first-time MPLA Conference attendees to stand for recognition, and then Leadership Institute participants and mentors were recognized. Hatfield then introduced the officers: Vice President/President Elect Carol Hammond, Recording Secretary David Oberhelman, and Past President Debbie Iverson. She then asked all members of the Board of Directors to stand.

5. Introduction of 2004 Officers

Hatfield next introduced incoming 2004 officers: President Carol Hammond, Vice President/President Elect Beth Avery, and Recording Secretary Basha Hartley. Members of the 2004 Board were also introduced.

6. Financial Report

Hatfield presented the financial report prepared by Executive Secretary Joe Edelen. She pointed out the association membership is down and urged all members to spread the word about MPLA among their colleagues and to tell them about how successful the Conference was.

Hatfield pointed out under income that Conference registration came through the MPLA credit card machine, so the amount was quite high. There were some outstanding expenses, however, to be factored in before the total income could be calculated.

Linda Rea moved to accept the financial report, and Jane Hatch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 7. Conference Report

Linda Deacy, Nevada representative, gave the Conference report. Deacy said there were a total of 512 registrants. 71 booths, sold out. 212 attendees took the cruise on the Tahoe Queen and there were 165 signed up for the President's Dinner. She said it would be 4-6 weeks before the all the Conference finances could be settled.

Jane Hatch thanked the Conference planners for the updates on changes. Deacy thanked MPLA Webmaster Dan Chaney for keeping the Website information updated.

Hatfield then thanked Deacy and Hammond for their work organizing the Conference. This was first time MPLA had met jointly with REFORMA, and it was a successful partnership. She added that it would be good for MPLA to continue working with other organizations that serve special or minority populations.

## 8. Old Business

- Updates to MPLA Long Range Plan (LRP)

Hammond gave a report on updates to the MPLA LRP. She summarized the 8 existing goals and informed the membership that a 9th goal on increasing and retaining members was added at the Wednesday Board of Directors meeting. She reported that the first Leadership Institute was a great success and the 2003 Institute was to take place the following week in Ghost Ranch, NM. Hammond reported that an Intellectual Freedom award was given in 2002. MPLA has a Distance Education coordinator, Jane Hatch of KS. The Electronic Communications Committee has been testing products for online Board meetings. MPLA has successfully implemented online registration for its conferences. Also, the MPLA Manual of Procedure and bylaws have been updated.

Hammond stressed that increasing membership is a top priority of the association. The Scholarship Committee is currently looking into avenues for securing funding for scholarships. There are some changes to the LRO that will need to be addressed in the future. The Distance Education Coordinator's job must be redefined to make the duties more manageable. Some of the tasks assigned to committees also need to be revisited. Then Hammond reported that MPLA would begin a trial with Memberclicks, an online service for managing the database of members; she would give more information later in the meeting.

- Leadership Institute

Marilyn Hinshaw, outgoing chair of the Leadership Institute Committee, said that the idea for the Institute began with the LRP and asked those who were involved

in drafting the plan to stand. She especially recognized Donna Jones Morris and thanked for her efforts in developing the LRP.

Hinshaw then asked the members of the Leadership Institute Committee to stand. She introduced Patti Butcher, the incoming chair. Hinshaw reported that Maureen Sullivan would once again serve as facilitator for this year and that Mary Bushing was hired as coordinator. Hinshaw reported that MPLA spent approximately \$9,000 from reserves on the Institute; the total budget is \$25,000-\$30,000. EBSCO has committed \$10,000 for 3 years to the Institute, and Hinshaw asked the members to thank EBSCO its support of MPLA.

Mary Bushing reported that almost half of the attendees from last year's Institute were at the Conference. Several of them were giving programs or papers in the Professional Forum. She thanked the mentors for their help with the Institute. This year there were 78 applicants out of which 30 were chosen to participate. MPLA state representatives and the presidents of the state associations reviewed the applicants and recommended up to 2 for the Institute. The Leadership Institute Committee then selected at-large participants out of the remaining pool. Bushing urged members to consider applying if they have the MLS degree and have been in the profession for less than 10 years. After her report the 2002 participants in the audience introduced themselves: Judith Howard, Augustana College, SD; Diana Oedekoven from Sheridan College Gillette Campus Library, WY; and Pat Hawkins, Thunderbird School, AZ. Next she introduced participants from the 2003 Institute who were present: David Alexander, SDSU, Scott Goldy, Wichita State University.

## 9. New Business

- o Professional Forum

Mary Caspers-Graper reported that there were 5 papers presented at the Professional Forum. She then announced the winner of the "Best Paper Award," JaNae Kinikin, Weber State University.

- o MemberClicks

Hammond reported that MPLA would conduct a one-month test with Memberclicks to investigate the benefits and feasibility of managing the association's membership database with this product. The product would allow members to update their own information and it would send email reminders when fees are due. Sections and Interest could set up mailing lists for group announcement. Members would also be able to print out membership lists and pay their dues online. The Board of Directors will test the product and give recommendations. The cost per year would be \$2,000, and additional features are available for additional fees.

- o 2004 Conference-Denver, CO

Incoming Vice President Beth Avery reported on the 2004 Conference plans. She is on site selection committee for the Colorado Library Association and is currently chair of the Academic Division of CLA. The Conference will be held in Denver from Oct. 20-23 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center; the room rate will be \$86. The organizers will announce the themes for the Conference by December 1, 2003.

- o Webmaster's Report

Dan Chaney asked for digital photos of the Conference to be posted on the MPLA Website. They could be sent as email attachments or burned onto a CD and mailed to him.

#### 10. Other Business

Hatfield announced that Lakeside C would be the location for the Board Meeting on Sat. It would end at 11 am. Hatfield commended Chaney for putting presentations on the Website. She added that more program handouts could be sent in after Conference to go on the Website.

#### 11. Passing of the Gavel

Hatfield presented gifts to Debbie Iverson and Carol Hammond. She then handed the gavel, and the presidency, over to Hammond. Hammond told the members she was looking forward to a productive year.

#### 12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.