

**Mountain Plains Library Association
General Meeting
June 15, 1999
Big Mammoth Room
Big Sky, Montana
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The meeting was called to order by President Masterson at 1:40 PM. Masterson welcomed the group and introduced President- Elect, Marilyn Hinshaw; Vice President, Linda Rea and Kathleen Hallin, recording secretary.

Joe Edelen, Executive secretary presented the financial report and the membership report. Membership is down this year and Edelen encouraged members to increase institutional memberships. Masterson encouraged all members to be MPLA recruiters.

Ann Symons, ALA president, spoke to the group about the wonderful networking opportunities available to MPLA members. Symons also expressed what a good conference it had been and how much she had enjoyed the conference and many of our individual state conferences this year.

L.S.T.A. administrator Betsy Sywetz spoke to the membership about grant programs.

Mary Nash invited the membership to Omaha in 2000.

Dan Chaney, webmaster and Electronic Communications Committee chair announced that conference wrap-ups would be available at the MPLA web site and for all members to contribute to the web site.

Karen LaBuik, President of PNLA addressed the membership about her organization

President Masterson recognized the outgoing board members and passed the gavel to President Hinshaw.

Hinshaw applauded members for adding New Mexico to the association. She additionally led the membership in thanking Montana for the hospitality at this exciting conference. Hinshaw reported 586 registrants and 78 exhibitors.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM