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MPLA

Reorganization Committee's Report

Donna Jones Morris, Chair

March 5, 2005

Committee Activities:

1. Eleven members confirmed on the committee.
2. Phone Conference Call Meeting-February 22, 2005, attended by 7 committee members (Sandra Barstow, Pam Bohmfalk, Jeffrey Belliston, Sharon Osenga, Wayne Hanway, Donna Jones Morris, Debbie Iverson).
3. Committee reviewed the charge and issues to be considered.
4. Committee agreed to have recommendations ready for the MPLA Board for the July 23, 2005 MPLA Board Meeting in Denver.
5. Committee members concurred:
 1. Current Executive Board is too large and too costly to operate
 2. Committee chairs perform most of the association work and they should have votes on the Executive Board
 3. Section chairs should plan programs and business meetings and it is questionable whether or not they should serve on the Executive Board
 4. Executive Board members should be elected-some perhaps not directly by all members
 5. Consider all the Section Chairs electing one of the Section Chairs to serve on the Executive Board and all the Committee Chairs electing one Committee Chair to serve on the Executive Board-who would represent the others and have a voting position
6. Questions to be answered:
 1. We need to evaluate the on-going need for all the current parts of MPLA-do they meet current member needs?
 2. What if we charged for membership in sections of MPLA, nominal fee-maybe \$5 or more? This may stop interested members from joining and participating. Would this help people select most important ones and not join everything?
 3. What if we ask for indication on membership form if person would help with program planning?
 4. What if we formed a Program Council to replace the sections?
 5. Should we focus on service interests or functionality, not type of library?
 6. Do we have the right committees?
7. Assignments include:
 1. Pam is investigating web conferencing
 2. Jeff will ask Joe what it costs to have Executive Board meetings over the past 3 years and what does that work out to per meeting and per MPLA staff member-perhaps staff can attend alternate meetings in person and others virtually?
 3. Member clicks will be used by committee members to get member feedback

4. Committee will review the Long Range Plan
5. Donna will identify cost of February 22 conference call and other conference calls such as Professional Development Grants Committee calls
6. Donna will distribute information on organizational structure
8. Next phone meeting of Reorganization Committee will be April 5, 2005 at 1:30 MDT
9. Suggestions for Committee:

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