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MPLA GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS CHAIR

ANNUAL REPORT INFO FOR SECTION MEETING INSTEAD OF MINUTES--informal meeting only held last year

Louise Treff-Gangler is incoming Chair of the section, and it is wonderful that she agreed to run and to serve. We are very lucky.

Susan Dingle is outgoing Chair and Chair-Elect.

Eunice Broadhead has withdrawn as secretary. Her job duties have changed since she was elected two years ago, and she no longer is involved in government documents, so her library would not fund her to come to MPLA on government documents business.

Susan Dingle, the chair at the time all these changes were happening, accepted the secretary's withdrawal. This is simply another example of why the section should think about changing the bylaws. And these would be my recommended direction for those changes: (1) drop the secretary as an elected position; (2) change the bylaws to say something to the effect that the secretary will be chosen at the annual meeting of the section when it meets for business at the MPLA meeting. Methods of choice (a) volunteer, and (b) in the case of more than one volunteer or no volunteer, an on-the-spot nomination and election from among the MPLA GOV DOC members at the section's meeting at MPLA.

Members should be encouraged to respond to requests for feedback, volunteers, ideas, program ideas and program presenters, and persons to run for section office when the section chair asks for such feedback. For communication, it seems that the section is following the lead of others and sending email to the MPLA email list and identifying it in the subject line as being especially directed toward the membership of the MPLA GOV DOC section. How is this working may be one thing to discuss at the business meeting. The main business of the section is and continues to be, planning and recommending and cosponsoring sessions at the annual MPLA conferences.

We did not have any government documents sessions at the MPLA conference in 2000 in Omaha, because none of our suggestions were approved by the Nebraska LA conference planning committee. Upon the recommendation of the outgoing chair, Vicki Nozero, the incoming chair for 2000-2001, Susan Dingle, redoubled our efforts to get government documents sessions at the AzLA/MPMLA joint meeting in Phoenix in December 2001. Members who attended the informal business meeting of the MPLA GOV DOC section in Omaha had a number of suggestions of possible session topics. Among these were: electronic competencies and methods in government documents; update on the 2000 census; government documents depository status. With the cooperation and advocacy of AzLA GODORT members Sean Evans and Brad Vogus and others in AzLA and MPLA, there were a number of government documents topics scheduled for the AzLA/MPLA December 2001 meeting in Phoenix. Topics included: (1) Thursday, 6 December 2001, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Electronic State Government in Arizona, Susan Alden and Julie Hoff, Arizona State Library, co-presenters; this is a Government Information Locator System [GILS] application to link the public to state agency publications and is a project of the AZ State Library; (2) Friday, 7 December 2001, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Census 2000 update, 4-5 p.m., Jerry O'Donnell, U.S. Census Regional office Denver, presenter; and (3) Friday, 7 December 2001, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 3:45-4:45 p.m. Documents Data Miner [cosponsored with Technical Services Section]; a computer-management system for collection management, union listing of government documents, export of tables, GPO shipping list services, GPO MARC records sharing, documents URL locator service and more. This is a program developed at Wichita State University in conjunction with the GPO. Nan Myers, Government Documents Librarian, Wichita State University Library, presenter.

The 2002 MPLA meeting is a TriConference held in conjunction with SDLA and NDLA in Fargo, North Dakota at the Ramada Plaza Suites on 2-5 October 2002. The first NDLA executive board meeting is in Carrington, ND on Monday 3 December 2001, and there may be a little more information from that meeting that can be shared at the MPLA GOV DOC meeting and over email on the MPLA email list.

Respectfully submitted,

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