

MPLA New Members Round Table
November 2003
Incline Village, NV

I. Change In Leadership

Michelle Armstrong (WY) has recently resigned from MPLA and therefore will not taking over as Chair of NMRT for the 2003-2004 year. In her absence the newly elected Chair-elect, Erin Kinney (WY) has agreed to take over immediately as the Chair. The Past-chair will act as a mentor. The runner-up in the election, Carol A. Leibiger (SD) will be approached to serve as Chair-elect pending approval from the board and confirmation of compliance with the MPLA by-laws.

II. Conference Programming

NMRT is sponsoring two programs at the 2003 conference. All are invited to attend.

1. Title: Strategies for Successful Supervision Presenter: Mary Anne Hansen, Montana State University Time & Location: Thursday, November 6, 3pm, Martins Peak C
2. Title: Presenting and Publishing: Getting Your Ideas Heard Presenter: Cokie Anderson, Oklahoma State University Time & Location: Friday, November 7th, 9am, Castle Peak A

The NMRT business meeting will be at Thursday, November 6th at 8am in Diamond Peak. Board members are encouraged to attend to meet the future leaders of MPLA.

III. Welcome Letter

The NMRT welcome letter (see below) is finally completed. This letter will be distributed via e-mail to all new members of MPLA by the NMRT officers (Chair-elect, Chair and Past-Chair.)

Dear..

We are so pleased to welcome you to the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA). The Association is a dynamic organization that serves over 800 members in a twelve state region and provides an important link between libraries and professionals throughout the area.

We also encourage you to become active in the New Members Round Table (NMRT) section. NMRT is designed to assist new and potential librarians in learning about the association, developing their careers through leadership opportunities, and promoting professional growth. These goals are accomplished through several means which I would like to describe for you.

- o *As a member of MPLA and NMRT, you are invited to join both the main association listserv as well as the NMRT listserv. This may be done by sending an e-mail message to Joe Edelen at ; edelen@usd.edu. Simply include your name and e-mail address in the message and note the listservs you would like to join. These lists provide prompt information about training opportunities, conferences, and current events in the library profession.*
- o *Participants in the NMRT section are also invited to take advantage of the professional development opportunities provided through the MPLA Annual Conference. Each year, the NMRT sponsors speakers both from within the section and if possible from the profession at large. A call for papers is sent out several months before the conference, and section members are strongly encouraged to submit their ideas.*

- *NMRT also provides excellent opportunities to gain leadership experience. Section members may participate on the NMRT Nomination Committee or run for section Chair. Additionally, members may volunteer to assist in putting together conference programs and activities. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact me as soon as possible.*

Once again, we are so pleased that you have joined MPLA. If the section can be of assistance to you as you become more familiar with the association or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at , the NMRT Chair Elect. at or the Past-Chair..... at

Sincerely,

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IV. MPLA Board Choice Award Winner

The Board Choice winner as selected by the NMRT Chair for 2002-2003 is Robert Kelly, Coordinator of Library Services, Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS.