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We met during the wonderful MPLA/WLA conference in Jackson Hole, WY on Friday, October 14, 2006.

Dorothy Liegl, section chair, lead us through an informal agenda of the LAST official meeting of our section as a MPLA section. There were six of us from the great states of South Dakota (Dorothy, Colleen and Annie), UT (Donna), and WY (Bobbi and myself) and included the two state librarians from South Dakota and Utah (Thanks Dorothy and Donna!). The chief topic of discussion was communications. As incoming chair of the section I expressed concerns about how we will work in the future as an electronic community rather than as a section after the reorganization. I expressed frustrations with the use of MemberClicks. My most effective way of reaching the section has been with the use of a distribution elist of current members set up by the Executive Secretary. The MemberClicks way to do this is not functioning according to instructions given to me by Joe Edelen. Even to drive people to MemberClicks one must "push" them there by the use of email with links to the forum area where there is very little activity.

Donna Jones Morris then explained the reasons why reorganization task force thought that electronic communities would be the way to go for the sections. Their thinking may be on track (similar to WebJunction communities) and quite akin to interest groups but I respectfully suggested that MemberClicks might not be the right tool to accomplish that objective. Donna suggested that if MemberClicks does not allow for easy email distribution to members of a section or electronic community then it needs to be reported and fixed.

No section activity has occurred since this meeting.

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Elected as Vice-Chair (but soon to be interim Electronic Community Moderator for this group as a MPLA electronic community)