MPLA Technical Services Section Report July 24, 2004 Submitted by Sandra Barstow, section chair

After the January 24, 2004, board meeting, I verified that the Technical Services Section by-laws had been revised and approved. I submitted the revised and approved by-law wording, as reported in January 2003, to Betty Dance to be incorporated into the Manual of Procedure.

Under the currently approved section by-laws, I solicited nominations via Memberclicks for incoming chair-elect of the section (we no longer elect a secretary for the section). I received several nominations, but most nominees declined to run. I did manage to obtain two valid nominations, but they were both from the same institution so they did not feel they should both run. When the issue was resolved, we had one nomination for chair-elect of the section, Michael Kim, from Oklahoma State University.

I sent a message to the section members via Memberclicks, encouraging them to submit program proposals for the CAL/MPLA joint conference. I did not hear whether any proposals were actually submitted to the program committee.