

MPLA Board Report  
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#### MPLA Activities

- Attended the AzLA Board Meeting.
  - A good portion of the meeting dealt with Bylaws revisions. The remaining issue involves adding language to make the Association more welcoming to other information workers aside from those in libraries.
  - A recent member survey indicated that Professional Development was the area that members would like the Association to work on. Due to the size of the State of Arizona and the lack of resources (staff and \$\$\$), especially in rural libraries, it is difficult for many staff to attend regional programs in their part of the state, let alone Phoenix. It is also difficult for qualified members who want to share their expertise to travel as well. The Board is looking into creating a Speakers' Bureau so that professional development can be scheduled for existing meetings, with the Association picking up travel costs.
- Submitted article about MPLA Awards for the May/June AzLA Newsletter.
- Solicited Vendor/Sponsor contact information from MPLA Board members so that AzLA Conference Planners can solicit participation for our Fall conference. Thank you to all who responded!

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