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### MPLA Board Report July, 2012

- The *Each One – Reach One* recruitment and retention campaign ran a recruitment drive from March to July, 2012. The drive offered a 50% reduction on the annual membership dues for any new member or any long-lapsed member (over 2-years inactive). Preliminary results from the drive indicate that we have 96 new or long-lapsed members join AzLA (through June 30, 2012). The Membership Committee feels that the drive was successful as we set our recruitment goal for 2012 at 100 new members. Membership in AzLA now stands at over 660 members.
- The [Horner Fellowship Committee](#) has selected Richard Prouty to be the Horner Fellow to Japan. He is a consultant from the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. He also manages the Arizona Memory Project. He will spend two weeks in various cities in Japan beginning October 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Japan Library Association is in the process of selecting their Fellow and an announcement will be made shortly on their selection. Most likely, the JLA Fellow will travel here to Arizona in November of this year, for a two week stint.

- Efforts are moving forward on selecting the next State Librarian. The application deadline was June 15 and the State Library Board will now take the lead to will move this process forward.

The State Library has severed its relationship with WebJunction. The dramatic loss of library classes through WebJunction led to exploring other options for providing online training and professional learning communities. WebJunction can still be used for its free information sources and classes. Any items that have a cost will be billed to the individual.

The State Library, Pima County Public Library and Maricopa County Library District, along with growing support from the counties, have renewed the statewide contract with EBSCO. Changes for this year's contract include the upgrade to Novelist Plus, and deletion of the multilingual health databases and Health Source - Consumer Edition.

The State Library is assisting with coordination of upcoming Six State Virtual Government Information Conference, August 8-10. Most of the

classes are applicable for credit toward Library Practitioner Certification. Arizona is an active member in planning and presenting at this conference for libraries in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, with presentations from Dan Stanton, Arizona State University, and Sandy Rizzo, Mesa Public Library, on the agenda. The keynote address on August 9 will be given by Malcolm Byrne, Deputy Director and Director of Research at the National Security Archives. [www.azlibrary.gov/eventreg](http://www.azlibrary.gov/eventreg)

The State Library is slowly transitioning its domain to "[azlibrary.gov](http://azlibrary.gov)". Please note this change as you contact them or look for their website.

- 2012 AzLA Regional Forum, Hosted by the Yavapai County Free Library District and Yavapai College Library, Thursday, August 9, 2012  
Registration will close on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, and program includes:  
*Project Compass Workforce Recovery Workshop* - Library staff are first-responders to job seekers and the unemployed. Yet during these tough time increased demands often outstrip our time to build resources and services. The IMLS-funded Project Compass will share real-world success stories and a foundation of skills to take the guess-work out of building programs and services for workforce recovery. Participants will learn from successful programs - what made them work and what challenges they faced.  
*Parker Anderson as Governor George W. P. Hunt, Sharlot Hall Museum, Performance and Book Signing* - Local Prescott author and actor Parker Anderson portrays Governor W. P. Hunt, Arizona's first Governor after Statehood. Mr. Anderson regularly appears at Sharlot Hall Museum for the Living History program and has portrayed numerous other figures in Blue Rose plays.  
*Tour of the Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Library* - The tribal library provides quality materials, programming and services to support the education, informational, cultural and recreational interests of tribal community members. Transportation will be provided.