

ST-2 Colorado Representative

MPLA Board Report July 18, 2012

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Legislative News

- Calling for support for U.S. Senators to fully fund the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the request for an additional \$7 million for the Federal Digital System (FDsys).
- Budget Update indicates an unexpected revenue increase that will be primarily directed towards education and possibly library services. Early Literacy is a hot issue that is supported by the Lieutenant Governor and may be an area of focus as well.
- Lobato v. Colorado is still on the radar as the Colorado Attorney General attempts to reverse the court ruling in favor of plaintiff.

CAL Board Meeting – June 2012

- Discussed the 2012 Leadership Institute with board members and distributed the reading list to those who showed interest. Hopefully this will make the Institute more tangible to CAL board members.
- Conferred pending MPLA By-Laws and how it might affect CAL. No comment on whether members would be interested in an alternate at some point.
- Members examined interest groups who have outlived their terms and considered which would be disbanded versus upgraded to committees.
- Evaluations and contracts for lobbyists discussed
- Brief discussion of CAL's role regarding AZ book banning. Decisions made to allow ALA to speak for CAL and adopt a wait and see approach, as well as draft a letter of support to the Arizona Library Association in their work regarding the Arizona statute related to ethnic studies elimination.

ALA Election Results – Colorado

- Merinda McLure – ACRL_IS, Member-at-Large
- Lisa Priebe – ASCLA, Director-at-Large
- Pam Sandlian-Smith – PLA, Director-at-Large
- Jamie Kaye Hollier – RUSA_RSS, Member-at-Large

Colorado State Library News

- Recent wildfires across the state and library services is a (pardon the pun) hot topic. Many residents have been evacuated and experienced loss. Libraries are stepping up to assist evacuees in offering free services such as free U.S. calls, emergency preparedness classes, extended library hours and internet access and mobile labs. For a full listing of expanded services see <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/wildfires.htm>.

Workshops/Conferences

- R Squared (Risk and Reward) [Conference](#) coming up, September 9-11 in Telluride, CO. Registration deadline is August 1st.