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Nebraska MPLA Board Report

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Submitted by Nina Little, Nebraska Representative

#### NLA Supports MPLA Leadership Institute Attendees with Stipend

Nebraska Library Association members who are selected to attend the MPLA Leadership Institute will, for the first time, be eligible to receive a stipend from NLA to help support them in paying the registration fee. At their meeting on January 6, 2005, NLA Board members voted to include the amount in the 2005 Budget. NLA Finance Committee members agreed that the stipends should cover registration costs at the MPLA member rate. Non-MPLA members would need to pay the difference between member and non-member registrations costs.

#### NLA Legislative Day

This year's Legislative Day theme was: Literacy & Learning @your library and focused on the role libraries play in providing reading skills for all ages and ethnic backgrounds in order to prepare everyone for the challenges of today's society. Held on February 23, 2005, the day for librarians, trustees and library supporters began in Lincoln at the State Capitol at 8:30 with coffee, doughnuts and an opportunity to visit with senators and their staff members.

At the 9:30 briefing, attendees received information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist and Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission. The briefing session was followed by time to meet with senators and staff members and/or visit the legislative chamber while it was in session.

Participants had been encouraged to ask their senators or legislative aides, as well as their local city officials to be their guests a special luncheon where youth selected from around the state were recognized for their involvement with their local public or school library.

In the afternoon a seminar featuring Lynn Rex, executive director of the Nebraska League of Municipalities spoke on Leadership, Libraries and Legislation. More than 150 librarians, library supporters and senators from across Nebraska participated.

#### Nebraska Board Choice Awards

Nina Little, MPLA State Representative from Nebraska, was pleased to announce Rose Schinker as her designee for the MPLA Board Choice Award. After receiving a BS in Mathematics and English from Hastings College in Hastings, NE., Rose Schinker earned her MLS at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. She began her library career while still at Hastings College by working as a student assistant in Perkins Library. When she graduated from Hastings, Rose was hired as Perkins' Circulation/Supervisor. While attending Emporia, Rose worked in the William Allen White Library as a shelving assistant. Upon graduating with an MLS, she accepted the position of Director of the Learning Resource Center at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas. Rose returned to Nebraska, her native state, to become the Public Services/Outreach Librarian at Bellevue University. She then moved on to become Director of the Clarkson College Library in Omaha, later serving Clarkson as Acting Dean of Instructional Design and Development. An offer followed from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's McGoogan Library of Medicine to serve as Head of Collection Development. In 2001, Rose accepted the position of Director of the La Vista, NE Public Library. Her responsibilities include working with Metropolitan Community College in serving the students, faculty and staff that frequent the joint-entity building. Rose's adventures (past and present) in librarianship have included grant writing; academic accreditation visits; serving as a board member of the La Vista Public Library/Metropolitan Community College Condominium Owners Association; presenting at local, regional and national conferences; serving as a networking committee member and on the executive board of a local group for health librarians; working on planning committees for local symposiums; being the Midcontinental Chapter of Medical Library Association's archivist; being elected Nebraska Library Association (NLA) treasurer; serving on the NLA Membership Committee, the NLA Finance Committee, the NLA Publicity Committee and the NLA Legislative Committee and serving as chair of the NLA Annual Conference Publicity Committee. Rose's contact information is: Rose Schinker 9110 Giles Road La Vista, NE 68128  
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Sharon Osenga, MPLA's Vice President, was pleased to announce Marty Magee as her Board Choice Award Winner for 2005. Marty Magee is currently the Nebraska Liaison for the National Network/Libraries of Medicine and is based at the University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library in Omaha, Nebraska. In addition to academic experience and a long corporate background in training, software development and marketing, her library experience includes teaching as a Library Media Specialist and solo librarian at the VA professional library. Marty has a BS from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, a Master of Science in Administration degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of Missouri - Columbia. Contact information is: Marty Magee National Network/Libraries of Medicine Education and Nebraska Liaison McGoogan Library of Medicine Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center 986706 Nebraska Medical Center Omaha NE 68198-6706 402-559-7076 1-800-338-7657 mmagee@unmc.edu

Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association 2005 Annual Conference  
The NLA/NEMA conference takes place September 28-30, 2005 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, NE. The theme is "Libraries: Heart & Soul of Communities". Check out the NLA web page at <http://www.nla-nema2005.info/> for details.