

New Mexico (ST-7 Report)

March 18, 2013

Los Lunas, NM

MPLA Activities

- Sent out membership renewal reminders to all NM members who had not yet renewed.
- Attended NMLA Executive Board meeting on Feb. 7 and 2 conference calls.
- Submitted information to MPLA newsletter.
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- Reviewed the Best Practices for State Representatives document Stephen Boss prepared.

New Mexico Library Association News

The Annual Conference will be April 17-19, 2013 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Upton. Registration and other details are available at <http://nmla.org/annual-conference/>.

The Association continues to deal with very difficult financial issues. The Administrator resigned in February and her functions are being divided among committees and board members. She is being paid an hourly consulting fee when specific problems arise.

In October the Board decided to transition the Annual Conference from spring to fall. The timetable for necessary by-law and other changes is not known at this point in time, but should be on the agenda at the membership meeting in April.

The NMLA MiniConference 2013 theme is "Libraries Grow Leaders" and will be held October 17 - 18, 2013 at Los Alamos, NM.

Legislative Issues

Legislative Day was February 7, 2013. Representative from academic, public, school and tribal libraries gathered in Santa Fe to keep the legislators aware of the importance of libraries to their communities. There is no bond legislation this year. Several capital improvement projects for libraries were passed and that legislative is waiting for the Governor's signature.