

MPLA Board Report March 2012

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Wyoming Library Association / MPLA Joint 2015 Conference Planning

As I reported last month, the Wyoming Library Association (WLA) is looking for a location in the state to host the 2015 joint Wyoming Library Association/MPLA conference. I have been in contact with several venues who would like to host the meeting. I have received inquiries from the Angela Ver Ploeg, who is the Director of Sales & Marketing at the Hilton Garden Inn & UW Conference Center here in Laramie. I have also contacted Levi Thorn/Patrick Davis who is with Sales and Marketing at the Grand Teton Lodge Company. They oversee two venues in the Jackson/Grand Teton area including the Jackson Lake Lodge and the Snake River Lodge and Spa. We are verifying that the facilities contacted will be able to easily accommodate a joint WLA/MPLA conference.

2012 Mountains Plains Library Association/Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Conference

I shared the upcoming MPLA conference information with Wyoming Library Association members and promoted the call for proposals. I also shared the information with library faculty at the University of Wyoming. Several library faculty members have put together proposals and are looking forward to seeing if they are accepted.

MPLA Membership Renewals

This month I also worked re-contacted MLPA members with lapsed memberships. In total I contacted about 35 accounts. When I contacted those on the list the first time first time, a number of members renewed their memberships.

Marketing MPLA to New Faculty -- University of Wyoming

Over the past few months several new library faculty members have joined the ranks of Library Faculty at the University of Wyoming. I encouraged them to join MPLA. I know that at least one of the new faculty members did join and submitted a program proposal for the upcoming MPLA Conference in Nebraska later this year.