

NDLA Board Meeting Report
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MPLA/WLA Conference in Jackson Hole, WY. The highlights of the meeting besides the spectacular scenery, included Roy Tenant from the California Digital Library and Stephen Abram from Sirsi-Dynix. The Conference was webcast so you didn't even have to attend to see all the good sessions. NDLA may want to consider webcasting the upcoming centennial conference as a trial. Also the new President, Sharon Osenga, may be willing to come to our centennial conference if asked. We should remember that MPLA gives out grants to State Associations for pre-conference programming.

MPLA Board Meeting – Only one Board Meeting was held at the Conference. With the new restructuring plan the number of Board meetings will be reduced or held online. This will be beneficial to the budgets of libraries sending Board members.

Last meeting's minutes were approved.

As you may recall the reorganization plans for MPLA were presented and approved by the Board in July. At this meeting a timeline was approved. Only one full Board meeting will be held in 2006. An Administration Board meeting will be held in the spring and the full Board meeting will be in Oct. By July 2006 the reorganization should be complete. At this meeting the Board approved discontinuing the general membership MPLA-L discussion list and moving the MPLA website to OSU where the webmaster Dan Chaney works. Members will have to use the MPLA website and MemberClicks to get information.

Someone asked how the e-election results added up compared to sending out a paper ballot. More E-ballots were turned in than paper.

Judy Zelinski was approved as the new Executive Secretary and will be taking over Joe Edelin's responsibilities on Dec. 1st. 2005.

A committee will look at all MPLA Awards this year to see if they are still appropriate to the organization's mission and to prevent duplication of state awards.

The reorganization plan for MPLA was approved by the general membership.

March 2007 – the next NM/MPLA Conference will be held in Albuquerque, NM.