

NDLA Board Report #7
9/26/07
MPLA Representative – Sally Dockter

Because of a family issue, I wasn't able to attend the MPLA Board meeting in Denver in July. Highlights from the draft minutes of that meeting include:

The 2008 MPLA Utah conference will be held April-29-May 2 in Salt Lake City. The theme is "Where Paths Meet: Connecting Libraries and Communities." During the Conference MPLA will be celebrating its 60th birthday. Seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the 50th anniversary in Salt Lake as well. Time was spent updating the Long Range Plan. A survey of the membership on their continuing education needs will occur soon. The Electronic Communities, a part of the reorganization plan that never worked, have been scrapped and the Electronics Communities Task Force has come up with a plan to implement a community portal with RSS feeds to facilitate member interaction and the sharing of resources. The motion passed.

The MPLA booth display materials that gets sent to all the state conferences in the MPLA region is still in the process of being updated. A new MPLA logo was approved. State Reps. are debating via email, what kind of booth materials should be designed and purchased.

The MPLA Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch participants from North Dakota this year will be Lori West, Branch Services Manager, Fargo Public Library, Kathy Spencer from the Rural Assistance Center, UND, and Bev Clouse, Head of Circulation, from NDSU was chosen for an alternate position.

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I will not be attending the MPLA Board Meeting in Denver on July 21st, for personal reasons. This is the end of my term and the July meeting is an organizational planning meeting for the new president and the new Board.

MPLA Executive Board met on May 9th, 2007 by telephone conference call. The most significant thing was revising the budget to make up for a shortfall in revenues from the last conference. We were expecting several more thousands of dollars in profit. Also the Leadership Institute will be much more costly this year because Ghost Ranch raised their rates.

The one thing that I would like to propose to the NDLA Board is to consider organizing a bus to the ALA Summer Conference in Chicago in June 2009. The state of Nebraska uses LSTA money to send a bus to MPLA and other conferences. Transportation out of ND is prohibitive to attend most conferences. If we sent a bus and charged a nominal fee a lot

more ND librarians would be able to attend an excellent professional development event. Nebraska says the bus ride is also a valuable time for networking amongst themselves.

As a State Rep. I participated in the Nominations Committee meeting via conference call. We discussed and ranked candidates for secretary and president-elect positions.

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3/9/07

I will be attending the NMLA/MPLA Conference in Albuquerque on March, 13-16th. The State Reps are supposed to bring something that represents their state for a gift basket to be auctioned off. I am thinking Widman's chippers. Any better suggestions would be welcome.

We had another MPLA Board meeting in the spiffy digs of our own offices on January 17, 2007. Highlights include:

- The Literary Ireland tour looks like it will happen the summer of 2008.
- The budget is healthier than was predicted as dues were up - \$9,000 in the black.
- Funding for the next Leadership Institute had still not been secured.
- The membership committee is working with a graphic artist to create a new booth and logo as well as revising the free membership drawing form so its clearer.
- The updated and revised MPLA Manual of Procedure is now on the MPLA homepage.
- There is a committee looking at the effectiveness of MemberClicks as our method of communication.
- Judy Zelinski is the permanent Executive Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

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The October Board meeting of MPLA, was held in the spiffy digs of our own offices. The October Board meeting is now held via PC Conferencing. This saves a lot of money for MPLA and NDLA. The MPLA and New Mexico Conference is coming up soon. It will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center on March 14th – 16th, 2007. See the web site for more details. <http://www.nmla.org/abq2007/confhome.htm> Speakers include Joseph Janes, Kathy L'Amour, Louis' wife. A science fiction writer author, Michael Wallis the author of the Route 66, the mother road and Rudolpho Anaya.

A project the Board is investigating is a Literary Ireland Tour for the summer of 2008. Sharon Osenga, the MPLA president, attended one sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association. She said it was very educational and fun.

The winners for free memberships from the NDLA Centennial Conference in Fargo include:

Julie Fischer, Hankinson Public School

Robert Jacobson, NDSU

Susan Kempel, Kennedy Elementary, Fargo

Judy Koester, ND School for the Deaf

Suzanne Morrison, US Courts

Char Myhre, NDSU

Terri Wilhelm, ND State Library

Charlene Weis, UTTC Library

Arlene Ott, GFAFB Library

S Hannahs, West Fargo Public Library

The rules have changed for the free memberships. If you are a member or have ever been a member in the last few years you can not receive a free membership. I have asked the MPLA Executive Board to update their booth materials to make things clearer and more attractive.