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MPLA State Representative

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MPLA Executive Board Meeting, July 27, 2009

The MPLA Board Executive Board meeting was held in Denver on July 27, 2009. Eileen Wright reported that the MPLA Leadership Institute is a go (see details below). The Institute will be held April 25-30, 2010. A down payment for the use of the Estes Park YMCA of the Rockies was placed in December of last year. Maureen Sullivan has accepted the role of facilitator. Judy Zelenski is donating her time and efforts to serve as Institute Coordinator at a great savings to the organization. Dan Stanton, Leadership Institute Committee Chairperson, is still looking for corporate sponsorship. By changing locations and having Judy Zelenski in the role of Leadership Coordinator on a volunteer basis, the Leadership Institute can move forward financially without raising the costs for participants.

Leadership Institute:

The Mountain Plains Library Institute will be held April 25-30 in Este Park, CO at the YMCA of the Rockies. Requirements are as follows:

- Applicant must be employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
- Applicant must be a current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
- Applicant must have a minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
- Applicant must have a record of experience that demonstrates leadership potential
- Applicant is expected continued contribution to the profession
- Applicant must complete a thoughtfully completed application
- Applicant must have two letters of recommendation
- Note: Education requirements of previous institutes have been removed, i.e. no Masters in Library Science requirement

Registration cost for MPLA members is \$450; non-MPLA members \$550. This includes room and all meals. 30 participants will be selected through a process involving states and the MPLA Leadership Institute Committee. Two per state with additional slots for extra applications and one slot for a representative from any potential vendor donor who contributes \$5,000-\$10,000.

Applications are due to MPLA Leadership Institute Selection Committee by December 1, 2009.

Attendees pay for their own transportation costs. It is up to the individual attendees to pursue these or other sources of financial assistance. In the past, the Mike Jaugstetter Leadership Memorial Grant was used to provide funding for two Leadership Institute participants. North Dakota gets two guarantee slots, plus the opportunity to provide a name for one of the additional slots.

In the past, the President of NDLA, the MPLA Representative and a past graduate of the leadership institute were on the selection committee.

State Representative Welcome Guide

Pres. Eileen Wright put together a nice booklet that can be sent to new state representatives. It has the contact info of other board members, the state representative portion of the MPLA Manual of Procedures, and a history of the MPLA organization.

Other MPLA Business

Bylaws Committee: Wayne Hanway reported that the Administration committee looked at minor revisions to the bylaws. Most changes are terminology related from paper voting to electronic voting. Bylaws were approved by the executive board; to be sent to the membership for approval at the annual conference.

Future Conference Date

2010 19 - 21 April, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Joint with OLA