



MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

CO-1 Administration Committee Report

October 9, 2024

- The Administration Committee met on September 24.
 - The group discussed the upcoming Newsletter Editor opening; the position will be posted soon.
 - There was some discussion about the Website Administrator position and transition.
 - The group approved language for the vote on bylaws updates which require approval from the membership (attached).
 - Robin Hastings shared an update on the Naylor / association management platform project.
 - The group discussed reimbursement for some old Executive Secretary expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Amadee Ricketts

Draft language for MPLA bylaws update vote, September 2024

Bylaws change: Disposition of MPLA archives upon dissolution of the Association (2.3.2):

Context note for the Admin Committee:

The current bylaws make no provision for the disposition of MPLA archives.

Past discussion about appropriate repositories and how to describe them related to (very specific) language from the Archives Task Force, which you can read here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mMqwsIrANYr_6c_0qjZsN5AO4y8vbY8pdkV4FGjtWf8/edit?pli=1

The Executive Board recommends updating the language related to dissolution of the Association to include provisions for the Association's physical and digital archives. The current bylaws read:

2.3.2

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Board shall determine.

The proposed change retains that language but adds subsections (2.3.2.1; 2.3.2.2) regarding the disposition of archival materials:

2.3.2.1

Upon the dissolution of the Association, all analog archival files will stay in the care and possession of the University of Northern Colorado, Michener Library Archives, or another repository selected by the Executive Board.

2.3.2.2

Upon the dissolution of the Association, all digital archival files will stay in the care and possession of the University of Wyoming or a secure digital repository selected by the Executive Board.

Bylaws change: Proposed update to the description of institutional membership benefits (3.2.2):

The Executive Board recommends updating the description of institutional membership benefits to reflect the personal memberships provided to institutional members. The current bylaws read:

3.2.2

Institutional members shall include libraries, firms or organizations who have an interest in or relationship to library work that have applied for membership and have paid annual dues. Institutional members shall not be entitled to the privileges of personal members.

The proposed new language is:

3.2.2

Institutional members shall include libraries, firms or organizations who have an interest in or relationship to library work that have applied for membership and have paid annual dues. Institutional members shall not be entitled to the privileges of personal members, but institutional memberships do include a limited number of personal memberships. Personal members added in this way have all the privileges of personal members who have joined as individuals.

Bylaws change: Proposed extension of Recording Secretary term (4.2):

The Executive Board recommends extending the Recording Secretary's term to two years or two conference cycles. The current bylaws read:

4.2

The term of office for elected officers shall be approximately one year or until the close of the annual conference after their successors' election is announced. In transitional years when the annual conference cycle changes from spring to fall or fall to spring, the terms shall run for approximately eighteen months or until the close of the next conference. The terms for officers elected to fill a vacancy shall begin immediately upon their election and run until the end of the unexpired term.

The proposed new language is:

4.2

The term of office for Vice-President, President, and Past President shall be approximately one year or until the close of the annual conference after the new Vice-President's election is announced. In transitional years when the annual conference cycle changes from spring to fall or fall to spring, the terms shall run for approximately eighteen months or until the close of the next conference. The term of office for Recording Secretary shall be approximately two years or two conference cycles as described above. The terms for officers elected to fill a vacancy shall begin immediately upon their election and run until the end of the unexpired term.