

Leadership Institute Committee
Report to MPLA Executive Board
Dan Stanton, Chair
October 9, 2009

A recap of the last Executive Board Meeting (7/25/09):

- Judy Zelenski volunteered to serve as the Leadership Institute Coordinator.
- The criteria was reviewed and revised:
 - * A minimum of 5 years in a library-related job with progressive experience
 - * Has a record of experience (including non-library) that demonstrates leadership potential
 - * Expected continued contribution to the profession
 - * Employed in a library organization in MPLA's 12-state region
 - * Current member of one of MPLA's 12 affiliated state library associations
 - * A thoughtfully completed application to be evaluated prior to selection by state representative and Institute committee
 - * Two letters of recommendation
- Despite cost savings, we are still looking to solicit sponsorship and have set some levels for potential sponsors:
 - \$5000-10000 gets a participant in the Institute, free advertising on the MPLA web site and Newsletter, and sponsorship notices at all MPLA State Conferences
 - \$2500-5000 gets free advertising, etc.
- Annie Epperson, Chair of the Communication Committee, and Jerry Hudson, Chair of the Nominating Committee were going to Estes Park soon to take some photos, check out the accommodations, and get a general vibe for the location.

Since then...

- Clarified the roles of the Leadership Institute Coordinator, Leadership Institute Committee, and Leadership Institute Committee Chair.
- Leadership Institute Coordinator and Committee worked through a mentor selection process, identifying numbers (4: 2 women, 2 men); and in addition to the Institute Coordinator, what Library types representation (Academic, Public, Large System). Mentors are expected to: assist in facilitating sessions, share their experience, and be available to meet individually with participants, and to present to the group (on the last day) on a topic to be determined later.
- I contacted Maureen Sullivan regarding the revised criteria and mentor scheme; she is very excited about continuing to work with MPLA.
- Judy updated the online application form which went live on August 25th; she also created the informational/promotional materials. The Committee updated the Applicant Evaluation form for State Reps.
- 2010 Leadership Institute Mentors are:
 - Judy Zelenski, Institute Coordinator/MPLA Executive Secretary
 - Jeff Belliston, Scholarly Communications Librarian in the Harold B. Lee Library at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah
 - Brian Greene, WYLD Program Manager, Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, WY
 - Amelia Shelley, Executive Director, Garfield County Public Library District, Rifle, CO
- Much promotion has been done including the [October 2009 issue of the MPLA Newsletter](#), emails to MPLA Members, State Association Presidents, and MPLA State Reps
- Applications, questions, and testimonials are beginning to come in.
- I have begun soliciting sponsors.

Other issues:

- Jean Hatfield mentioned that the similarities between the MPLA and [PNLA](#) Leadership Institutes had been pointed out to her by ALA President Camila Alire. Perhaps some future collaboration can be explored.