

**Mountain Plains Library Association
Board Meeting
June 16, 1999
Big Sky, Montana
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In Attendance: Roann Masterson, past-president, Jane Hatch; Sylvia Bartak, Nevada; Mary Nash, Nebraska; Carol Hammond, Nominating; Louise Treff-Gangler, Colorado; Mary Bushing, Professional Grants; Donna Jones Morris, past presidents; Verne Haselwood, Nebraska; Deb Hagemer, Joe Edelen, Executive Secretary; Charlene Green, New Mexico; Dave Oberhelman, New Members roundtable; Dan Chaney, Electronic Communication; Heidi Nickisch, Newsletter; Brian Greene, Wyoming; Linda Rea, Vice President. Betty Dance, Utah; Linda McCleary, Arizona; Jean Hatfield, awards; Alice Meister, Intellectual Freedom; Marilyn Hinshaw, President; Kathleen Hallin, recording secretary; Marquita Boehnke, Childrens; Vicki Nozero, Government Docs; Dana Boden, Preservation; Kathy Kaya, Academic; Jeremy Koup, North Dakota; Suzanne Taylor, Bylaws.

1) Introduction/ Roll Call

President Hinshaw began the meeting at 9:00 with a roll call and introduction of the members.

2) President's Message:

Hinshaw commented on the images of the coyote that were mentioned by two of our conference speakers. One speaker described the coyote as clever, a scavenger and predator, very intelligent, doing what it takes to survive. Author Terry Tempest Williams commented about us (librarians) being coyotes. Hinshaw was very struck by the connection between these two. We are working on membership not for numbers but for the niche that MPLA can serve in their lives. Hinshaw suggested that we look for state people who are looking for the larger thing. Look for people who want this experience. We want people that this can effect their lives and their careers.

3) General Reports

A) Executive Secretary- Joe asked that board members check the new directory and update and correct contact information. Everyone should take letterhead with him or her. Minutes will be posted to MPLA-EX next week. Note changes, updates and send back to Kathleen Hallin. Check email. It's the best way to reach Edelen and the most used tool in MPLA. Committee chairs may set up a listserv for individual committees work if they so desire. Edelen reminded all to visit the web page. Chaney does a great job with it.

B) Newsletter Editor

Nickisch reported that she has changed jobs and she distributed new cards to the group. Please update your records to her new address. Nickisch gave guidelines on what to send to the newsletter: send information that is important to all states, an issue your dealing with that others may have an interest in, and good news all make good submissions. She asked for one article from each representative by the September deadline. Nickisch prefers submissions sent in electronic format. Let her know if you have questions or suggestions. The newsletter lists the submission dates. "If you don't send it, it won't be there."

4) Preliminary Omaha Conference 2000 report

A) Conference preliminaries

Nash distributed folders with conference information. In September committee chairs and members will be named and in November planning will begin. The packet includes timeline and budget for the conference. The White House conference (WICHLIS) approached Nebraska. WICHLIS would like to attach their meeting to the Omaha conference. WICHLIS is meeting across the street, at another hotel. They are

separate conferences but would have joint break times. WICHLIS will pay a \$10.00 break fee. All registrants will be able to share programming. Nash is comfortable with the contract agreement with WICHLIS. McCleary reported that Arizona hosted WICHLIS last year. They shared a large banquet and break time. She reported that it was successful. Haselwood reported that WICHLIS might be a bigger draw for vendors. Hinshaw asked to close the discussion about adding WICHLIS. **Koup motioned that MPLA, NLA, and NEMA proceed with a joint conference arrangement with WHCLIS for the fall conference in Omaha. Jane Hatch seconded. Approved.**

Marquita Boehnke asked when Nebraska would have the forms for speakers. Nash reported that would be started in Nebraska in October.

B) Section and Committee Charges

Hinshaw would like committees to connect with their equivalent committees at the state conference to coordinate conference programs. Hinshaw would like chairs to come to one board meeting during the upcoming year.

5.) Program of Work

President Hinshaw outlined her agenda for the upcoming year.

A) Section and Committee Charges:

Alice Meister will chair the Intellectual Freedom committee. We need to coordinate how we handle Intellectual Freedom issues across the states. Hinshaw hopes for greater participation in this area.

Professional Development Grants: This needs to be an active committee One of their task will be how to handle the Johnson County money. Hinshaw discussed a mentor program including sponsoring a librarian and paying for all or part of his/her membership.

Carol Hammond will work on nominating procedures.

Decide whether we can make inactive things active or drop them. Past Presidents is one such committee.

Revise Conference manual. It has been several years since it's been looked at.

The Finance committee is currently the past president, one section chair and one state rep. Hinshaw wants to add a co-chair to the finance committee. Hinshaw would like Leroy xxxx to join the committee. Louise Treff-Gangler from Colorado was nominated as the state representative. Elected by acclamation. David Oberhelman was elected to represent the section committees. Elected by acclamation.

B) MPLA Board meeting calendar and hotel arrangements

Meeting Calendar

September 18, 1999

December 11, 1999

April 8, 2000

Adams Mark in downtown Denver the rate is \$89.00

Edelen suggested that members plan on being there for the whole meeting time. The meeting is a full day with a catered working lunch.

Edelen explained reimbursement and travel. There will be three board meetings. The first is at your own expense. The next meetings MPLA will pay for air travel and room. State reps travel is covered by the state. MPLA might be able to help in hardship cases. The member covers meals.

C) Carry Over Issues:

Boehnke moved that a new award be created for an "Outstanding Youth Services Program in a Public or School Library" The current officers of the Childrens and school section and one member from the award committee will develop the criteria. Seconded by Jean Hatfield. After discussion Boehnke changed the motion to develop and send to the awards committee. Hatfield seconded new motion. Approved.

D) Budget

The budget year continues until January. When you make claims make them to Joe.

Reimbursement is usually in 30 days. Sections may want to revise or change budget starting in January.

6) MAKING MPLA REAL

Hinshaw would like to travel to the conferences in an effort to promote and strengthen MPLA. She would like to have travel, room, and registration covered by the state. She has already traveled to several meetings. She is available to be a speaker at state conferences in many areas. She specially likes talking to or about trustees.

Hatch commended Meister for the wonderful conference. Meister thanked all and gave Masterson a copy of Hugo's "Making Certain It goes On." Signed by the MPLA members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.