

MPLA Executive Board Meeting
April 28th, 2021 by Videoconference
AGENDA

PRESENT (indicated by **)			
Name	MPLA Position	Name	MPLA Position
**Stephen Sweeney	President	Amadee Ricketts	AZ State Rep
** Robin Newell	Vice Pres/President Elect	**Elena Rosenfeld	CO State Rep
**Leslie Langley	Past President; Admin. Committee Chair	**Maribeth Shafer	KS State Rep
**Judy Kulp	Executive Secretary	**Rachel Rawn	MT State Rep
**Whitney Vitale	Recording Secretary	**Randi Monley	ND State Rep
**Frances Brummett	Bylaws Committee Chair	Evonne Edgington	NE State Rep
**Roy Degler	Webmaster	Dale Savage	NM State Rep
Mary Ann Thompson	Awards Committee Chair	**Luise Davis	NV State Rep
Melanie Argo	Newsletter Editor	**April Miller	OK State Rep
**Annie Epperson	Archives Task Force Chair	**Nita Gill	SD State Rep
Mary Soucie	Membership Committee Chair	**Joe Frazier	UT State Rep
**Shanna Smith	Communications Co-Chair	Katrina Brown	WY State Rep
**Tom Taylor	LI Committee Chair	**Brenda Hemmelman	Non-voting attendee, Incoming Vice-President
**Robin Hastings	Professional Development Chair	**Jennifer Williams-Curl	Communications Co-Chair

Welcome and Call to Order

- Roll Call & Introductions
 - Stephen Sweeney called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM (MDT). All members present introduced themselves.
 - Rachel Rawn reported that 2022 is the joint conference with MPLA, MLA and PNLA. The conference planner, who is also the Executive Director of MLA, will be at the MPLA membership meeting tomorrow.
- Agenda changes
 - No changes proposed.
- Announcements: Election Results & welcome to incoming board member Brenda Hemmelman
 - Stephen Sweeney welcomed Brenda Hemmelman, the incoming MPLA Vice-President/President Elect to the Board. Her first official meeting in the capacity will be on Friday.

Action

- Minutes of February 22, 2021 meeting. *Whitney Vitale, Recording Secretary*
 - Joe Frazier moved to approve the minutes. Elena Rosenfeld Seconded. All approved.
- Dissolving ePD Task Force. *Stephen Sweeney, President*
 - Stephen Sweeney explained that the Electronic Professional Development (ePD) Task Force has completed its charge and can now dissolve. The Professional Development Committee will keep professional development in an electronic form, so we do not need a task force

- duplicating this work.
 - Stephen made the motion to dissolve the ePD Task Force. Randi Monley seconded. No discussion. All approved.
- Professional Development Grants – *Robin Newell, Leslie Langley, Administration Committee*
 - Leslie Langley reported that two pre-post conference grants were approved by the Professional Development Committee for a total of \$1,000, pending evaluation reports. When those two grants are approved, that will deplete the professional development funds for the year. There are three options:
 - Put a hold on future funding with notification to applicants
 - Request additional budget from the board in advance of requests
 - Request additional budget from the board as future requests received, with notification to applicants.

As MPLA has not generated conference income for the past two years and, therefore has a fairly tight budget, it is the recommendation of the Administrative Committee that we put a hold on future professional grants for the rest of the year. Robin Newell confirmed that we are going to push that message out to the membership so they do not apply for grants that are not there.

- There was no further discussion or questions on this topic from the board.
- The Administrative Committee made a motion to approve this recommendation. It did not require a second. All approved. The motion passed.

Discussion & Information Items not listed above

- Report from Archives Task Force. *Annie Epperson, Chair*
 - Annie Epperson reported that the Task Force is working on arranging the transfer of the physical MPLA archives from the Denver Public Library (DPL) to Montana State University – Billings. They are working on a letter to DPL to arrange for deaccessioning of MPLA's tangible archival materials. The Task Force is also working on documentation to establish a relationship with Montana State University –Billings to be the future home of these tangible items. Eileen Wright, who works at Montana State, thinks that her Director will need confirmation from DPL before she can proceed. Others have expressed concern about deaccessioning materials from DPL first without written confirmation from Montana State first. Annie asked the Board for guidance on navigating this process.
 - Elena Rosenfeld asked for clarification on whether the parties expressing concern about deaccessioning the materials are from MPLA or DPL. Annie Epperson confirmed that those concerned are from within MPLA.
 - Annie also explained that the DPL may have a genuine concern about the appropriate care of these materials, but is willing to entertain the notion of deaccessing. Montana State is also not saying no, but wants the paperwork in order.
 - Elena suggested that a possible route would be to get a letter of intent from Montana State University- Billings that would state what they have the capacity to do and that a MOU or MOA will be in process once materials are acquired from DPL. Robin Newell supports the idea of asking for a letter of intent.

- Annie reported that the Task Force has a drafted letter to the DPL. She will share this letter with the Director at Billings and ask her to sign off on a letter of intent to share with the DPL.
- Stephen Sweeney thanked Annie for all of her work with the Task Force. Annie is confident that the Task Force will be well on its way by the end of next year.

Officers & Staff

Individuals with * have discussion or information items. All other reports will be accepted electronically without discussion.

President – *Stephen Sweeney*

- Stephen Sweeney reported that 143 people registered for Lightning Talks this morning and 88 people registered for the Membership Committee Chew and Chat. Around 30 came to the Chew and Chat. There are 66 people registered to come to the membership and award meeting tomorrow.
- Stephen also reported that he had a conversion with Jeremy Ryan from the CPA firm and he has signed the agreed upon procedures engagement letter. The process will begin on May 15th.
- Randi Monley sent a South Dakota/North Dakota Library Association Conference Invitation to MPLA. It will be voted on by the Board at the next Board meeting on Friday, April 30th.

Vice President – *Robin Newell*

Past President – *Leslie Langley*

Recording Secretary – *Whitney Vitale*

* Executive Secretary – Budget & Membership Statistics. *Judy Kulp*

- Judy Kulp reported that membership and financial reports have been sent to the Board. Membership is down quite a bit. Please encourage colleagues to join. There are no surprises in the budget. We will be fine for the year. The postage for mailing out certificates and plaques are more than we would usually spend on postage.
- The Oklahoma Library Association membership dues from the past few years should be coming in soon. Judy thanked Leslie Langley and April Miller for their help with that.

Newsletter Editor – *Melanie Argo*

Webmaster & Systems Administrator - *Roy Degler*

Committees

Individuals with * have additional discussion or information items. All other reports will be accepted electronically without discussion.

Administration– *Leslie Langley*

Awards – *Mary Ann Thompson*

Bylaws and Procedures – *Frances Brummett*

Communications – *Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse*

Leadership Institute – *Tom Taylor*

Nominating Committee – *Leslie Langley*

Membership – *Mary Soucie*

Professional Development – *Robin Hastings*

- Robin Hastings reported that the Lightning Talks went well. There were between 62 -65 people in attendance. There were others who also registered so that they could access the

archives later. It went over well. Comments were positive and good ideas were presented. She thanked Stephen Sweeney for the idea and thanked Judy Kulp and Roy Degler for their backend work. The archives will be uploaded to YouTube so more people can learn and be inspired.

- Judy Kulp pointed out that there was closer to 70 people in the first hour. She thought it was very successful and went smoothly.
- Stephen Sweeney thanked Robin for all of her work in organizing the event.
- Robin Newell asked how many program proposals were submitted. There were 14 in total and 9 were chosen.
- Presentation recordings will be on the MPLA YouTube page and on the MPLA website. There will be a link to each presentation from the MPLA webpage. Robin Hastings will work with Roy Degler and Judy Kulp to upload the videos.

Archives Task Force – *Annie Epperson*

State Representatives

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Arizona – *Amadee Ricketts*

Colorado – *Elena Rosenfeld*

Kansas – *Maribeth Shafer*

Montana — *Rachel Rawn*

Nebraska – *Evonne Edgington*

Nevada – *Luise Davis*

New Mexico – *Dale Savage*

North Dakota – *Randi Monley*

Oklahoma – *April Miller*

South Dakota – *Nita Gill*

Utah – *Joe Frazier*

Wyoming – *Katrina Brown*

Final Announcements

- Robin Newell reported on the future of the Chew and Chat events. She explained that Mary Soucie, the Chair of the Membership Committee, is planning to continue the Chew and Chat events. More information to come. Several topics including summer reading programs and health and wellness of library staff have been proposed. People have also been good about participating and chiming in.
- Roy Degler asked everyone to please go into their MPLA emails to get what they need as he will change passwords for everyone after Friday. He also asked board members to try to clean up junk mail so the next person who takes over the account does not need to do so.

Adjournment

Leslie Langley made a motion to adjourn. Maribeth Shafer seconded. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM (MDT)



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