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**MPLA Executive Board Meeting**  
January 11, 2023 by Videoconference  
10:00 a.m. CDT; 9:00 a.m. MDT; 8:00 a.m. PDT  
**Minutes**

<b>PRESENT (indicated by **)</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>MPLA Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>MPLA Position</b>
**Brenda Hemmelman	President	**Robin Hastings	Professional Development Chair
**Amadee Rickets	Vice President/President Elect	**Amadee Rickets	Program Council
**Stephen Sweeney	Past President	**Amber Kent	AZ State Rep
**Luise Davis	Recording Secretary	**Elena Rosenfeld	CO State Rep
**Judy Kulp	Executive Secretary	Maribeth Shafer	KS State Rep
**Roy Degler	Webmaster	**Rachel Rawn	MT State Rep
**Melanie Argo	Newsletter Editor	**Randi Monley	ND State Rep
**Stephen Sweeney	Administration Committee Chair	**Michael Straatmann	NE State Rep
**Mary Ann Thompson	Awards Committee Chair	Erin Wahl	NM State Rep
**Frances Brummett	Bylaws Committee Chair	**Luise Davis	NV State Rep
**Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse	Communications Co-Chair	**Gloria Farmer	OK State Rep
Jennifer Williams-Curl	Communications Co-Chair	**Melanie Argo	SD State Rep
Leslie Langley	LI Committee Chair	**Sherrrie Mortensen	UT State Rep
Erin Wahl	Membership Committee Chair	Judi Boyce	WY State Rep
**Stephen Sweeney	Nominating Committee Chair	**Annie Epperson	Archives Task Force Chair
**Stephen Sweeney	Past Presidential Advisory Council Chair	**Stephen Sweeney	Webinars Task Force Chair
		Jean Hatfield	Past Presidential Advisory Council

**AGENDA**

**Welcome and Call to Order** *Brenda Hemmelman, President*  
*The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. CDT.*

**Introductions**

**Approve/Amend Agenda**

*Stephen moved, Randi seconded. Approved.*

**Minutes of October 19, 2022. Board Meeting.** *Luise Davis, Recording Secretary*  
*Michael moved; Randi seconded. Approved.*

## **Action/Discussion**

\* MPLA 2023 Budget Proposal and Staff Letters of Agreement. *Stephen Sweeney, Administration Committee Chair*

*Stephen reviewed the proposed budget sent to board members. He also presented the Letters of Agreement for Executive Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and System Administrator.*

*Stephen moved to approve the budget and the three letters of agreement; Randi seconded. Approved.*

*A fourth Letter of Agreement for Webmaster was presented and discussed. Stephen moved that it be referred to the Administrative Committee to work out details; Luise seconded. Approved.*

\* Institutional Membership Proposal. *Brenda Hemmelman, President*

*Brenda reviewed the process used by the Administrative Committee for the Institutional Membership Proposal. Frances recommended the following explanation be added for clarity: Institutional members may have personal membership dues waived for one or more personal memberships for their eligible employees as set forth in the Manual of Procedure. Stephen moved to send to membership vote as directed in the bylaws; Amadee seconded. Approved.*

\*Webmaster and System Administrator Positions. *Brenda Hemmelman, President*

*Discussed under Budget Proposal and Staff Letters of Agreement.*

## **Financial and Membership Report**

\*Budget & Membership Statistics. *Judy Kulp, Executive Secretary*

*Judy reported that we have done well for the past year; it helped having an in-person conference.*

## **Officers and Committees**

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

President – Montana Conference Wrap-up – *Brenda Hemmelman*

*Brenda thanked everyone for their hard work.*

Past-President – *Stephen Sweeney*

Vice-President/President-Elect – *Amadee Ricketts*

Administration – *Stephen Sweeney*

Awards – *Mary Ann Thompson*

Bylaws and Procedures – *Frances Brummett*

*\*Communications – Logo Contest – Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse*

*Shanna presented four designs that were submitted. Board reviewed designs and discussed how to move forward so the logo design can be presented at conference.*

*Leadership Institute – Leslie Langley*

*All fellows have been contacted. Maureen Sullivan will be meeting with the cohort twice before the actual Institute.*

*Membership – Erin Wahl*

*\*Nominating Committee – Stephen Sweeney*

*Stephen reviewed the process for the upcoming election of officers.*

*\* Professional Development – Robin Hastings*

*No report.*

*\* Program Council – 2023 OLA/MPLA Conference Planning – Amadee Rickets*

*Has a January meeting for upcoming OLA/MPLA conference.*

*Archives Task Force – Annie Epperson*

*Transfer of physical materials will take place at upcoming conference*

*Past Presidents Advisory Council – Jean Hatfield*

## **State Representatives**

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*Arizona – Amber Kent*

*Colorado – Elena Rosenfeld*

*Kansas – Maribeth Shafer*

*Montana – Rachel Rawn*

*Nebraska – Michael Straatman*

*Nevada – Luise Davis*

*New Mexico – Erin Wahl*

*North Dakota – Randi Monley*

*Oklahoma – Gloria Farmer*

*South Dakota – Melanie Argo*

*Utah – Sherrie Mortensen*

Wyoming – *Judi Boyce*

**Final Announcements**

*Reviewed MPLA schedule of events for conference.*

**Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 11:33.*