



MOUNTAIN PLAINS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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MPLA Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Central Time; March 8, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton Norman Hotel and Conference Center, Oklahoma
and by Zoom Videoconference

PRESENT (indicated by **)			
Name	MPLA Position	Name	MPLA Position
**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	System Administrator	**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	**Sherrie 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
**Brandon Kizer	Webmaster	**Jean Hatfield	Past Presidential Advisory Council
** David Alexander	Bylaws Committee		

AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order. *Brenda Hemmelman, President*

Brenda called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Central Time

Introductions

Minutes of January 11, 2023, Board Meeting. *Luise Davis, Recording Secretary*

Stephen moved to accept; Randi seconded. Approved.

Action/Discussion

- * Webmaster and System Administrator Positions. *Brenda Hemmelman, President; Brandon Katzir, Webmaster; Roy Degler, System Administrator*

Agreements for System Administrator (Roy) and Webmaster (Brandon) have been signed.

- * New Logo. *Brenda Hemmelman, President*

Kelly Thompson, from South Dakota, created the new MPLA logo. She is planning to attend next year's conference in Utah.

- * Appointment of 2022 Accounting Review Committee. *Brenda Hemmelman, President*

Judy Kulp, Elena Rosenfeld, Robin Hastings, Jennifer Williams-Curl, and David Alexander will serve on the committee.

Financial and Membership Report

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

Judy reviewed the budget; we're in good shape. Leadership Institute will be the biggest part of this year's budget. Having a number of members at the OLA/MPLA joint conference will help. There are about 450 total attendees at conference this year.

There are 161 members who have not renewed their memberships this year. The grace period ends at the of March. Judy will be contacting State Reps to have them reach out and encourage people to renew.

Officers and Committees

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

* President – *Brenda Hemmelman*

Thanks to everyone for their hard work this year.

Suggests that Board look into the possibility of doing agreements and membership votes electronically. She would like the Board to explore Roy's suggestion of using more of Google's workspace.

Past-President – *Stephen Sweeney*

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

Administration – *Stephen Sweeney*

Awards – *Mary Ann Thompson*

Bylaws and Procedures – *Frances Brummett*

Communications – *Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse*

Leadership Institute –*Leslie Langley*

Leadership Institute 2023 is in May at Estes Park. There are 29 fellows in the cohort. There are four mentors. Facilitator Maureen Sullivan will be hosting video sessions in March and April for the cohort.

Membership – *Erin Wahl*

Nominating Committee – *Stephen Sweeney*

Professional Development – *Robin Hastings*

* Program Council – 2023 OLA/MPLA Conference Update - *Amadee Ricketts*

Leslie, Gloria, Tim, & Tara did a nice job organizing this year's conference, including coordinating MPLA's 75th Anniversary celebration.

Archives Task Force - *Annie Epperson*

Annie reported that seven boxes of items have been transferred to Roy for the digitizing process.

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*

Wyoming's state conference is October 4-6 in Casper.

Final Announcements

Next year's conference will be May 8-10 in Salt Lake City. A new agreement will need to be

signed because of the change of venue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.