

MPLA Membership Meeting DRAFT Minutes
2015 WLA/MPLA Annual Conference Little America Conference Center Cheyenne, WY
September 25th, 2015 9:30am – 10:30am MST

- **Welcome from the President**
 - Meeting was called to order at 9:32am MST by MPLA President Annie Epperson
 - Epperson welcomed members
- **Minutes of November 13, 2014 Meeting**
 - Epperson opened the floor to corrections; changes; updates to last year's conference. None was entertained.
 - Mary Ann Soucie MOVED to approve the minutes as submitted Eileen Wright SECONDED. Motion PASSED.
- **Bylaws Amendments**
 - Epperson shared that the proposed amendments provide consistency and opened the floor to discussion.
 - Mickey Coalwell wanted to know the reasoning behind amendment to Article II Mission 2.2
 - Judy spoke to the fact bylaw changes would need to be made if another state association wanted to join and that with this amendment it provides that latitude for this future possibility.
 - Dale Savage inquired about procedures kept for the addition of state associations into the MPLA association
 - Judy indicated that there are already bylaws written that cover this.
 - Sharon Osenga MOVED to approve the amendments. Jake Rundle SECONDED. Motion PASSED.
- **Financial and Membership Reports**
 - Epperson stated that Judy Zelenski does a fantastic job at maintaining the data for the association and that membership statistics indicate a slight trend of decline but that membership chair, Ellen Fockler is leading efforts to reverse this trend.
 - Tina Walker asked why the executive secretary salary is budgeted in one line and expended in another. Judy indicated that this was a quirk of the Quickbooks program utilized to managed association funds.
 - Jean Hattfield expressed that the Kroger Grocery card program is a good program that in turn benefits the association. Judy indicated that 5% of what is spent using MPLA specific cards comes back to us and that it amounted to \$1800 in 2014.
 - Eileen Wright brought up Amazon Smile and possibility of its success in bringing more funds into the association. The membership showed interest.
 - Hattfield MOVED to approve letting Judy explore and set up an account with Amazon Smile. SECONDED by Soucie. The motion PASSED.
 - Soucie indicated that this would be a great opportunity to contribute further especially for those states that do not have a Kroger chain.

- **Recognition of Current and Outgoing Board members**
 - Epperson expressed her thanks and gratitude for those who served this past year. She recognized them with certificates and Colorado honey.
- **Passing of the gavels**
 - Epperson expressed her gratitude for giving her the chance to serve and that she enjoyed the time. She then passed the MPLA gavels to the new MPLA President Eric Strohane.
- **Remarks from the Incoming President**
 - Strohane thanked Annie for her service and presented an inscribed gavel in appreciation.
 - Strohane expressed his excitement for the plans for the upcoming year.
 - They include:
 - Restructuring of the Leadership Institute committee
 - Strengthening partnerships with State associations
 - Exploring joint memberships
 - Libraries are at a crossroads and working through expansion of relevance
 - Communications is working on piloting an app for the next conference as well as reassessing the Zoom platform in terms of leveraging to the advantage of the association.
 - Utah would like to host the MPLA conference in 2019.
 - 2016 MPLA/CAL conference will be held October 20th – 22nd in Loveland, CO.
 - CO State Rep, Stephen Sweeney expressed the CAL's excitement of the collaboration and looking forward to seeing MPLA there.
- **Introduction of Incoming Board Members**
 - All members present were asked up front for a photo opportunity.
 - If any MPLA member is interested in serving the association they were encouraged to contact Strohane.
- **Final Announcements**
 - Cindy Moore from the Albany County Library got up and stated that they had surplus security DVD cases available (\$8/piece). Dan indicated he'd put a notification up on the website.
 - Jean Hattfield thanked Annie (Jerry) Epperson for their hospitality throughout the conference.
 - Anali Perry noted that Leadership Institute applications are due October 31st 2015. Spread the word.
 - Dale Salvage noted that applications need 2 letters of recommendation. So do not delay in getting started.
 - Strohane asked the Administration committee to stay for a short meeting
- **Adjournment**
 - Strohane called the meeting to a close at 10:10am MST

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Argo
Recording Secretary