

**MPLA General Membership Meeting  
October 17, 2017 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time  
Hard Rock Hotel, Stateline, Nevada**

**Agenda**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

President Coalwell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. PDT. Thirty-five members were in attendance.

**Approve/Amend Agenda**

No amendments suggested. A MOTION was made by Mullin. SECONDED by Sweeney. The agenda was APPROVED.

**Action Items**

**Approve Oct. 21, 2016, General Membership Meeting Minutes**

One correction to Stroshane's name submitted. A MOTION to approve as corrected was made by Sweeney. SECONDED by Clark. The minutes were APPROVED.

**Financial and Membership Reports - Zelenski**

A double-sided financial sheet for the 2016 calendar year was distributed to attendees. Zelenski noted the balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 2016 is holding steady, as it has in past years, hovering around ~80K.

A question was asked about the new author membership category, which indicated zero members for 2016. Zelenski noted the first and only author member registered in 2017.

Coalwell recognized Hemmelman and her predecessors in South Dakota for their successful efforts to recruit members into MPLA and encourage representatives from the other states to attempt to do likewise in order to maintain the health of the organization.

**Remarks from Incoming President & Passing of the Gavel – Coalwell and Epperson**

Coalwell introduced President Elect Leslie Langley, then turned the meeting over to Incoming President Epperson.

Epperson expressed gratitude at being asked to step-in mid-year as in-coming president, emphasizing that she greatly values the organization and is excited to move forward in the direction as outlined in the new strategic plan. One of her first tasks will be to publicize the new strategic plan. She will also work closely in-coming president Langley to plan Kansas' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration conference. These two tasks will be her primary focus for the next year. She thanked Coalwell for his leadership, building on the work started by Stroshane and bringing the strategic plan to completion. Epperson then presented Coalwell with his ceremonial gavel and thanked him for his service the previous year. Coalwell then

passed to Epperson the two gavels held by the current president for use during her term. The copper gavel reads 'August of 1950' and had been passed to MPLA from the Utah organization.

**Announcements**

The awards luncheon will extend into Room C because the main room will not be big enough to serve all attendees. There will be audio to allow the overflow to hear the awards ceremony.

The reception during the evening will be a tripartite reception for the Leadership Institute, new members, and the event known as the 'hot tub roundtable.' It will be held in Coalwell's suite at 8 p.m.

Coalwell invited members to attend the Kansas conference Oct. 23-26 in Wichita. As mentioned previously, this will also be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for MPLA.

**Board Recognition**

The meeting ended with the annual distribution of certificates of appreciation for board members.

**Adjournment**

President Epperson gaveled the meeting to a close at 9 a.m. PST.

The next membership meeting will be held at conference, October 23-26, 2018, joint conference with the Kansas Library Association, Hyatt Wichita

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Johnson, Recording Secretary