President's Board Report Mountain Plains Library Association January 17, 2007 Telephone Conference Call Noon Pacific, 1:00 Mountain, 2:00 Central

With the reorganization complete, MPLA business has slowed down. The Administration Committee has approved a tentative budget that Beth Avery will present to the board at this meeting. Staff contracts for 2007 have been signed. No plans have been made for the 2007 Leadership Institute since we have no secure funding for it yet.

We received enough interest in the Literary Ireland trip to go ahead with plans. I will be firming up the agenda and cost in the next couple of months and prepare a flyer and newsletter article.

Very few nominations have been made for Board Choice Awards. These are due by March 1, 2007.

At the last meeting, the board decided upon having a raffle basket at the MPLA booth at the annual conference. Each state representative is asked to supply something for the basket from their state.

Wayne and I will be sponsoring a reception for current and new board members in my suite at the annual conference. Day and time will be announced at the board meeting just prior to the conference.

Action item: As we discussed at the last board meeting, the Electronic Communities are not working. Carol Hammond has sent a proposal for a working group to review our options. Attached is her proposal for approval.