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President's Report

February 17, 2017

### **MPLA Activities**

- Discussed the possibility of MPLA's supporting ACRL's Diversity Alliance through subsidies for academic libraries willing to join the program. Spoke with Dr. Jon E. Cawthorne, Dean of Libraries at West Virginia University and Chair of the ACRL Diversity Alliance Task Force. He was very supportive of our idea to encourage participation in the minority residency program by academic libraries within our 12-state region by subsidizing the first year's membership. He said he would share the news with Mary Ellen Davis, the ACRL Executive Director.
- Contacted Bryan Heidorn, Director of the School of Information, University of Arizona. Will continue our conversation about discounted tuition for MPLA members later this month.
- RSVP'd to Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson's invitation to attend the Montana Library Association Conference in Billings, March 29-31. Declined due to schedule conflict.
- Completed committee appointments with the addition of Brian Greene, Nominating Committee chair, and Matt Harp, Leadership Institute Committee, Mary Johnson, Leadership Institute Committee.
- Continued work on the MPLA strategic plan development.
- Prepared submissions for the February-March 2017 Newsletter to Melanie Argo.
- Approved bills for payment as presented by Judy and reviewed check registers.
- Attended a meeting of the Administration sub-Committee on February 13.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mickey Coalwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mickey Coalwell