

O-1 President's Report

June 6, 2023

- **Committees**

- Worked on committee appointments, with mixed success. Thanks to everyone who has agreed to serve, or to continue serving! Don't be surprised to see additional requests to fill spots on various committees ahead of our next board meeting.
- Attended meetings of the Communications and Professional Development Committees; worked with the Communications Committee on the rollout of the new MPLA logo

- **MPLA/Utah Library Association joint conference planning**

- Worked with the Administration Committee on agreements for 2024 joint conference in Salt Lake City
 - Researched conference arrangements with ULA from 2020/21, which were unusual in that they included a venue contract cosigned by MPLA, and MPLA ended up withdrawing from the conference
 - With that background in mind, agreed to cosign a venue contract (for the Salt Palace Convention Center) for 2024, and signed it on 4/10
 - Declined to cosign a hotel contract, which would be another departure from MPLA's established practice
 - Signed conference agreement with ULA on 4/13
 - Developed a Memorandum of Understanding with ULA regarding future joint conferences, noting that MPLA enters into agreements directly with member states, and does not sign additional contracts with hotels or venues. MOU fully executed on 4/24
 - On behalf of the Admin Committee, Brenda developed a brief information sheet about joint conferences to be shared with state reps for planning purposes

- **Other conference-related activities**

- Submitted proposals for MPLA-themed lightning sessions at the New Mexico Library Association and Arizona Library Associations conferences in October,

jointly with New Mexico Rep Erin Renee Wahl and Arizona Rep Amber Kent, respectively

- Arranged to distribute MPLA ribbons to members in attendance at ALA in June

- **Newsletter**

- Submitted President's Messages for April/May and June/July issues
- Worked with North Dakota Representative Randi Monley on an interview-style feature for the June/July issue, about censorship and library advocacy efforts in her state

- **Reviewed check requests and financial reports**

- **Attended MPLA Chew & Chats**

Respectfully submitted,

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