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MPLA Vice President/President-Elect  
January 2007 Board Report  
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(The following report was given orally during the 1/17/07 Board meeting, but is submitted late because of the ice storm that my community, McAlester, Oklahoma, experienced January 12th – 14th. Because we had no electricity, I was unable to use my computer until January 22nd.)

The preliminary program and registration issue of the conference newsletter was mailed January 10th. Kudos to Judy Zelenski for all her work and for getting it out on time despite Denver's big snowstorms. The newsletter was up for about 3 weeks on the MPLA website before it was printed and mailed out.

The major concern in recent weeks has been the conference hotel situation. A number of people reported problems trying to make reservations online or through the national 800 number. Calling the hotel directly (505-247-3344) has worked best.

Rooms at the Albuquerque DoubleTree at the original conference rate are reportedly all taken, especially on Friday, March 16th. Another block is available, but at a higher rate. NMLA Local Arrangements Committee members have been making arrangements with other nearby hotels: check the conference web site for the latest details.

At this point, all conference programs seem to be in good shape. I advise getting your registration in as soon as possible, especially if you are wanting to attend any of the luncheons or preconference workshops, because the luncheons have a limited capacity and the workshops need to make their minimum registration quotas or be cancelled.

Pray for favorable weather for the conference.

I am working on committee and electronic community moderator appointments. I am relying heavily on the profiles in MemberClicks. Be sure you have updated your profile (when you renew is a convenient time, but you can do it anytime.) I am also seeking recommendations of members of committees and electronic communities who have performed well and should be considered for appointments. I am also wanting to hear about new members who are wanting to serve.

Note: because of the consolidation of some committees in the restructuring process, a couple of committees have little room for new members this year. New members are needed for the Membership, Awards, and Communications Committees.