

The Program Council works to develop programming for the MPLA conference, held in conjunction with the state association.

Met Feb. 22nd with KLA folks

1. Conference Theme: Diana suggested that once we develop the theme, we

can put together a gift basket for MPLA's upcoming auction based upon that theme.

1. Program Committee: call for proposals, scheduling presentations,

organizing poster sessions, etc.

1. Exhibits: layout, registration, etc.
2. Special Events and Meal Planning: conference events, section

luncheons, State Library, etc.

1. Keynote speakers: inviting, scheduling, negotiating
2. Publicity: website, social media, email
3. Budgeting and costs: hotel, conference facilities, etc.
4. Local arrangements and hosting (I have a list of volunteers)
5. Preconferences and workshops: scheduling, organizing

Here's a report from Mary Ann Thompson, Special Events chair:

I just wanted to give everyone a little info on the MPLA birthday

party. The Wichita Public Library is all set to be our location. They have assigned a couple of people to help with arrangements. They have blocked off Oct. 24 and 25 until we can pick which night it will be. If it is the 24th, I think it would be after the exhibits opening reception. If on the 25th, it would be after the awards reception. I'm open to thoughts on either date. I'm thinking it should run from maybe 8 to 10 pm or 7:30 to 9:30 pm. I have put out a request for photographs from previous MPLA conferences, events, institutes because I am putting together a video/slide show of the last ten years. We have a video of the first 60 years that is really nice, so no need to reinvent. If you have something you think would be good to include, send it to me. thanks.

Annie, George, Laurel and Leslie met on March 2nd.

Conference Program Committee — will meet on 3rd Friday of each Month — Leslie Langley, co-chair, MPLA Vice President, Southeastern Public Library System, Oklahoma — Janelle Mercer, co-chair, KLA, Southwest Kansas Library System — Martha House, KLA/KASL, Council Grove High School — Shanna Smith, KLA Representative to MPLA, Mulvane Public Library — Gloria Creed-Dikeogu, KLA Past President, Ottawa University — Diana Weaver, KLA Treasurer, Basehor Community Library — Brad Carrington, MPLA New Mexico Representative, New Mexico State Library, Santa Fe Special Events Chairs — Patty Collins, KLA, Youth Services, Central Kansas Library System — Mary Ann Thompson, MPLA, Hays KS Officers, Execs, etc. not listed above — George Seamon, KLA President, Northwest Kansas Library System —

Laurel Littrell, KLA 1st Vice President, Kansas State University — Judy Zeleneski, MPLA Executive Secretary, Colorado