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VP/President-Elect Report

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March 2018

1. Planning for the 2018 is finally underway. The Program Committee met for the first time via Zoom on February 22. KLA is in a transitional phase and wholeheartedly welcomed the MPLA committee to be a fully involved. The Conference will be held October 24 – 26. KLA offers half day pre-conferences on the first day and the full conference will begin shortly after noon on that first day so we will be participating in a 2.5 day full conference as opposed to a full 2 day conference. Members of the Planning Committee are in the following report.
2. A tentative planning timeline was introduced at the meeting but that will be firmed up at the March 16 meeting and presented to you when we have it.
3. Annie, George and Laurel (KLA) and I met on March 2 to discuss the proposed budget. KLA proposed a tentative conference budget and once firmed will be presented to the MPLA Board for approval.
4. The proposed conference theme is: *Ad Astra... together, from the Mountains to the Plains!*

Brad Carrington, MPLA NM representative created an in-depth report of the joint MPLA/KLA February 22 meeting as follows:

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

Met Feb. 22nd with KLA folks:

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.

Program Committee: call for proposals, scheduling presentations, organizing poster sessions, etc.

Exhibits: layout, registration, etc.

Special Events and Meal Planning: conference events, section Luncheons, State Library, etc.

Keynote speakers: inviting, scheduling, negotiating

Publicity: website, social media, email

Budgeting and costs: hotel, conference facilities, etc.

Local arrangements and hosting (I have a list of volunteers)

Preconference's 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

The conference budget info coming soon