

MPLA Technical Services Section Report

October 21, 2004

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Annual report of Technical Services Section Activities:

- November 8, 2003 - I attended the board meeting at Lake Tahoe and received board orientation
- November-December 2003 - I participated in the trial of the Memberclicks software and recommended adoption
- December 2003 - I responded to the ALA ALCTS CRG (Council of Regional Groups) Affiliate Relations Program's web survey of workshops and continuing education programs offered by affiliate groups during the period January 2002 to July 2003
- January 24, 2004 - I attended the board meeting at Las Vegas (section report available on the MPLA website)
- May 2004 - With Dustin Larmore (chair-elect of the section), I solicited nominations for incoming chair-elect of the section. Michael Kim, from Oklahoma State University, agreed to run for the position.
- July 2004 - I participated in the MPLA long range planning meeting in Denver.
- July 24, 2004 - I attended the board meeting in Denver (section report available on the MPLA website)
- August 2004 - I submitted the Technical Service Board Choice Award Nomination: Mark Jacobs, Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Wyoming Libraries
- October 2004 - No programs are being sponsored by the Technical Services Section at the CAL/MPLA Joint Conference at the Denver Tech Center. The issue of programming for the section will be on the agenda for the section meeting, which will be held on Saturday, October 23, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Humboldt Room.

I had two major goals for my term as section chair. One was to resolve the issue of the section by-laws. I was able to determine that the revised by-laws were approved in 2002. The revisions have been incorporated into the Manual of Procedure.

The other goal was to try to improve the participation of Technical Services Section members in the activities of the section. I had intended to use Memberclicks to survey the members in an effort to find out why they do not attend the annual conferences and what would make them more likely to attend. However, my attempts to make contact with the members using the new software were only partially successful, and I did not conduct this survey. This topic will also be discussed at the section meeting on Saturday afternoon.