

## 2014 MPLA LI Coordinator Report for March 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### **Participants:**

\*Just recently, one of the North Dakota finalists (Alyssa Feik) regretfully had to rescind her acceptance. Judy processed a refund for her registration. I sent an invitation on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to Arizona applicant, Maria Mucino to fill the slot. She has until Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to respond. I will follow up the email I sent with a phone call on March 6<sup>th</sup> to reiterate our invitation and to answer any questions she may have. Out of 63 applicants, the following 30 finalists were chosen and have accepted our invitations to participate in the 2014 Institute:

- Arizona: Erin MacFarlan, Dale Savage, Deborah Chavez
- Colorado: Annie Epperson, Laura Ruttum Senturia, Nicanor Diaz, Stephen Sweeney
- Kansas: Maribeth Turner, Jennifer Schroeder, Jon Guillian
- Montana: Lauren McMullen
- North Dakota: Alyssa Feik\*, Janet Anderson
- Nebraska: Tina Walker, Jake Rundle, Holli Duggen, Jayne Germer
- Nevada: Ann-Marie White, Sena Loyd
- New Mexico: Cristin Haake
- Oklahoma: Tim Miller
- South Dakota: Brenda Hemmelman, Mary Francis, Melissa Clark
- Utah: Elizabeth Smart, Jennifer St. Clair, Lyndi Hatch, Elizabeth Woolcott
- Wyoming: Darcy Acord, Cheryl Goldenstein

There is a relatively even mix of public/state and academic/special library workers amongst the participants.

Just a few participants have yet to pay their registration, the deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>. Judy is watching memberships as well to make sure that renewals come through for those that are paying MPLA member rates for the Institute.

Judy set up a listserv for participants, mentors, coordinator and facilitator in order to begin conversations, ask questions, and introduce one another. Many participants have already taken the opportunity to introduce themselves and their excited anticipation is apparent.

### **Mentors and Curriculum:**

2014 LI mentors include Dana Braccia, Dan Chaney, Eric Norris, and Holly Phillips

After much deliberation, Wendy Wendt stepped down as a mentor due to a scheduling conflict. We do hope that she will be able to serve as a mentor at the next Institute. Eric Norris was invited to fill this slot and has accepted.

The agenda is in draft form and I continue to work with Maureen and our mentors to finalize content. Innovated Interfaces was promised 30 minutes of time to talk to/with the participants. They will need to do so early in the week due to their schedule. Maureen is working with their representative to coordinate time early in the week.

Thursday's content is relatively open for content right now. I will be working with our mentors to fill this time.

We continue to attempt to schedule a conference call that includes all mentors, me, and Maureen. Until then, some of this is/will be handled via email. We did manage to hold one discussion via conference

call, but 2 people were unable to join. Regardless, some questions were answered and conversations begun – thank you Judy, for your help with this.

**Supplies and Logistics:**

I have ordered some supplies and (relatively) nonperishable refreshments to begin planning those pieces. I have also been in touch with the YMCA regarding logistics – transportation, maps, equipment availability, and room assignments. Much more will come together during the following weeks.

**Next steps:**

- Send photos and biographical summaries to Dan for website (still missing a few photos, but we'll get this going anyway)
- Send mentor details to Abby for inclusion in the next MPLA newsletter
- Run call for sponsorships and donations once more via newsletter and listservs
- Finalize agenda
- Begin gathering & printing materials for participant binders
- Send roommate assignments to YMCA
- Try to arrange direct transportation to our sleeping lodges from DIA (currently, the Denver International Airport shuttle only drops off at the main YMCA lodge, then guests have to walk from there outside – with their luggage—regardless of weather). If all else fails, I will personally transport attendees this impactful, yet relatively short distance. I plan to arrive at the YMCA venue Saturday evening or first thing Sunday morning to ensure everything is in place and to be available to participants all day Sunday.

It is coming together and fast-approaching! Again, I thank Judy for her guidance, insight and willingness to address my questions. Thanks also goes to you, MPLA board members, for help with spreading the word and offering recommendations regarding applicants, mentors, and sponsorships.

Respectfully submitted,  
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