Newsletter Editor Report Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson (Helena, MT) Oct. 21, 2004

My apologies for not being to attend the Colorado conference and board meetings. I have some personal obligations which require me to be in Helena at that time.

The deadline for the November/December issue of the MPLA newsletter is Nov. 1, 2004. I usually send out a deadline reminder approximately two weeks prior to the deadline. But please take note I am more than happy to take news/articles early, as the deadline is always the first of every other month. We have now gone through all twelve MPLA states as "featured states" in each newsletter. It has been suggested that we start over again with the featured states. Accordingly, Joe and I will be working on a list of featured states for future newsletters, which we hope to implement for the Nov./Dec. issue or the following one.

The Sept./Oct. issue of the newsletter contains the MPLA award winners, last minutes news on the MPLA Leadership Institute, election results, a call for committee members from Beth Avery, some key personnel changes in various states, and a special section on board choice awards.

In future issues of the newsletter, I hope to include some articles from those who have been granted professional development grants. I would also like to feature MPLA sections and committees, as they don't seem to get enough exposure.

If anyone has any ideas for new features or columns for the newsletter, please let me know! Any and all ideas appreciated. Thanks!