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I'm still working on converting the Board Reports Archive to PDF format, but nowhere near complete on that particular project. As you might imagine, it's an extremely labor intensive process.

Joe Edelen has contacted me about his "old" paper files of MPLA Board Reports (which predate the time when reports were submitted electronically.) Joe said he might be able to digitize those reports. I told him I would be glad to add that content to the Board Reports Archive, not that we have a big need to have an extensive collection of old reports. Joe seemed to indicate that he could have these reports scanned as PDF, but as yet, I have not received any of them.

Joe has, however, been sending me what I'm going to call a "document dump" – about 200 or so older MPLA reports in MS Word and WordPerfect format. These have all been added to the Archive. Largely these are board reports from 1998 and 1999, which were not already a part of the electronic archive. There was quite a few reports from Joe which were minutes of the Professional Development Grant committee, which I did not post as they seemed sensitive in nature. I know we can post/publicize grant applications, but the committee minutes I was not sure about. If anyone has any thoughts pro or con, please let me know.

Joe also discovered and converted to PDF a library school graduate report titled *A Study of the Mountain-Plains Library Association Quarterly through the Method of Content Analysis for the Years 1956 Through 1971*, authored by Sheila D. Joseph in March 1974. It's interesting, simply from the standpoint of being the history of the Association and the (now) MPLA Newsletter. I have not posted it as yet, but I will. It will be found under the Documents and Publications link on the homepage.

Respectfully submitted,

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