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The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) Board met on Friday, October 5th. The <u>AzLA Conference</u> is just around the corner in November, from the 8th to the 10th, at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix. The Association is trying a new approach this year in not having exhibits. There will be a spot for the MPLA presence, and we have an informal MPLA lunch scheduled for Friday, so people can meet and talk about the Association.

AzLA Vice-President/President-Elect Tom Wilding, has held a series of meetings across the state and online to get an idea of what AzLA members want out of the Association and to get working on a plan to make it happen. Some of the top issues include:

- Professional Development
- Marketing
- Bylaws Revisions

(Editorial comment: Times are tough out there, are there ways of stepping up MPLA collaboration with state associations?)

As it so happens, Tom will be attending conference in my place. I know that the Board and all MPLA attendees will show Tom why MPLA is so special. (I've already told him to bring a bathing suit for the HTRT!)

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