

MPLA Board Report
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MPLA Activities

- The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) Conference Committee has been working with *Amigos* on securing contracts for both the 2013 and 2014 Annual Conferences at the same facility, looking to get better rates.
 - MPLA is partnering with AzLA in 2014, and because the process is beginning earlier than usual (1 year), I have been involved in some of the discussions related to 2014.
 - We are looking at the [Radisson Ft. McDowell](#) on the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation, with tentative dates being November 12-14, 2014. That's a Wednesday through Friday. We were here a couple of years ago and it's a beautiful setting with a Casino. While the hotel does not offer transportation, there are Super Shuttles and I will look into other transportation options. One other thing with the Phoenix metro area, we have Sky Harbor Airport which flies the big airlines, but we also have Phoenix/Mesa Gateway Airport which flies smaller airlines including Allegiant.
- Publicized 2013 Tri-Conference in January/February [AzLA Newsletter](#).
- Submitted article about MPLA Grants for the March/April Newsletter.
- The AzLA Executive Board continues to review proposed Bylaws changes.

Arizona News

- The Arizona Library Association invites all library and information professionals to submit program proposals for the AzLA Annual Conference, to be held November 13-15, 2013 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Conference Center in Scottsdale/Fountain Hills.
 - This year's theme is "Libraries in the eSociety." We are seeking programs that address ways libraries can and have worked to meet the needs of an increasingly Web-based society.
 - **April 26, 2013** is the deadline for proposals for the half-day preconference sessions and for 60-minute program sessions.
 - **May 24, 2013** is the deadline for proposals for 60-minute poster and roundtable sessions, and for tightly-focused 15-minute blitz sessions.
 - For more information, please visit the AzLA website, [Call for Proposals](#).

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