

ST-2 January 2013 MPLA Board Report
Respectfully submitted by Tiffanie Wick

Colorado News

Previous CLiC Executive Director, Valerie Horton has moved on and Jim Duncan has accepted the position of Executive Director for the Colorado Library Consortium.

Legislative Updates

TBD COLORADO

Top priorities from the various meetings around the state were funding K-12 and Higher Education. Funding for health care and Medicaid were also high on the list. Merit Pay for state staff was also noted. There was, however, no mention of expanding Medicaid.

COLORADO COMPETES

On December 7th, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education formally adopted “Colorado Competes”, the statewide master plan for higher education. A copy of the master plan is available on the Department of Higher Education’s website at:

<http://highered.colorado.gov/MasterPlan/>

The performance contracts will establish transparent benchmarks to gauge how Colorado public institutions of higher education are performing in meeting the needs of the state and will be the basis for future performance funding from the state. Each governing board has its own strategic plan for its respective institutions which is specifically designed to address its needs. Statewide goals adopted in the master plan include:

- Increase the attainment of high-quality postsecondary credentials by at least 1,000 new certificates and degrees each year with a target of reaching 66 percent postsecondary credential attainment for Colorado citizens aged 25-34 by 2025.
- Improve student success through better outcomes in basic skills education, enhanced student support services and reduced average time to credential for all students.
- Reduce attainment gaps among students from underserved communities to ensure that the system reflects the changing demographics of the state.
- Developing resources through increases in state funding, which will allow public institutions of higher education to meet projected enrollment demands while promoting affordability, accessibility and efficiency.

Colorado Library Association Updates

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES (CoALA)

The Spring Workshops are being organized. Three sites have been confirmed and specific dates are pending.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (CoPLA)

Conferences are being planned. There is speculation on a focus on resource sharing for rural libraries. The conference will be held virtually.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES (CASL)

A *Literacy through Libraries* brochure and [Survive and Thrive](#) website has been created. The focus is on communicating with school board members and legislators.

2013 CALCON

The 2013 CAL Conference's theme is *Full Steam Ahead* and will be held in Loveland, CO.