

**ST-2 January 2015 MPLA Board Report**  
**Respectfully submitted by Stephen Sweeney**

## **MPLA Activities**

- Designated a proxy for the AzLA/MPLA conference and November 14th Executive Board meeting
- Participated in the MPLA meeting on December 3th via GoToMeeting
- Attended the December 9th Strategy Meeting of the Board
- Identified Colorado MPLA members who might be interested in the recording secretary position
- Read all State and MPLA Board Reports
- Submitted MPLA news to the Colorado Association of Libraries Newsletter
- Some Nominating Committee work, more forthcoming

## **Colorado Activities**

- Conference Committee is in need of a co-chair, to serve as Chair of the 2016 CAL/MPLA Conference. Calls have been announced.
- New Professionals Interest Group hosting a Hiring Workshop on Saturday, February 7
- Children and Teen Services Division to host a Winter Workshop on Friday, January 16
- Next CAL Board meeting Friday, February 13

## **Legislative Updates**

- From Colorado's State Librarian: FYI from IMLS. This means LSTA is basically flat-funded in the next FY. The \$1M additional will offset moving costs of the IMLS office so they won't have to pull from grant funds.
  - Yesterday, President Barack Obama signed into law a \$1.1 trillion spending bill to fund the federal government through the end of September 2015. The legislation includes \$227,860,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is \$1,000,000 above FY 2014 funding. The additional funds will assist with the agency's planned relocation for the coming year.
  - The total amount appropriated for libraries, which is through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), is \$180,909,000. The total for the Office of Museum Services is \$30,131,000.
- The Bell Policy Center has a good infographic, also available as a set of PowerPoint Slides of "Colorado's Fiscal Challenges in 12 Charts." You can find it at <http://bellpolicy.org/content/12-charts>