

## COLORADO

### ST-2 January 2020 MPLA Board Report

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### MPLA Activities

- Will have reviewed reports submitted for the March 20, 2020 meeting.
- Monitored MPLA email account.
- Requested and created MPLA Newsletter Content.
- Promoted MPLA Leadership Institute as a final push before the new deadline.
- Reviewed Colorado candidates for the Leadership Institute. The CAL president was unable to participate as a member of the review committee, however, both Stephen Sweeney and Annie Epperson were willing to help with the process. Huge thanks to them both!
- Contacted 2019 MPLA members who did not renew for 2020. The contact email both shared the renewal link for those who forgot and asked for information about their decision if they purposely let their membership lapse.
  - One responded that they couldn't afford renewing ALA, CAL, and MPLA and decided to let MPLA lapse while committee commitments required the other renewals. When asked if a mid-year renewal date would make a difference, the thought was "yes" as money seems less limited at that time of the year. While this is the response of one person, it might be worth further investigation.
- Attended the Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Committee meeting. Drafted proposed action for committee review.

### Colorado Activities

- The CAL Board met on February 14, 2020.
  - The Board approved changing the CAL awards
  - The Board discussed the SCOE report from ALA and whether to take a stance. The Board is asking that someone from SCOE to attend the March meeting to talk more about the proposal.
- The restructured CAL Board has been seated. The Board voted to have provisional authority to work under the proposed revised Bylaws, Policies and Procedures until there is a formal vote of the membership during the 2020 annual election.
- Participated in the CAL Legislative Committee Meeting 01/03/2020.
- The CAL Board canceled the March 13, 2020 meeting due to half of the members needing to miss the meeting as their libraries determine how to respond to COVID-19.



### Legislative Updates

- The Colorado Legislative's Second General Session convened on January 8, 2020.
- There is a Senate Bill proposing a state-wide effort to partner with local organizations to make the Dolly Parton Imagination Library available to all children ages 0 to 5 years in the state. The concept is that the State would pay half of the \$30 per child and local organizations would cover the other half. Funding and sustainability makes this goal a challenge.
- As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Colorado Legislature is in the process of confirming that they can complete their 120-day legislative session using non-consecutive weeks in order to adjust their schedule if there is a need to shutdown due to COVID-19.

