

COLORADO

ST-2 January 2020 MPLA Board Report

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MPLA Activities

- Will have reviewed reports submitted before the September 21, 2020 meeting.
- Monitored MPLA email account.
- Requested and created MPLA Newsletter Content.
- Informed the CAL Board about the decision for the Leadership Institute.
- Attended the June 12th and August 7th Professional Development Committee meetings.

Colorado Activities



- In April, the CAL Board approved a statement on protecting library staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On Saturday May 16th, I hosted a CAL Zoom conversation space to provide membership a chance to talk with a CAL leadership member about coffee, tea, COVID-19, and library issues. A number of chats were offered in the spring, each hosted by a different leadership member.
- The CAL Board met on Friday, June 26, 2020.
 - The Board approved changing 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 CAL Board met on Friday, July 10, 2020.
 - The 2020 CAL elections will include electing the MPLA Liaison. I have offered to run for the position to serve a full term. The election will also ask membership to formally approve the revised bylaws, policies and procedures that were adapted for the restructured organization.
- The CAL Board met on Friday, August 14, 2020.
 - CALCON attendance with a discounted rate of \$175 was offered to MPLA States that had to cancel their conference and didn't replace it with a digital option.
 - CAL's Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Conference, **Power at Play**, held on Friday, July 17th, was a success with a total of 193 registrations. CAL's hope was for at least 50 attendees. The CAL Board is considering whether this should become an annual event.
- CALCON 2020 – September 10th through 12th
 - The 2020 Annual CAL Conference (CALCON) was virtual using [map-dynamics](#) and Zoom meeting rooms.
 - The changes to the CAL Awards have been a successful with most award categories receiving multiple nominations.

Legislative Updates



- Participated in the CAL Legislative Committee Meetings on April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th. The committee will be on hiatus July through September.
- As approved by the Courts in March, the Legislative Session shutdown temporarily to slow the COVID-19 infection rate. As a result, the second session of the 72nd General Assembly didn't adjourn until June 15th. The first session of the 73rd General Assembly will convene on January 13, 2021.
- The Colorado Senate passed a bill for a state-wide program to make the Dolly Parton Imagination Library available to all children ages 0 to 5 years. The program will be based on State funding provided based on available appropriations and partnerships with local organizations. The Governor signed it on Friday, July 10th.
- The Legislature has proposed a 2020 ballot item to repeal the Gallagher Amendment which limits the property tax assessment on residential buildings. Due to the population growth exceeding the number of new businesses, the assessed tax is currently about 7% - a decrease from about 22% in 1985 when the amendment was added to the Colorado Constitution. For 2021, the assessed value for homes will drop to about 5%. Due to public and school library reliance on property taxes for funding, the CAL Board approved a resolution in support of the ballot initiative.