

ST-5 - Nebraska State Report

MPLA Board Meeting

August 3, 2022



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MPLA Activities

- Shared MPLA news and announcements with the NLA Executive Board
- Re-reached out to lapsed members to encourage membership renewal
- Worked with Current NLA President, Emily Nimsakont, and MPLA Exec to coordinate invitation for MPLA to hold joint conference in 2026 (see letter below)

NLA Activities

- Attended NLA Advocacy/Legislative Committee meetings
- Attended NLA Board Meetings
- Attended NLA Third Thursday Chats

NLA News

- Golden Sower (Statewide Childrens Literature Award) issues have been legally resolved (will include complete synopsis once cleared by counsel)
- NLA Conference for Oct 2022 – Kearney, NE. Event will be primarily one day (10/06) with hybrid content being offered. Pre-sessions will be held 10/05.

Legislative Updates

- None

NLA Invitation for 2026

Dear Ms. Hemmelman:

My name is Emily Nimsakont, and I am the current president of the Nebraska Library Association. I am writing to invite the Mountain Plains Library Association to hold its conference jointly with the Nebraska Library Association conference in 2026.

NLA's conference is held in the fall each year, traditionally in the first half of October. In order to accommodate the larger number of attendees and access to an airport, if you accept our invitation, we will hold this conference in the Omaha metropolitan area.

I have copied NLA's Executive Director, Ginger Jelinek, and our MPLA Representative, Michael Straatmann, on this email. All of us, along with the other NLA officers, would be honored to co-host the conference with MPLA, as it is a fantastic opportunity to bring out-of-state colleagues to Nebraska. Please let me know if you need any additional information from me in order to consider this invitation.

Sincerely,

Emily Nimsakont