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MPLA Board Report April 2012  
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The Utah Library Association Annual Conference was April 25-27th at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. It is the centennial year for ULA so the biggest event was the Centennial Gala which was held Thursday night at the SLC Hilton, the location of the joint MPLA-ULA conference a few years ago. I missed the Gala but it sounded like everyone had fun. Governor Herbert attended and spoke for a half hour. Many past Presidents and other officers attended and a video was shown spotlighting ULA and libraries.

Incoming MPLA President JaNae Kinikin spent most of the day Thursday at the MPLA booth. New MPLA representative Chris Lake also helped out that day, as I was unable to man the booth that day. We had about 20 people apply for the free membership. Former MPLA board member Betty Dance pulled 20 of those names from the bag at the end of the conference. Those people have been notified, and seem pleased and several of them told me that they are excited to be members of MPLA.

Two pre-conferences were sponsored by a MPLA grant. They were very well received and MPLA was recognized as the sponsor of these programs.

The newly elected ULA officers were announced. Chris Lake has taken my place as the the new MPLA Representative. Adriane Juarez has begun her year as President of ULA. She is a Co-Chair of the MPLA Leadership Institute.

I wrote my last article for the latest ULA newsletter as MPLA rep. I invited the members to stop by the booth and mentioned that JaNae and Chris would be helping with the booth, as well as other MPLA members and encouraged them to fill out the forms. I also plugged the Leadership Institute, grants and the next MPLA conference

The plans for the pizza party that is a result of the MPLA membership drive were finalized. I will violate the space/time continuum and tell you that the party was held yesterday. It sounds like everyone had fun, but unfortunately neither myself nor Steve Decker were able to attend or make a speech on the phone. I'm sure the guys at SUU enjoyed the pizza.

I've enjoyed my years on the Board and will miss you guys. Thanks for making me feel so welcome. I've learned a lot about leadership from you. Wayne was a terrific mentor, and Judy was very patient with my lack of technology skills.

Have fun in Colorado!

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