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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SECTION REPORT
NOVEMBER 5, 2003

MPLA/Nevada Joint Conference, Nov. 5-8, 2003

A preconference on the GPO Access database and 2 programs were proposed for the Nevada conference in October 2003. Only one was approved, "The Future of Government Information," is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2003, 9-11 a.m., with Judy Russell, newly appointed Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, speaking on permanent public access, digitization, partnerships and recent developments at GPO. A panel of 3 librarians: Duncan Aldrich, Univ. of Nevada, Reno; Patrick Ragains, Univ. of Nevada, Reno; and Susie Skarl, Univ. Nevada, Las Vegas, will provide the depository library perspective.

Bruce James, Public Printer, U.S. Government Printing Office, will be at the conference for the President's Dinner on Friday night and at the MPLA Board meeting on Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m., at his request.

GPO has made arrangements with Patrick Ragains, at the Univ. of Nevada, Reno, Getchell Library Computer Lab, to host the GPO Access Workshop on Wednesday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. This free workshop will provide hands-on training in search strategies for the many databases of GPO Access, such as the Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, Congressional publications, laws, finding aids, Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids, and STAT-USA. This will offer some exposure to STAT-USA since the program request was turned down.

Officers

Venice Beske, Wyoming State Library, will assume the office of Chair at the end of the conference. Ara Anderson, Campbell County Public Library, Gillette, WY, will be Chair-Elect.

Conference 2004 Planning will begin at the Business Meeting on Friday, Nov. 7, 8:00 a.m.

By-Laws

Revised by-laws have been drafted by the GOVDOC Chair and Chair-Elect, with input from Dana Boden, Bylaws Committee Chair, and approval of Jean Hatfield, MPLA President, to cover resignations in more detail. The wording (excerpted) has been changed to read as follows and will be voted on by the section members present at the business meeting on Friday, November 7, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

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Article IV. Officers.

Section 3. Duties of the Officers

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section, serve as Chair of the Program Committee for the Annual MPLA Conference program, appoint subcommittees as necessary, submit an annual report to the MPLA Executive Secretary, and attend meetings of the MPLA Board as a full voting member.

The Chair-Elect shall assist the Chair, solicit nominations, and assume the duties of the Chair of the Section in the absence *or resignation* of the Chair.

SECTION 4. RESIGNATIONS

IF THE CHAIR RESIGNS, THE CHAIR-ELECT SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM, IN ADDITION TO HIS/HER FULL TERM.

SHOULD THE CHAIR ELECT RESIGN DURING HIS/HER TERM, THE CHAIR SHALL

1. APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION OR
2. FOLLOWING THE NEXT ELECTION, APPOINT THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIR-ELECT AS CHAIR, OR
3. SERVE ANOTHER TERM AS CHAIR

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