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New Mexico Representative MPLA Board Report

- MPLA Gift Basket – The raffled gift basket from the joint conference in March was won by Karen Villanueva from Albuquerque. She was a vendor at the conference (Karen Villanueva Author Services with the New Mexico Book Association). Thank you to all MPLA State Reps for the wonderful and many donations!
- State Library – Richard Akeroyd resigned from the New Mexico State Library on April 23rd. Joy Poole (Deputy State Librarian) is current acting State Librarian.
- New Mexico Library Association Elections – The winners are: Cassandra Osterloh – Vice President/President Elect, Joe Becker – Treasurer, Laurie Treat - Member at Large, Paulita Aguilar – Member at Large, and Betty Long - ALA Counselor.
- New Mexico Legislation – The Rural Library Development Fund was established in the 2007 legislative session. While the fund was established, no monies were allocated to the fund. Funding will occur in coming years, through the state's annual budget process. The Fund will support New Mexico's public libraries. The Fund will provide grants-in-aid to existing rural libraries for collections and services, provide resources to plan and establish new rural libraries, and improve access to library materials and technology for rural citizens. The bill, as it was presented this year, requests \$2 million annually.

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