

South Dakota Report  
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The SDLA conference was held in Spearfish, SD October 6-7, 2011. Preconference was held October 5, 2011. During the preconference the South Dakota Library Network held several meetings. During the SDLN Advisory Council meeting approval was given to do a request for proposals for a new integrated library system.

MPLA President Dana Braccia was the keynote speaker the first day of the conference. She also helped build interest in MPLA by talking with everyone that would stand still.

Ten people's names were drawn for the free MPLA memberships during the SDLA general membership meeting. Twenty-one other names were sent to Judy for follow up contact. One new membership was collected during the conference.

The contest between the states to see which can increase its membership percentage the most is going well, but we need to remove the ten free memberships from all the states that have conferences during the contest to be fair.

Flyers about the leadership institute were inserted in the conference bags and available at the MPLA table as well as being on the SDLA website. A number of people were contacted individually during the conference and encouraged to apply for the institute.

SDLA is beginning the process to update its long range plan. A consultant has been hired and will be working with the association over the next few months.