

MMEA and SMCCA Conferences

Julia Platt handled the MMEA conference while I was in Mexico. It was 3 long days I am sure. She had a busy day on January 24 and handed out many Grant Applications. She also had one person ask for an Associate membership. Many told her they were being notified by MSTA and NEA about issues. She referred them to their local MRTA and most knew someone. She also spoke to over 20 "soon to be retired" and gave them packets, etc. She spoke with over 20 retirees and they were all members so she reminded them of Legislative Day. Most not attending but she encouraged them to contact their representatives. Side note-no electricity Thursday but were under a generator light. It was pretty cold as the transformer was out. Many in the dark. Never let it be said that we are right there with postmen and neither rain sleet or snow.... or freezing cold inside a building will keep us from telling our story. Julia is a blessing and is always eager to help.

SMCCA I did this conference as it was a testing/curriculum workshop. There were only 3 vendors and hours were 3-9 Sunday night. They did serve a nice dinner and then a guest speaker until 7:00. The attendees then had a social hour from 7:30-9:00. We were in the room where they were visiting. I had a few stop by and want information. Gave them grant information and I did get one Associate Membership. This conference was right across the road from my house so would do it again. I visited with the organizer and said maybe next time a brief message at dinner that we had information. She said they were supposed to do it after the speaker. She also said they could give us a break on cost as we were tax exempt. Since it is so close and not much expense, I will do it again. One new member is one new member.

Upcoming Conferences in March:
MAESP, MASSP, MASL and MASA Busy month

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