Welcome
Cathy Howser welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced the officers:
Cathy Howser (AR), President
Bonnie Kunzel (NJ), President-Elect
Barb Huntington (WI), Past President
Jan Wall (ID), Treasurer
Julie Linneman (KS), Secretary

She also introduced the representatives from the Administrative Service Agency:
Karen Day (ASA)
Barb Shultz (ASA)

Cathy then introduced the Executive Board:
Julie Tomlianovich (KS), Children’s Manual Committee Chair
Kim Patton (KS), Young Adult Manual Committee Chair
Jan Wall (ID), Budget and Finance Committee Chair
Stephanie Stokes (CA), Marketing and Public Relations Committee Chair
Karen Drevo (NE), Vendor Relations Committee Chair
Ruth Metcalf (OH), Technology Committee Chair (Website)
Sally Snyder (NE), Nominating Committee Chair (ad hoc committee)
Bonnie Kunzel (NJ), Local Arrangements Committee Chair (ad hoc committee)
Patricia Froehlich (CO), Diversity Group (not a committee)

Julia Meredith (MI), the Membership Committee Chair was unable to be at the Annual Meeting.

Everyone was encouraged to join a committee and attend one of the committee meetings this morning.

Cathy Howser (AR) explained that first time attendees were wearing orange stickers on their nametags, and everyone was encouraged to get to know them.

History of CSLP for New Members
Karen Day (ASA) presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the development of CSLP over the years. It began in 1987 with 10 Minnesota regional library systems. The reasons for groups joining CSLP are:
- High quality program
- Exclusive summer reading program for member states
- Purchasing power for promotional materials
- High quality program materials
- Reduced workload for individual agencies
- Program materials arrive early for planning
- Uniform theme nationwide
- An opportunity to meet counterparts across the country

How CSLP works:
- Membership is open to state, regional or county library organizations
- Two-year minimum commitment
- The members determine the program theme
- Discussions with the vendor to plan artwork, manuals, incentives
- Evaluation of the proposed artwork
- Evaluation of the proposed reading incentives

Timetable
- April : Annual Meeting
- June : Submit bulk state manual orders for the following program year
- Sept/Oct : Manuals and incentive forms shipped
- Late Nov : Begin to order incentives from vendor
- March : Incentives ship from vendor

Members are encouraged to order printed materials as early as possible in order to get earliest shipments.

Weighted Voting System
- The weighted system is based on dues
- Dues are $65 plus $2 per public library in the state/region
- Members receive one vote per $100 in dues – dues are always rounded to the next highest hundred
- Weighted votes are used for program issues, such as incentives and themes
- Administrative issues are decided using one vote per state
- Example of weighted vote:
  - Iowa has 560 libraries and branches
  - $65 base price
  - 560 x $2 per library = $1120
  - Total dues = $1185
  - Round up to 1200
  - Divide by 100
  - Iowa receives 12 votes

Committees
- Children’s Manual Committee
- Young Adult (YA) Manual Committee
- Vendor Relations Committee – plans incentives
- Membership Committee (formerly Organizational Study Committee)
- Marketing and PR Committee
- Technology Committee – oversees website
- Budget and Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee

CSLP Discussion Lists
- CSLP : all members interested in communications of the entire group, along with key people in every member state
- State Representative List : just for official state representatives, one per state, for information to be distributed throughout their states, administrative matters, manual shipping information
- Multiple committee lists : each committee has its own list for internal communication

Administrative Service Agency
- North Central Library Service Agency
  22 N. Georgia, Suite 208
  Mason City, IA  50401-3435
  (866) 657-8556 (toll free)
The presentation was concluded with a map showing the current view of member states (blue), partial state members (pink), new states, and non-member states. The five new states will be:

- Vermont
- New York
- West Virginia
- South Carolina
- Alabama

No representative from West Virginia was able to attend the Annual Meeting.

Cathy Howser then made announcements about the facility and the meeting schedule.

All attendees were then invited to introduce themselves:

- Alaska – Sue Sherif, Candy Kopperud, and Sandra Strandmann
- Arkansas – Ruth Hyatt, Kay Taylor, Mary Furlough, and Cathy Howser
- Arizona – Holly Henley
- California – Penny Peck, Danis Kreimeier, and Stephanie Stokes
- Colorado – Patricia Froehlich
- Connecticut – Linda Williams
- Delaware – Patty Langley and Kay Bowes
- Florida – Karen Correa
- Idaho – Karen Yother and Jan Wall
- Illinois – Sherry Dawn-Bedford
- Iowa – Mary Cameron, Tami Chumbley-Finley and Jerri Heid
- Kansas – Kim Patton, Marquita Boehnke, Julie Tomlianovich & Julie Linneman
- Kentucky – Carol Baughman and Nikole Wolf
- Michigan – Deb Bacon-Ziegler and Monica Harris-Brooks
- Missouri – Nancee Dahms-Stinson
- Montana – Ginny Cowen and Cindy Christin
- Nebraska – Sally Snyder, Beth Truppp, and Karen Drevo
- Nevada – Cory King
- New Jersey – Susan Fichtelberg, Pat Obst, Dawn McClendon, Mary Pritting, and Bonnie Kunzel
- New York – Ann Simon and Sandra Payne
- North Carolina – Margaret Miles
- North Dakota – Teri Wilhelm
- Oklahoma – Jennifer Finely
- Ohio – Ruth Metcalf and Laura Lee Wilson
- Oregon – Mary Kay Dahlgren and Karen Fischer
- Pennsylvania – Laureen Maloney, Catherine Stewart and Susan Pannebaker
- Rhode Island – Susan Lepore and Melody Allen
- South Carolina – Ellen Stringer and Jane Connor
- South Dakota – Jasmine Rousey
- Utah – Caroline Corry and Sarah Pitkin
- Vermont – Grace Greene and Hannah Peacock
- Washington – Martha Shinners
- Wisconsin – Rhonda Puntney and Barb Huntington
- Wyoming – Sue Knesel, Tracy Kinnaman, and Shari Haskins
- Administrative Service Agency – Karen Day and Barb Shultz

The meeting was then adjourned, to be followed by committee meetings.