



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## **MLA BOARD REPORTS**

Office held/Chair of: Director at Large – East & West

Reported By: Gavin J. Woltjer & Anne Kish

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### **Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:**

Gavin Woltjer and Anne Kish are continue to plan to investigate was of creating membership benefits to help with membership recruitment. One example of these benefits is to offer assistance with technical writing for members looking to revamp resumes, cover letters, etc.

Woltjer wrote an article about the importance of paraprofessionals for the Focus newsletter in hopes of soliciting interest with these individuals within their library, state organizations, and MLA.

Kish and Woltjer wrote an article for the FOCUS newsletter informing the membership of the MLA Board's resolution to support the state library commission's strategic framework. MLA and the state library will work closely to advocate for libraries in the upcoming legislative session, and many MLA members will be called upon to provide data, ideas, testimony, etc. MLA members will be ready for the calls to action.

Action stills needs to be done concerning the goals created at the MLA Executive Board Meeting at Boulder Hot Springs in June 2017. The three goals established for the Director-at-Large positions were:

1. Partner with other committees (PR/Marketing, Professional Development, and Conference Planning) to help bolster membership to MLA.
2. Convert 20% of lapsed/inactive members to active participation within MLA.
3. Present at conferences about the benefits of MLA membership.

These goals will continue to be in place.

### **New Issues:**

None at this time.

### **Board Action Requested:**

None at this time.

**Other Comments:**

At this time information has not been shared about the required/suggested duties for Woltjer or Kish at the upcoming MLA Conference in Bozeman.

Debbi Kramer has arranged for a mediated room for the annual new member and past president breakfast. Woltjer and Kish will host the breakfast with the goal of informing new members about membership benefits and the many opportunities to actively participate in MLA.

Kish will complete her term on the MLA Board. The Director-at-Large West position will be up for election. All members in the western half of the state are encouraged to run.

*\*Please attach your completed report and email it to MLA Secretary.*