MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Professional Development Committee
Reported By: Hannah McKelvey
Date: January 17, 2017

Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

- **Committee Membership**
  - June 2017
    - Desiree Funston, Missoula Public Library, joined the committee
  - August 2017
    - Angela Archuleta, Lewistown Junior High, joined the committee
    - Dianne Mattila, Rose Park Elementary (Billings), left the committee

- **Grant Status**
  - **PNLA Leads Leadership Institute Grant, $1,000**
    - August 2017, awarded to:
      - Carly Delsigne, North Jefferson County Library District; $1,000
  - **MLA Fall Retreat Grant (2), $100**
    - September 2017, awarded to:
      - Jessica Ketola, Meagher County City Library; $50
      - Lori Roberts, Dillon Public Library; $50
    - Other Applicants:
      - Scott Prinzing, Lame Deer Elementary, Junior, & High School
  - **Professional Development Grants, $1,600**
    - October 2017, awarded to:
      - Carol Jestrab, MSU Billings; $300
        - Attending: Access Services Conference
      - Connie Behe, Imagine If; $250
        - Attending: Public Library Association Conference
      - Megan Glidden, Imagine If; $250
        - Attending: Public Library Association Conference
      - Jacqueline Frank, MSU Bozeman; $800
        - Attending: The Collective Conference

- **MLA Handbook**
  - Policies were condensed to avoid language being replicated but also clarified for each section
  - It was decided that the $1,600 allotted for Professional Development grants could be given out during one cycle -- language clarifying this was added to the handbook
○ It was decided that award checks can only be made out to individuals and not their libraries -- language was added clarifying this
○ It was decided that monies could only be collected after an event -- language clarifying this was added to the handbook
  ■ However, a statement was adding in the event an applicant was unable to attend an event with first receiving payment from MLA: Partial payments may be made in extenuating circumstances and will be decided on an individual basis
○ A section for the Jane Lopp New Trustees Award was added to the Handbook

New Issues: None

Board Action Requested: None

Other Comments:

   Amount spent: ______
   (If unknown, please contact Executive Director)

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