



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Professional Development Committee

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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:

Financial Report: FY 2016 budget: _____

Amount spent: _____

(If unknown, please contact Executive Director)

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