

## **MPLA Professional Development Committee – Report for the Board January 13, 2016**

**Meetings:** The committee met Dec. 2 via the Zoom conferencing system. The 2016 meeting schedule was established during this meeting and has been posted to the MPLA website. 2016 meetings will be held: Feb 3, April 13, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7.

**Membership:** The membership of the committee remained consistent from the last Board meeting at six regular members and two ex-Officio members.

**Grants:** During the Dec. meeting the committee voted to approve the evaluative report from the Nebraska Library Association and well as evaluative reports from three individuals.

**2016 Budget:** Committee chair Kris Johnson submitted a request for an increased budget for the 2016 calendar year:

- \$2000 for pre/post conference grants (this would allow for one extra state association grant, 5 total)
- \$5500 for regular and mini grants (which would equal the amount expended this year with the approval from the board to cover the amount we approved over our regular budget.)

**CAL/MPLA 2016 Conference:** Also during the Dec. 2 meeting committee members discussed whether to submit a presentation proposal for the 2016 joint conference with the Colorado Library Association. Call for proposal are due Feb. 12, 2016 and several committee members are working via e-mail and shared documents to create a potential proposal.

Respectfully submitted

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