CO-08 – Professional Development Board Report – 12/13/2023

Committee Membership

- Baeza, Victor, CO
- Beezley, Shay, OK (Co-Chair)
- Hastings, Robin, KS
- Kulp, Judy, CO (Ex-Officio)
- Leaper, Shannon, OK (Co-Chair)
- McGinley, Ann, NM
- Ricketts, Amadee, AZ (Ex-Officio)

Committee Activities

- Shannon Leaper has agreed to co-chair the Professional Development committee with Shay taking on additional responsibilities for Communications at Amadee's request.
- No grant applications have been received, so the committee expects to return the remaining money to the overall Association budget; we are planning on addressing the lack of applications with increased promotion and a survey to identify professional development needs for the MPLA region.
- Submitted a ULA/MPLA conference proposal for a short session with Shay, Robin, and Victor as speakers on identifying professional development opportunities and pursuing MPLA professional development grants.
- Created a spreadsheet documenting past grant recipients – thank you to Shannon and Judy for helping gather the information!
- Drafted a survey to distribute to library workers in the MPLA region to ascertain their professional development needs:
  - This survey will be distributed in the spring – our goal is to do a final review of the draft at our February meeting and have the survey ready to go by the beginning of March (we plan to have info to the Newsletter in advance of the April/May issue deadline).
  - Initial promotion will be online through listserv, newsletter, social media; we will do additional promotion at ULA/MPLA; we have reached out to ULA about having information at their table and will be reaching out to Membership as well.
- Discussed creating a "tips/best practices for writing conference proposals" guide to share with MPLA; more information forthcoming.
- Discussed updating PD grant information on the website; tabled until new Webmaster is appointed
- 2024 committee meetings will be February 3, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Shay Beezley