

LIC Board Report March 2020

Venue:

Yavapai College is monitoring recommendations and making decisions regarding crowds and events accordingly. To date, they still hope to accommodate us for the LI as scheduled. They are not making cancellation decisions this far out. They will reimburse us 100% should we be unable to host the LI this summer (including the deposit paid so far).

Facilitator and Mentors:

Mark and I continue to be in touch regarding our timelines and tasks. We and the mentors have met via Zoom a few times to meet one another, discuss the LI reputation, layout, and "feel". We also discussed contingencies.

Contingencies:

I sent this message to the fellows:

"As COVID-19 continues to impact our libraries and communities, we acknowledge that contingencies are important to the LI planning process. Please know that, like with so many others, we are taking things one day at a time and will make decisions accordingly. **At this time, Yavapai College hopes to be able to host us for the Institute as planned, but they are not making any cancelation decisions this far out (nor are we).**

Mark, I (Aubrey), and the Mentors met this week to discuss possible contingencies should things not be back to "normal" in time for the LI to take place as planned. While many airlines and other companies seem to be very lenient regarding changes and cancellations, we recognize that lenience with travel cost recovery is not a guarantee. We can, however, guarantee you a 100% refund of any paid registration fees to MPLA. The MPLA Board is also meeting next week and will discuss all of this further.

Here are some contingency considerations so far:

- Host the institute online - we agree that this would not be the way to go as it would greatly detract from the intensive, immersive style of the LI
- Postpone until later in the summer depending on everyone's availability
- Postpone until 2021 while honoring the current invitations for the existing cohort
- Cancel the 2020 event all together and wait until the regular (anticipated) schedule of a 2022 LI while giving the 2020 invited cohort first priority to participate
- Other possibilities not yet considered...

We will make a decision on or by May 1st, so if we need to cancel, we all have time to deal with logistics. In the meantime, we will continue as if we are able to hold the institute as currently planned. I invite you to join in on discussions via our [Canvas](#) course environment to begin talking about leadership and getting to know one another. Topics/forums currently include:

- Introduce Yourself
- FAQs
- Leadership in Crisis
- Logistics & Contingencies

As always, you are more than welcome to contact me directly if you have questions or concerns to address independently/privately.

Thank you all for your patience in this process. We hope you stay safe and well,

Aubrey”

Fellows:

Arizona	Rachel Marie Martinez
	Linde Furman
Colorado	Sarah Hulse
	Kristen Bodine
Kansas	Scarlett Fisher-Herreman
	Robin Hastings
	Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse
Montana	Taylor Schultz
	Christine Vance
Nebraska	Melissa Gomis
Nevada	Chantel Clark
	Wynne Prindle
	Morgan Tiar
New Mexico	Ann McGinley
	Laura K. Smith
	Erin Renee Wahl
North Dakota	Joshua Ryan Pikka
	Arnessa Dowell
Oklahoma	April Miller
	Elizabeth Szkirpan

	Bob Holtzman
South Dakota	Shari Theroux
	Vaughan Hennen
	Krista Ohrtman
	Valarie Lamoreaux
Utah	Daniel Mauchley
	Marie Erickson
	Meg Flynn
Wyoming	Betsy O'Neil
	Katrina Brown

Respectfully submitted,

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