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Leadership Institute Committee Board Report  
May 1, 2007

The Leadership Committee met in Albuquerque during the joint conference, March 14. By the time we met, the good news of our funding commitment from EBSCO Information Services had already circulated.

Stan Terry was able to secure \$10,000 to sponsor the 2007 Institute. During the keynote session on Thursday morning, Mr. Terry was presented with a “thank you” gift from the LI Committee.

Donna Morris and I met with Stan on Thursday, March 15, to discuss possible scenarios for funding future years. Stan has since approached YBP as a possible funding partner for EBSCO, and has stayed in close communication with me. We are pursuing a 6 year funding cycle, working with 3 sponsoring partners.

The website has been updated to reflect the 2007 information and application process. Applications are being accepted through June 16. States will select nominees by July 4, and will forward those names along with recommendations for at-large spots to Mary Bushing. Criteria remains the same: 2 -12 years post-MLS, membership in state association required. Dates for 2007 are Oct. 28 – Nov. 1.

Mentors have been selected for 2007:  
Carol Hammond, AZ Stephen Shorb, NE  
Jane Hatch, KS Judy Zelenski, CO

The committee has organized into Work Groups:  
Fundraising, Oversight, Promotion, and Outreach. Each committee member actively serves on one or more work groups.

LI Committee is pursuing possible regional leadership institutes, focusing on rural library leadership. The Gates Foundation will be approached as a possible sponsor.

A reunion dinner was held on March 16, with nearly 50 Fellows and Mentors attending.

A total of 169 Fellows and Mentors have graduated from the program during its first 5 years. Thirteen LI attendees presented programs at this year’s joint conference. The last 5 presidents of NDLA, including the incoming president, are Ghost Ranch graduates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Butcher, Chair