

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE COMMITTEE REPORT February, 2006

The full Committee last met at the MPLA/WYLA conference. Assignments included scouting out potential funders and writing proposals for funding. In the change over from a departed committee chair, the need for procedures to be written and delivered to the administrative committee came up. It had fallen through the cracks. With these tasks to be accomplished, the committee has been working steadily.

The chair completed procedures for MPLA in early January. The chair contacted SirsiDynix to verify the support for the 2006 Institute, and to change contact information to the new LI chair and the new Executive Secretary. In the conversation, the need for several years funding was broached and the LI chair indicated a proposal would be arriving sometime after late January.

At Midwinter, a subcommittee of the LI Committee met to review the chair's draft funding proposal. Maureen Sullivan, the Institute Coordinator sat in on the meeting. Primary suggestions from members of the subcommittee involved using the in kind match of the volunteers who give their time to planning and completing the work of the committee and Institute. The financial value of the mentors' time was estimated and included in the proposal budget. The Institute Coordinator also read and commented on the draft on line.

The proposal for two additional years of funding by SirsiDynix was completed and mailed to their offices the second week of February. It requests funding at \$15,000 per year, larger than the \$10,000 amount of annual outside funding over the first five years. Institute staff costs have been raised by their new contract amounts and the subcommittee members felt that MPLA should begin to move away from using its reserve, especially in a no-conference year.

The next immediate task for the LI Committee is to select the mentors for the 2006 Institute so they are able to begin planning for their time away. Recommendations for the mentor slots are still being accepted. If you have someone to suggest, send an email to [mhinshaw@eodls.lib.ok.us](mailto:mhinshaw@eodls.lib.ok.us). Please include with your nomination the contact information for the individual and a brief bio that provides clues about their mentoring experience or capacity. The committee will complete its mentor slate by the end of February.

The Leadership Institute application cycle is once again in swing. If you know a talented person who would benefit, and who has the makings of a leader in the library field, please encourage them to apply. Information on the process and the application are available on the MPLA web site.

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Leadership Committee