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Leadership Institute Committee
Report to MPLA Executive Board
Dan Stanton, Chair
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The Leadership Institute Committee continues to be very active in moving the process along towards a successful Institute.

- Applications
 - 65 applications were received
 - AZ – 5
 - CO – 16
 - KS – 11
 - MT – 2
 - ND – 3
 - NE – 3
 - NM – 4
 - NV – 3
 - OK – 3
 - SD – 5
 - UT – 8
 - WY – 5
 - MPLA state representatives did an outstanding job of working with their state associations in forwarding thoughtful recommendations
 - The LI Committee, along with MPLA President, Eileen Wright, and Institute Coordinator, Judy Zelenski , have finalized the list of applicants to be invited, as well as Alternates. Communication with all applicants will take place this week with acceptances due to Judy by February 12.
 - Several applicants were disqualified because they are not members of their state library association.
- Institute
 - Facilitator Maureen Sullivan submitted a draft agenda which was reviewed and finalized by The LI Committee, along with MPLA President, Eileen Wright, and Institute Coordinator, Judy Zelenski . There is still an option for a sponsor session on technology.
 - Annie Epperson has created brochures for assisting attendees in their preparations for the Leadership Institute at the YMCA of the Rockies.
 - I had lunch with Jeff Belliston and Brian Green at ALA Midwinter, and they are excited about their roles.
- Sponsorship
 - As a courtesy to Founding Partner, EBSCO, I contacted them initially to see if they were interested in sponsoring us again. Tim Heiges followed through and secured us a \$750 donation.
 - Following up with other potential sponsors, I contacted ThomsonReuters, HWWilson, OCLC, GaleCengage, Bowker, Innovative Interfaces, ProQuest, and SirsiDynix. Some requests got moved up the chain of command and then fizzled, and some I just did not get a response from.
 - Gene Shimshock, VP Marketing, for Innovative Interfaces (III), responded that he believed the LI was a great opportunity for leaders and pledged \$2500. In addition he has offered to send someone from Innovative to do a session on upcoming library technologies and what to think about when

making important technology-based leadership decisions. He said many librarians have to make tough decisions with little or no experience. He said it would not be a sales pitch, and I believe him.