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MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee
2002 Annual Report
January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002

The members of the Professional Development Grants Committee met six times via conference call during 2002. The committee approved evaluative reports for 3 grants carried forward from 2001 totaling \$1350.

Fourteen applications were submitted to the committee for consideration. Two of the applicants were not eligible for grants. One application was withdrawn before the committee met and one application was withdrawn after committee acceptance. Of the ten approved grants, four evaluative reports totaling \$1850 have been submitted and approved. \$2950 for the remaining six grants will be carried forward to 2003. The total amount for the ten grants approved in 2002 is \$4800. The committee didn't quite reach its goal of awarding the entire \$6000 budgeted.

The grant applications covered a wide range of activities from coursework towards an MLS degree to a librarian exchange program with a Mexican university. The applicants represent six of the MPLA states: Wyoming (2), South Dakota (3), Kansas (1), Nebraska (2), Utah (1), and Colorado (1).

In an effort to promote awareness and encourage grant applications, an informational flyer about MPLA professional development grants was included with the ballot mailing. An article about 2002 grant recipients has been submitted for the next MPLA newsletter.

The 2003 committee will be examining the possibility of electronic submission of grant applications.

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Kay Christensen, Chairperson