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MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee  
March 2005 Board Report

The members of the 2004 and 2005 Professional Development Grants Committee met via telephone conference call in December 2004 and February 2005.

During both meetings discussion was held concerning revising the evaluative report form, establishing specific deadlines for submission of application and evaluative forms prior to our regularly scheduled meetings, as well as making updates and minor changes to the manual of procedures and the web page. No formal action has been taken though the chair will be putting forth proposed changes at the next committee meeting in April 2005.

The schedule of 2005 conference calls was agreed upon during the December 2004 meeting. All conference calls are scheduled for 10 a.m. MST/11 a.m. CST and are scheduled as follows:

- o February 9, 2005
- o April 13, 2005
- o June 8, 2005
- o August 10, 2005
- o October 5, 2005
- o December 14, 2005

The committee approved the following grant application:

- o Nancy Miller - \$600 to participate in a graduate level MLIS program course on internet reference during Spring 2005.

The committee accepted the following evaluative reports from award recipients and authorized disbursement of funds:

- o Kristin Becker (\$150)
- o Janice Lee (\$150)
- o Diana Skousen (\$150)
- o Denise Smith (\$600)
- o Suzanne Vesely (\$150)
- o Pamela Comello (\$150)

The chair will be submitting a program proposal to the MPLA/WLA joint conference for a session to showcase recipients of professional development grants who will be asked to do a brief presentation about the program/conference they attended and speak to the benefits they received. As a recent grant recipient I would be willing to share my experiences and gather other willing participants together to highlight the work of the committee and the benefits of our work. There is also a poster session proposal being submitted. Names of grant recipients will be

forwarded to the newsletter editor and the chair will work with Lisa to facilitate submissions to the newsletter by grant recipients.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Mathenia, Chair