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MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee  
November 2003 Board Report

The members of the 2003 Professional Development Grants Committee met via conference call in February, April, August and October. The June call was cancelled, as there were no applications or evaluative reports to consider.

Since the July Board Report, the committee has accepted three more evaluative reports and authorized checks to be issued for total disbursements of \$1350.

In addition to the \$600 regular grant awarded to Jan Brue Enright in April, the committee has approved grant applications from Celeste Langellier for a \$150 mini-grant to attend the 2003 Internet Librarian Conference, Anne Liebst for a \$150 mini-grant to attend the MPLA/NLA Conference, Phillip Jones for a \$600 regular grant to participate in a librarian exchange between Adams State College and Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Theresa Dickson for a \$150 mini-grant to attend the MPLA/NLA Conference, Donna Norvell for a \$600 regular grant to attend the MPLA/NLA Conference, and Sharon Osenga for a \$150 mini-grant to also attend the MPLA/NLA Conference.

In a continuing effort to promote awareness and encourage grant applications, the committee decided to send out email reminders to the MPLA list a few weeks prior to a committee meeting. Judging by the number of applications received by the committee after the email reminder before the October meeting, this is a practice the committee will continue.

The committee is in the process of updating the wording in the MPLA Manual of Procedure to reflect the availability of electronic submission and distribution of applications and evaluative reports.

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Kay Christensen, Chairperson