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MPLA Professional Development Committee Report—May 2012

The committee met in April. A proposal from the Nebraska Library Association for a preconference program featuring children's authors Jim Ayleswoth and Lisa Campbell Ernest was approved. Individual mini-travel grants were approved for Shereen Rasor, a school library media specialist from Yukon, Oklahoma, to attend the OLA conference and for Jon Fackrell, MLS student from Emporia State University, to attend the ALA Annual Conference. The committee also approved the evaluative report from Sue Knesel, from Campbell County Public Library in Wyoming, for her trip to PLA.

The committee is planning a conference program that highlights skills, abilities and knowledge that employers are seeking in job applicants. We also intend to offer a resume review service at the conference.

Laura Warren, the Coordinator of Libraries Thriving (<http://www.librariesthriving.org>), the free online community for librarians, educators and researchers, contacted the committee about including a link to the site on the Continuing Education page. It has been added.

Our next committee meeting is June 20.

Respectfully submitted,

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