

**MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee
July 2003 Board Report**

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

Four evaluative reports from grants approved in 2002 have been accepted and checks issued for total disbursements of \$1750.

So far this year the committee has considered only two grant applications. After a review of the eligibility requirements, it was determined that one of the applicants did not qualify. A \$600 regular grant was awarded to Jan Brue Enright to attend the Institute for Information Literacy, Immersion '03, Track I in August 2003 at the University of Rhode Island.

In a continuing effort to promote awareness and encourage grant applications, an article about the 2002 grant recipients appeared in the December 2002 MPLA newsletter. Repeating what we did last year, an informational flyer about MPLA professional development grants will be included with the August ballot mailing.

In order to help make the application process easier, Word files of both the grant application and evaluative report have been added the MPLA web site. The committee is also trying electronic submission and distribution of applications. So far this seems to be working very well. The April MPLA newsletter included information on both the availability of the Word files and the electronic submission option.

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Kay Christensen, Chairperson