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MPLA Professional Development Grants Committee
Board Report
July 2006

The members of the Professional Development Grants Committee were joined for their April conference call meeting by the members of what had been the Continuing Education Committee, thereby officially merging the two committees and their responsibilities as outlined in the transition plan of the association. The newly formed or merged committee also met in June via conference call.

The Committee approved the following grant applications:

- Kirsten J. Clark - \$600.00 regular grant toward expenses to attend and present at the Montana Library Association Conference
- Amelia Jane Shelley - \$600.00 regular grant toward expenses to attend the annual ALA Conference
- Paulette Nelson - \$500.00 pre-conference grant as part of the North Dakota Library Association Conference entitled: "Intellectual Freedom and the Law"
- Patricia Ann Williams - \$600.00 regular grant toward expenses to attend the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color

The Committee approved the following evaluative reports:

- Sarah Simpson, who reported on a pre-conference at the Oklahoma Library Association Conference, made possible with the aid of a \$500.00 grant
- Paul Holland, who attended the annual PLA conference with the aid of a regular grant of \$600.00
- Patricia Collins, who attended the annual PLA conference with the aid of a regular grant of \$550.00
- Cheryl Jorgensen, who attended the annual PLA conference with the aid of a regular grant of \$600.00
- Kirsten J. Clark, who attended and presented at the Montana Library Association Conference with the aid of a regular grant of \$600.00
- Galen L. Fletcher, who reported on a post-conference at the Utah Library Association Conference, made possible with the aid of a \$500.00 grant

As mentioned in the February report to the Board, funds expended and encumbered (\$5,050 to-date) toward all of these very worthwhile projects and applications have now depleted the Committee's approved budget (\$5,250 budgeted). This has prompted a request for an additional \$5,000 for the Committee to work with for the remainder of 2006.

Committee members, notably Jeanne Narum, have also discussed and worked toward improving and merging the information available on the website for the newly merged committee.

The conference call meeting schedule continues on the following dates at 10:00 AM (Mountain Daylight/Savings Time): August 16, October 18, December 20.