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Professional Development Committee Report—October 2011

The committee met 3 times in 2011 to review grant applications. The final meeting of 2011 is scheduled for December. Currently, 45.6% of the grants budget is expended or encumbered.

<b>CE Preconference Grants Budget:</b>	\$1,500
Expended:	\$ 500 to WLA
	\$ 500 to ULA
Evaluative report pending:	\$ 500 - CAL
<b>Professional Development Mini-Grants Budget:</b>	\$300
Expended:	\$150 to Aden
	\$150 to Dazey
<b>Professional Development Regular Grants:</b>	\$5,000
Expended:	\$600 to Madler
	\$600 to Thompson
	\$600 to Weller
Application Pending	\$600 from Osenga

Members of the committee are using the listserv, Facebook and twitter to highlight vendor and state association training/programming of interest to members. The jobs section of the website has been updated to include links to job-lines for all member states. The committee is working on a plan for a mentorship program. Resume writing and interview skills are areas of potential focus.

On October 1, the committee recommended to Past-President Landau that Professional Development Regular Grants and Professional Development Mini-Grants line items in the current MPLA budget be combined into a single line item entitled Individual Professional Development Grants, effective with the 2012 budget year. The two separate categories for individual grants should continue to be used in communication targeted to members, along with the membership requirements for each type of grant. The committee feels this change will provide more flexibility in awarding funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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