

**MPLA Professional Development Committee – Report for the Board**  
**October 11, 2016**

**Work Completed Outside Meetings:**

- Chair Johnson worked with various individuals to communicate about grant funds available due to the Board’s approval at the previous meeting to transfer unexpended funds from the grants to associations over to the pool for grants for individuals.
  - Total funds available to individuals now equals \$4519.80
  - Specific attempts were made to communicate to members from Wyoming (who’s state association conference was canceled due to funding problems) about grant funds available.
  - Questions were fielded from Wyoming members, but who were not members of MPLA, leaving them ineligible to apply for the grant.
- Members Johnson, Rick, Greene, and Buller worked on their presentation for the MPLA/CAL joint conference in Loveland. Their presentation on ePortfolios will be Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10:45 a.m.
- Member Jake Rundle submitted a proposal to deliver a lightning-round mini presentation at the MPLA/CAL conference related to MPLA and grants funding. His proposal was accepted and he will deliver his presentation Friday afternoon, Oct. 21, at 3:45. He is speaker #2.
- Chair Johnson worked with outgoing President Stroshane and incoming President Coalwell to invite two new prospective members to the October meeting in order to see if they would like to join.
- Outgoing Chair Johnson communicated with incoming President Coalwell details related to time commitments of being the chair of the committee.
- Members Johnson and Greene attended the webinar “Taking Your CAL/MPLA Presentation to the Next Level” on Friday, Oct. 7.

**Meetings:** The committee met Oct. 5 via the Zoom conferencing system.

- This was the last meeting for the current iteration of the committee, and the last meeting for four individuals who have completed their term of service:
  - Ruby Cheesman (Utah), member since 2014. In addition to her regular duties as a member, Ruby has helped with communication to the state reps, as well as general PR and promotional work.
  - Brian Greene (Wyoming), member since 2015. In addition to his regular duties as a member, Brian participated in two presentations at joint conferences with state associations.
  - Holly Rick (Arizona), member since 2011. In addition to her regular duties as a member, Holly participated in two presentations at joint conferences with state associations.
  - Kris Johnson (Montana), member since 2013. In addition to her regular duties as a member, Kris chaired the committee the past two years and has participated in two presentations at joint conferences with state associations.
- Three grant applications from individuals were approved, totaling \$1,350.00.
  - Note: The Committee did not receive the large number of grant applications expected after transferring monies from state association grants to individual grants and after the communication and PR done to promote the grants.

- The committee received several applications from individuals who were ineligible, and several e-mail questions from individuals, who ended up being ineligible. The main reason for ineligibility was non-membership in MPLA.
- The group discussed the next meeting, which is scheduled to be held Dec. 7, 2016 and whether the committee could consider grant requests at the end of the calendar year, which is also the fiscal year. Judy Zelenski confirmed that the committee may review grant applications and any funding approved with be expended from the 2017 budget.

I have enjoyed chairing this committee for the past two years and look forward to taking on my new role as Secretary for MPLA in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

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