

**MPLA Professional Development Committee – Report for the Board**  
**March 16, 2016**

**Meetings:** The committee met Feb. 3 via the Zoom conferencing system.

- Grant applications from four individuals were approved, totaling \$2400.00 (out of a yearly budget of \$5500.00).
  - The committee is discussing putting in-place contingency mechanism should applications outweigh available monies. This is something the committee has never had to deal with in the past, so our current committee will address it now and put something in place for future committees.
- The group discussed whether or not to submit a proposal for the joint CAL/MPLA conference, agreed to do so, and honed in on the topic of ePortfolios for professional development.
- Members Ryan Buller and Brian Green agreed to try to organize some sort of meet-up at ALA Annual for MPLA members, perhaps with a professional development focus, perhaps just for fun.
- The next committee meeting will be Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Work Completed Outside Meetings:**

- The Chair (Kris Johnson) worked with the WebMaster and the Bylaws and Procedures chair to get content added to the website and the Manual of Procedure updated to indicate the language change for State Association grant approved by the Board during the July 2015 meeting.
  - We replace this text: "MPLA members attending the pre/post conference must receive at least a 15% reduction in any pre/post conference registration fees."
  - With this text: "MPLA members attending the event for which the grant is awarded (pre, post, or regular conference) must receive the same discounted rates as members of the state association receiving the grant."
- The Chair (Kris Johnson) worked with the WebMaster to get the 2016 meeting schedule added to the website. Meeting dates are: Feb 3, April 13, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7.
- Committee members created a proposal to present at the CAL/MPLA conference on the topic of ePortfolios for professional development. Chair Kris Johnson submitted the proposal on behalf of the committee.

Respectfully submitted

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