

## CO-08.01

### Professional Development Committee

#### **Meetings:**

Online meeting on May 10.

#### **Subcommittees:**

##### **Grant Application and Evaluative Reports and Guidelines**

The committee is working on updating the grant application and evaluative report format. Suggestions for updates have been received from MPLA members and Professional Development Committee members. The first draft will be completed by the June meeting. The final will be completed by the September Tri-conference

##### **Professional Development Forum**

The proposal for the forum was approved by the 2013 Conference committee. The Forum will align with the schedule for the break out sessions to encourage more participation with proposals and attendance at the forum. The new format was discussed at the Executive Branch meeting in March.

#### **Grant Applications - Approved**

Regular: - \$600.00  
Danielle De Jager-Loftus  
Mini-grant - \$150.00  
Tina Walker

#### **Evaluative Reports - Approved and Funds Released**

Regular Grant  
David Alexander

#### **Grant Discussion**

The Committee discussed pursuing a vetting process for grants. Currently, grants applications are approved if the applicant meets the grant criteria with MPLA membership eligibility. The Committee also discussed the funding levels of the three types of grants and decided to leave the current funding levels.

In an effort to market the grants, Cindy Osborne will prepare an article for the next MPLA newsletter. Shaun Jackson and Cindy Osborne will prepare a handout for the state representatives to take to their conferences. The handout will be available at the Tri-Conference as well. Cindy Osborne will be researching other state and regional library associations to see if and/or how they provide grant opportunities to their members.