

## CO-08.01

### Professional Development Committee

The Committee welcomed two new members; Kathy Jacobs and Shaun Jackson

#### **Meetings:**

December 19, 2012 and February 13, 2013

A new meeting schedule was established after the February 13 meeting using Doodle..

#### **Subcommittees:**

##### **Ongoing Resume**

The resume service at MPLA in LaVista was very popular and well-received. The committee will continue this as a year-round service. The committee will be working with the communications committee and Webmaster to have a more dominant presence on the MPLA website. The Committee is working with the Dakota conference committee for arrangements at the 2013 conference.

##### **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 committee prepared a timeline draft. by preparing a timeline for a draft. The draft will be presented in September meeting.

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

The proposal for the forum was approved by the 2013 Conference committee. All types of libraries (Academic, Schools, Public and Special) will be encouraged to participate.. The Forum will align with the schedule for the break out sessions to encourage more participation with proposals and attendance at the forum.

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

Regular: - \$600.00

Mardi Mahaffy

David Alexander

Dana Braccia

Mini-grant - \$150.00

Marci Mock

Pre-Conference \$500.00

SDLA Jan Enright \$500.00

This was approved upon the contingency that the registration fee is updated to Reflect the guidelines which require a 15% discount for MPLA members. The applicants agreed to make the adjustment.

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

Regular – Pre-Conference - \$500.00  
Nebraska Library Association

Mini-grant - \$150.00  
Rita Severt

Julie Erickson - \$600.00

### **MPLA/Dakota Conference – September, 2013**

Holly Rick, submitted a proposal on behalf of Anna Vaillancourt (former PDC committee member) and Cindy Osborne for part two of job applications and interviews. Part 1 was presented at MPLA – LaVista and offered tips for effective resumes and cover letters. Part two will feature interviewing skills

### **Discussion items in process**

- How do we increase interest in the grant process
- Reevaluation of the dollar amount given for grant applications.
- Evaluation of grant application process. Traditionally, grants have been approved if the applicant met MPLA membership standards. Does MPLA want to institute a process that includes approvals based on outcomes or resource sharing? Discussion will also include the philosophy behind the grants.

If the committee determines that updated to the items are needed, a proposal will be written and provided to the Executive Board.