

Applicants and review process:

Applications poured in during the final few weeks prior to the application deadline. I spent many hours responding to every email, tracking what I received, uploading files to Google Drive, and reminding applicants about missing pieces to their packets (some still ended up incomplete). Total count was 59:

AZ: 9	ND: 2	SD: 5
CO: 11	NE: 6 (minus 1 withdrawn)	UT: 10
KS: 5	NV: 5	WY: 2
MT: 2	OK: 2	

I am waiting to hear from 2 state reps regarding their finalists—deadline for this is Monday, December 2nd. Adriane and Anali have access to finalist packets I received word on thus far. We will review them independently, then meet via conference call Wednesday, December 11th to make final selections filling each of the 30 slots (minimum of 2 from each state, then balancing applicants from library type if at all possible). I will send emails regarding decisions to all applicants (individually) by Sunday, December 15th.

Thank you to everyone for your quick work and attention to this. While it is fresh in your mind, I invite your feedback regarding ways to improve the process or let me know of aspects that worked well and that you would like to see continued for next time. I have my own impressions, but I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Sponsorships:

Worked with MPLA Webmaster to include information on the site about sponsorships and donations. <http://mpla.us/leadership/index.html> We need to continue focusing on this—the LI committee and Past-president JaNae have been working hard to bring in support, which helps keep participant costs down.

What we would like from the MPLA board next is help in soliciting donations and large sponsors. Our idea is to ask each state rep to pass on the call for solicitations via their membership listservs. We hope that individual (including LI alums) and institutional members will both offer their own support as well as to reach out to vendors with whom they have a positive relationship. We can provide a list of vendors and institutions that have already been approached along with the text to send out.

Logistics:

Reviewed revised contract given the date change—venue was very accommodating.

Next steps:

- Contact all applicants regarding committee decisions (unfortunately, only about half of the applicants will be able to participate this year), help them with logistics and answer any other questions they may have.
- In addition to the sponsorship piece, I will be in touch with Maureen regarding the curriculum and working with mentors to get them up to speed on their roles.

Respectfully Submitted,

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