

**LIC - Leadership Institute Coordinator MPLA Board Report
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Well, it has been a busy couple of weeks with the new semester starting and managing correspondence with our invited fellows. I ran into some delays over the last 3 months or so for various reasons, but things are coming together. One problem I had recently was my initial invitation/notification emails going to people's junk folders. Many spam filters are completely blocking the MPLA-hosted email. Not sure if others have experienced that or if anything can be done...

Regardless, I received 41 applications. The state-level committees scored and selected their top candidates and the LI Committee selected members-at-large and rounded out the remaining slots for a total of 30. One person had to decline, so I just recently invited an alternate to fill the slot. When that confirmation comes through, I will update everyone – including to send a list of fellow photos and bios that can be used in newsletters and uploaded to the website.

Until then, here is the fellow list as it stands today:

Wyoming	Sarah North
	Kate Mutch
	Ruth Troyanek
	Cynthia Hughes
Utah	Anna Zanarini
	Greg Nelson
	Karen Clark
So. Dak	Roger (Craig) Johnson
Oklahoma	Kathy Atchley
	Ellen Cummings
	Rebekah Lynam
Nevada	Tamaria Anderson
	Amanda Nicole
	Claudia Melton
New Mexico	Kathleen Dull
	Christopher Schipper
Nebraska	Megan Klein
No. Dak	Keli McDonald
	Randi Monley
Kansas	Micheal McDonald
	Katie Hill
	Marissa Lamer
Colorado	Anne Ledford
	Allaina Wallace
	Tammy Sayles
Arizona	Joyce Abbott
	Kim BeLair
	Coreen Wagner
	Michelle Hjortling

Points to note:

- No applications from Montana
- All fellows live and work within the 12-state region
- Many are MPLA members
- A large majority of fellows are from public libraries (22), which reflects the applicant pool. No school librarians applied.

Current and future steps:

- Fill the remaining slot.
- I will continue working with Judy to verify membership and bill fees accordingly. I will send invoices in early February with a payment date of March 15th
- Determine PayPal fee for those paying their registration online.
- Correspond with fellows and mentors as needed and share logistical details.
- Finalize agenda and work with Maureen to compile materials.

Again, our mentors are:

1. Theresa Jehlik, Omaha, NE (large public)
2. Kris Johnson, Bozeman, MT (large univ.)
3. Mike Mullen, Brookings, SD (small public/recently retired)
4. Aubrey Madler, Mayville, ND (small univ.)

The mentors and Maureen met via Zoom earlier this week. We were able to meet one another; and we discussed mentor roles, the overall expectations, and schedule. We will meet two more times between now and the institute.

One thing Maureen and I have talked about was offering supplementary materials to fellows via jump drives (or I can share an electronic folder) in order to reduce printing. Then, I would reserve printing for just the documents that are needed on site at the Intitute.

Key dates:

Mid-February: invoices issued

March 15, 2018: Registration Payment Due

April 29 – May 4, 2018: Leadership

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Respectfully Submitted,
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