



Montana Library Association

From the Mountains to the Prairies

MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Professional Development Committee

Reported By: Hannah McKelvey

Date: 10/07/2019

Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

Grants awarded since the start of FY19:

Professional Development Grants

- Dianne Mattila, Rose Park Elementary (Billings) - \$800 to attend the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in Louisville, Kentucky (November 14-16, 2019)
- Shari Curtis, Butte Public Library - \$100 to attend the MLA Fall Retreat
- Brittany Alberson, Bozeman High School - \$100 to attend the MLA Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat Grants

- Aaron Canen, Belgrade Community Library - \$100 to attend the MLA Fall Retreat
- DeHanza Kwong, Butte Public Library - \$100 to attend the MLA Fall Retreat

New Issues:

The Professional Development Committee would like to ask that we modify the language in the MLA Handbook under [Grants Guidelines for Professional Development Grants](#). Currently, the language says 'Professional Development Grants cannot be applied to the MLA annual conference'. The committee would like to expand this to say grants cannot be applied to the MLA annual conference, Fall Retreat or Offline. We would like to see this money used to assist applicants in attending professional development activities where the associated cost is much higher than these three events.

Board Action Requested:

Please review and approve the updated language for the MLA Handbook as described under 'New Issues' above.

Other Comments:

Financial Report: FY 2019 budget: \$ 6,740.00

Amount spent: \$1,200.00

(If unknown, please contact Executive Director)

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