



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

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Progress or Successes since Our Last Meeting:

The Government Affairs Committee has had a quiet non-legislative session year.

The Committee followed up on much of the work assignments set at our very successful retreat held at the end of 2018. We held regular conference calls and met with the Association's lobbyist on a regular basis.

The Committee planned and submitted two Conference Program proposals that were accepted and scheduled before the conference was cancelled. One session on how laws are made – the process and our role in that process. The second was a candidate's forum. All candidates for Governor had been invited to attend.

National Library Legislative Day planning had taken place. Committee member Rachel Rawn was selected to attend the National event with Jennie Stapp. The event has subsequently been cancelled.

A Committee retreat has been tentatively scheduled to coincide with Board Leadership Retreat.

New Issues:

I continue to write a column for *Focus* telling folks about upcoming issues and successes of the Committee.

Board Action Requested:

None.