



# Montana Library Association

*From the Mountains to the Prairies*

## ***MLA BOARD REPORTS***

Office held/Chair of: School Library Division Co-chair

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### **Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:**

I am continuing to try and get a handle on my responsibilities as SLD co-chair. I have communicated with some individual librarians at MSL and throughout the state on individual questions pertaining to school librarianship.

### **New Issues:**

I received notice from MFPE that I have been invited to attend the conference planning session for the 2020 MFPE teachers' conference in my capacity as SLD co-chair on 1/24/2020. I am currently waiting to hear back from MFPE on the possibility of Skyping in since I have had important meetings scheduled for that same day for several weeks already. I hope to represent MLA as best I can in that manner for this planning session.

Billings Public Schools have announced they are looking at cutting 6 school librarian positions. As the biggest school district in the state, this is very concerning and should be on MLA's radar.

We are coming up on the deadline to elect a new SLD co-chair to replace Erin Regele as her 2-year term comes to a close. Is it customary to announce this forthcoming Board vacancy prior to the annual MLA conference or do we traditionally announce it at the conference right before opening the floor to nominations?

### **Board Action Requested:**

None at this time.

### **Other Comments:**

**Financial Report: FY 2019 budget:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount spent:** \_\_\_\_\_

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