



Montana Library Association

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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Professional Development Committee

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Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

The MLA Professional Development Committee awarded one \$100 grant to Heidi Alford to attend Offline. However, due to a personal matter, Heidi did not attend Offline and forfeited the grant.

The MLA PD Committee received 14 applications for MLA Conference Grants and one application for a Jane Lopp New Trustee grant. However, due to Covid-19, the 2020 MLA Annual Conference was cancelled so no grants were awarded.

The MLA PD Committee received one Professional Development grant application from Linda Garcia (MSU Billings) to attend the ELUNA Conference in Los Angeles, CA, in May 2020. However, due to Covid-19, the event was cancelled, and the grant was not awarded.

All grant applicants were encouraged to apply again next year.

Taylor Schultz (MSU Library, Bozeman) was accepted to the 2020 MPLA Leadership Institute, June 7-12, in Prescott, Arizona. However, due to Covid-19, the event has been rescheduled for 2021. The MLA PD committee, in consultation with MLA President, Mary Anne Hansen, and MLA Executive Director, Debbi Kramer, has decided that the \$1,000 grant will be award next fiscal year to Taylor so that she can attend the institute.

New Issues:

Board Action Requested:

Other Comments:

Pam Carlton, Missoula Public Library, will take over as chair of the MLA Professional Development Committee. She begins her three-year term as chair in June 2020.

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

Amount spent: \$1,105.00

(If unknown, please contact Executive Director)

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