



PNLA BOARD REPORTS

OFFICER TITLE/COMMITTEE CHAIR : Montana representative

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Progress/Successes Since Last Meeting:

MLA investments as well the Executive Directors salary were discussed at the October board meeting.

2016 ASLD/PLD retreat in October went well although attendance from academic libraries was low. The 2017 ASLD/PLD retreat is scheduled for October 15 &16.

Ann Ewbank from the Education Department at MSU reported on the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) school libraries initiative. ESSA is a reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act. The original act did not provide for federal funding for school libraries, so the reauthorization seeks to correct that, especially funding with regards to collections and professional development.

The MLA website is currently being redesigned.

Planning for the 2017 Offline conference is going well. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Glendive February 10th &11th .

A few changes to the 2017 MLA conference were discussed. The following changes were approved: eight free half-day seminars for Wednesday and full conference days for Thursday and Friday. The conference will conclude Friday early evening.

New Issues:

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017 in Helena in conjunction with Legislative Day.

Board Action Requested:

None

Other Comments:

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