

SD Board Report for January 2010

January 20, 2010

A committee made up of SDLA President Kay Christensen and I reviewed the four applications that were received from South Dakota for the MPLA Leadership Institute. Three of the applicants were recommended to the MPLA committee.

Emails were sent encouraging people to nominate someone for an MPLA award.

The SDLA Executive Board is in the process of trying to decide what to do with funds that have been raised to provide an endowment for scholarships. Over the last two decades the association has set aside \$50,000 with the intent that the interest from the money would be used to fund continuing education for members in the form of grants to attend training programs or other educational programs. There has been some confusion in past years because the money is comingled with other association funds. A committee was formed last year to recommend what should be done to ensure that the funds would continue to be used for their intended purpose. The committee recommended that the money be used to create a fund within the SD Community Foundation that would pay the interest to SDLA to be used for scholarships. The SDLA Executive Board met with a representative of SDCF at their January 14, 2010 meeting and plans to discuss the idea at their next meeting.

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SD Representative