

TO: NDLA Executive Board
FROM: Mark Holman, chair
Professional Development Grants Committee
SUBJECT: Quarterly Report – Report #23
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The members Professional Development Grants Committee attended a conference call to discuss changes that could be made in the policies.

- A. The group discussed many possible changes that can be made to the process.
1. Several grant deadlines per year to increase the number of applicants and make it easier.
 2. An effort will be made to revise the policies to spell out various procedures involved with grants more fully.
 3. Explore the process involved with the Executive Board to implement changes to policies by summer. This will allow the new policies to go into effect in the coming year following NDLA.

I agreed to make the proposed changes and have the committee look at them again before taking the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board.

I have received a few inquiries to apply for funding for the upcoming PLA conference in Minneapolis. I told the inquirers that we would like to award the money now in time for PLA. Unfortunately, until the changes are agreed to and approved, I felt we could really not take any action and must stick with the current schedule.