

Professional Development Committee (#21)
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In 2008, the Professional Development Committee and I worked to revise the policy manual to make the grants more accessible and useful. This is a process that is ongoing and important since there were no serious grant requests in 2008. It is a process that started with a great deal of momentum, which unfortunately slowed to a crawl, as the year waxed on. As Chair, I am responsible for what I deem the slow progress on this issue in the past several months. We should have been done with this by now and be awarding several grants at the September conference. 2008-2009 will provide us with renewed vim and verve to more fully engage in solving the vexing problem of underutilization of grant funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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