I. May 10, 2022
II. MLA Conference Travel Grants Committee
(Formerly known as the Kevin Freeman Travel Grant Committee)
May 2022 Quarterly Report for the MLA Board

III. Members: Andrea Morris (2020-2023), Daniel Ray (2021-2024), Terry Lewis (2021-2025)
IV. Board Action Required: None

V. Brief Summary of Activities:

After the in-person 2022 MLA in-person Annual Meeting was canceled, Liza Vick and Elizabeth Hille Cribbs notified the recent recipients that they may retain their travel funds and apply them to their travel expenses to attend the next in-person MLA Annual Meeting. Disbursement of these award funds will have to be monitored in addition to the next round of recipients.

Chris Durman rotated off the MLA Conference Travel Grants Committee after the virtual Annual Meeting. Andrea Morris has assumed the role of the Chair of the MLA Conference Travel Grants Committee. Current committee is debating future recruitment, and has identified two possible plans of action:

- recruit two new members every three years including one representative from California in accordance with the original Freeman Grant
- extend one current member's term by one year in order to recruit one member this year, and continue nominating one new member per year

Current committee proposes the following timeline for soliciting and reviewing applications for the 2022 Travel Grants: A call for applications for the 2022 grant will announced on August 22, 2022, with a deadline of September 12, 2022. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board and notify recipients by October 1, 2022.

Proposed Goals for FY 2023:

- Review/Maintenance of Handbook on Webpage (*mentioned in previous reports).
- Recruit committee members from underrepresented groups.

VI. Implicit Bias Testing Reporting

It is believed that all Committee members have completed implicit bias testing in accord with MLA policies.