

- I. **May 14, 2021**
- II. **Past President**
- III. **Susannah Cleveland**
- IV. **BAR: Chapter Grant Proposal (see addendum)**
- V. **BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

As liaison to chapters, I have enjoyed being able to participate in some of our chapters' virtual meetings, especially those for which scheduling and/or travel would make participation difficult ordinarily. So far, I've dropped in on the Pacific Northwest and Greater New York meetings and have been impressed by the work that the chapters and members are doing. We have also seen chapters using the chapter chairs mailing list more than in recent years to share ideas about virtual chapter activities with one another, reflecting what will, hopefully, be the beginning of an era of greater communication and collaboration between chapters.

As discussed in the winter Board meeting, I've also been working on a handbook for committee chairs and should have a draft of that soon. Its purpose is to serve as an orientation for new committee chairs and to document some of the work chairs do in greater detail than can be included in the higher-level descriptions in the Administrative Handbook.

Finally, I put out the call for Chapter Grants and received one application by the deadline (see addendum). This round of grants proved yet again how useful it would be to develop some more-precise guidelines on the [purpose of grants](#) (and, hence, criteria for selection), most particularly as they relate to chapter activities as opposed to activities by chapter members or external applicants.

It's an honor to continue to serve MLA in this capacity for the final year of my Board term.

Respectfully submitted,
Susannah Cleveland