

I. 5/16/21

II. MLA Conference Travel Grants Committee

(Formerly known as the Kevin Freeman Travel Grant Committee)

III. **Members:** Chris Durman (2019-2022), Andrea Copland (2020-2023), Daniel Ray (2021-2024). The Committee is in search of a 4th member from the California Chapter who will serve from 2021 until 2025.

IV. **Board Action Required:** none

V. Brief Summary of Activities:

After the MLA Annual Meeting conducted via fully online, Chris became the new committee chair. Dan became the newest committee member in March.

After the MLA Annual Meeting the members of the Kevin Freeman Travel Grant Committee were notified that the group had neglected to include a member from the California Chapter. This was specified in the Committee's Charter and included in the Administrative Handbook, but had been accidentally neglected in recent years. Chris Durman has worked with MLA President Liza Vick, with Julie Bill of the California Chapter, and with Andrea and Dan to draft and send to the members of the California Chapter a call for a new member. The Committee will select a new member from the pool of applicants soon after June 1st.

The Committee was also notified that the mission of the Committee has been expanded to include supervision of the recently-created Paraprofessional/Public Library Travel Grant. In recognition of that additional charge, the Committee has been renamed the MLA Conference Travel Grants Committee. MLA President Liza Vick is crafting an official charge for the Committee.

The Committee plans to send out the call for applications in July.

VI. Implicit Bias Testing Reporting:

Chris Durman (Chair) – Completed

Andrea Copland – Completed

Daniel Ray – New Member – To be Completed – A Question: Will the Board be sending a renewed call for all committee members to complete implicit bias testing or is this a responsibility of the committee chairs?