

I. January 30, 2021

II. MLA-L Mediator/Assistant Mediator Search Committee

III. Richard Griscom, Sara Manus, Ellen Ogihara, Beth Royall (chair)

IV. None

V. The MLA-L Mediator/Assistant Mediator Search Committee finalized the position description, and put out the call for applications via the MLA-L listserv and MLA's Placement Service. Only one application was received by the first consideration deadline of January 15th. Unfortunately, this applicant did not meet the minimum requirements, so the committee turned to individual recruitment. This has resulted in one new applicant. The committee is now checking references and scheduling a Zoom interview, with the goal of having a recommendation for the Board by February 12th. Should the Board appoint this individual to the MLA-L Mediator position, the committee suggests one approach for the MLA-L Assistant Mediator position could be to let the new mediator take time to develop procedures and learn the work. A search for the MLA-L Assistant Mediator could then be relaunched, and possibly recrafted with a mentorship element that might attract early and mid-career applicants.