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Education Committee Report

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The Education Committee is busy getting speakers lined up for the annual Education Conference. Speakers have been contacted and letters of agreement have been sent. We have received some letters back already but our speakers have until the end of March to return the letters. Our speaker for designing survey questions had to cancel but the Research Director at Genesys has agreed to speak on the topic for us. We'll have to apply for CE credits so there is a slight increase in the budget bottom line to cover that.

The procedures and documentation for a second member scholarship is being presented for Board approval. The procedures have been redone to include items such as volunteering on a committee or presenting at a conference as eligibility requirements.

The student scholarships application period will start on April 1, 2011 and deadline for the scholarship is April 30, 2011. The goal of the committee was to have the scholarship deadline before the students break for the summer. As approved by the board in January the wording on the student scholarship has been changed so it is not limited to just Wayne State or U of Michigan students.

The GMR at this time has received three applications for MLA's "Shifting Skills to Navigate the Changing Horizon: Finding Our Way in New Biomedical Research and Health Care Environments," to be held **Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m**. Holly Burt will notify me by the end of March to let me know which sites have been approved for GMR support. At this time I would ask the board to approve MHSLA funding for up to two sites that do not get GMR funding.

The committee will be soliciting posters and lightening round presentations so think about the interesting things going on in your library. Contact Diane LeBar for posters and Mary Fitzpatrick for Lightening Rounds (formerly Pecha Kucha's).

Look for additional conference information in the newsletter.