

Idaho Library Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Background

Currently the Idaho Library Association (ILA) covers the cost of the ILA Representative's attendance at one board meeting each year, either the spring or the fall board meeting. The ILA Representative to the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) is expected to attend the PNLA annual conference and the two associated PNLA Board meetings held before and after the conference. Conference costs for the ILA representative's attendance at PNLA conferences are not covered by ILA or PNLA. PNLA covers travel costs to the PNLA conference only for Executive Board members which do not include the State/Provincial Representatives. Conference costs for the conference, including registration, travel, accommodation and meals, are covered by the ILA Representative and/or the ILA Representative's library.

Attendance at the Board meetings at the PNLA annual conferences requires additional travel, lodging and meal expenses of 1-2 days. At the PNLA conference held in Sitka, Alaska in August 2005, I stayed two additional nights in order to attend the PNLA Board meetings and my Library covered the cost of only one of these additional nights.

I polled other state/provincial representatives and received three responses:

Oregon – all conference expenses are covered

Montana – travel and room expenses are covered but not conference registration

Alberta – a portion of the travel expense is covered

Proposal

That ILA cover a portion of future costs of the ILA Representative's attendance at PNLA annual conferences.

Suggestions include some or all of the following:

- Upon Library's Director's request, a per diem of \$ ____ be given to the Representative.
- conference registration
- a portion of travel costs
- a portion of accommodation costs

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