

American Library Association
Committee Information Update

Report for Annual 2017

Scholarships & Study Grants Committee

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Committee members met with representatives from LHRT to discuss a travel grant proposal. Committee members were able to provide feedback and concrete suggestions for improvement and are anticipating a revised submission in 2017.

Committee members Kimberly Knight (presenting) and Annemarie Roscello researched, prepared, and presented to the committee a draft document outlining two potential routes that ALA and SSGC could take to increase engagement of ALA General Scholarship recipients. Further discussion will take place virtually in fall 2017 in order to develop a proposal.

work reviewing study grants, travel grants, and professional development grants. SSGC's mission also connects with the strategic direction of "Professional and Leadership Development." SSGC oversees the five ALA general scholarship juries and also provides advisory support for many of the other division and round table scholarships that help reduce barriers to degree achievement and professional development for librarians.

Attendance at SSGC meetings has begun to drop off at both Midwinter and Annual. Committee members who are in attendance have been actively engaged and have taken active roles in developing strategies for improving student engagement. One avenue of active committee participation has been as members of scholarship juries; five SSGC members volunteered to serve on ALA general scholarship juries in 2016-2017.

SSGC has the potential to be an active committee that contributes much of value to ALA. Increased committee participation and identification of new goals may increase the viability of the committee.

No other issues at this time.

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