

TO: LITA Board of Directors

TOPIC: Editor Stipends

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: Action

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Jenny Levine, LITA Executive Director

DRAFT OF MOTION: N/A

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SUMMARY

LITA currently pays editor stipends of \$1,500 total each year, and the question has come up whether we need to redistribute the stipends to other positions given how much work the Education Committee, in particular, is doing.

BACKGROUND

LITA pays stipends of \$1,500 total to four volunteer positions each year:

1. Acquisitions Editor (Books)
2. ITAL Editor
3. ITAL Managing Editor
4. Web Coordinating Committee Chair

For the past year, there has been no one in the ITAL Managing Editor position, and the ITAL Editor has been performing both jobs. The ITAL Editor has expressed a desire to propose revising the duties of these two positions to better manage how ITAL works, but no proposal has been submitted yet. Neither the ITAL Editorial Board web page nor the Publications section of the LITA Manual includes a job description for either of these positions.

There's been some discussion in the past about initiating a stipend for the chair of the Education Committee because the output of this group has grown and it is now a major revenue generator for us.

ACTION REQUESTED

Does the Board want to maintain the current stipends as is with no changes, start a fifth stipend, or change how we distribute the existing ones? If we do make changes, should we amend the FY17 budget or implement in FY18?