**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**RE:** Potential 2021 Virtual PLA All Committee meeting

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY:**

Mary Hirsh

**DRAFT OF MOTION:**

The PLA Board of Directors hereby approves development of a 2021 Virtual PLA All Committee meeting.

At in-person Midwinter and Annual conferences, PLA hosts an All Committee Meeting. For many committees, this is the only time they meet all year. As conferences move online, PLA is exploring options for engaging committees around these regular touch points.

PLA staff propose hosting a virtual All Committee Meeting around the same time, but not overlapping with, Midwinter 2021. Utilizing the breakout technology in Zoom, staff propose gathering board members, committee chairs, and committee members in a plenary session, topic and speaker TBD. Possibilities include a presentation from the PLA board to the volunteers, a presentation on a PLA strategic initiative (such as EDISJ), or a “hot topic” not specific to PLA but intended to be a draw to encourage members to participate. This would be followed by individual concurrent committee meetings in breakout rooms. In 2020-2021, PLA has about 175 members appointed to the board, committees, advisory groups and task forces (this number is about 75 members lower than previous years due to the suspension of the award and travel grant juries).

Meeting as a whole group would allow the PLA board to thank committee volunteers, share PLA priorities, and answer any questions about PLA direction. It would also help acquaint the board and nominating committee with active volunteers who are currently on committees, indicating possible future leaders.

PLA seeks the board’s input and feedback on hosting a virtual all committee meeting.