**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Barb Macikas

**RE:** Next PLA Board meetings

**DATE:** June 3, 2019

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:**

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**DRAFT OF MOTION:**

Due to much uncertainty within ALA, our quarterly board meeting patterns are in flux. Here is a status report and information for future meetings. The board should confirm proposed dates and staff will plan accordingly.

2019 Fall Meeting

The board discussed dates and possible locations for the fall board meeting. Staff was directed to research sites and costs and come back with a recommendation. Based on costs and the ALA board and BARC meetings in the fall, **staff recommends the PLA board meet in Chicago on Monday, October 20.** PLA would host dinner for board members in town on Sunday, October 20.

Chicago air travel costs are as cheap or cheaper than other sites we looked at (Boston, Denver, Austin, Tulsa). Additionally, there are savings on staff travel. Finally, ALA revised its schedule for the BARC meeting in order to accommodate the ALA board’s fall calendar that includes interviewing for a new ALA executive director. As a result, BARC will meet on Sunday, October 20. It would save wear and tear on our new fiscal officer if the PLA board meets 10-4 on Monday, October 21, following the BARC meeting.

2020 January/February (Midwinter/PLA Conference)

At our spring meeting, the board voted not to meet in Philadelphia in conjunction with the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The decision was based on the fact that Midwinter is sunsetting and business meetings at future January events are discouraged by ALA. The new business meeting pattern as understood by PLA is that business meetings can only be conducted on Friday or on Tuesday. The pattern isn’t favorable to PLA or its committees.

The board voted to meet ahead of the PLA 2020 Conference in Nashville**. Please note the meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 1-5 pm.** The PLA Councilor will attend Midwinter 2020 to represent PLA at Council and we will keep her updated prior to and during those meetings.

Follow-up

Since our spring meeting, a few messages have come from SCOE and PLA has continued to follow up with SCOE representatives. It has been mentioned a few times that although the timeline for a vote about recommended changes has been extended and that a vote will not occur at Midwinter 2020, the 2020 Midwinter meeting will still be very important as there will be a presentation to Council ahead of the first vote in June. Does the board want to commit to the original plan not to meet in January given that there have been signals that Midwinter will be important from a SCOE perspective?

2020 Spring Meeting

PLA board has typically met in May in DC in conjunction with ALA National Library Legislative Day. In 2019, ALA did not host NLLD in favor of the fly in. ALA Washington Office is set to announce dates for the 2020 NLLD. Tentatively, we understand they are planning on May 3-6. The PLA board will want to determine if it will meet icw NLLD and pick meeting dates asap.