

To: MSL Commission  
From: Karen Strege  
Re: Executive Planning Process (EPP) requests  
Date: March 9, 2004

Requests for additional funding for the 2006-07 biennial are due at the Governor's office on April 30, 2004. At your April 25 meeting in Bozeman, you will review staff recommendations and decide what proposals to present to Governor Martz.

In advance of the April meeting, I wanted you to receive early notification of what proposal we are working on to insure that our work reflects your general wishes. We are designing a proposal that asks for restoration of the state library's budget to the 2002 base budget. This proposal would include restoring funds to the interlibrary loan reimbursement program, federation funding, state library operations, per capita/per square mile grants to libraries. We are also developing a proposal to ask that the personnel costs of the two technology librarians in Great Falls and Billings be shifted from federal to state funding.

We have set aside some time on the March 15 agenda, if you would like to discuss these potential recommendations.