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**To:** Montana State Library Commissioners  
**From:** Network Advisory Council  
**Subject:** Summary of May 3, 2023 NAC meeting  
**Date:** June 14, 2023

The following summary is provided to the Commission for informational purpose. The Network Advisory Council (NAC) met on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 and recommends the following actions to the State Library Commission:

- Recommend approval of the [Continuing Education/Certification Task Force Recommendations](#);
- Recommend approval of the FY 2024 budget which includes Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Coal Severance Tax-funded projects as presented. This recommendation includes funding for the Federation Study funding recommendation.

Additionally, the NAC discussed the following agenda items, during which no action was taken:

- MSL staff provided a summary of the American Rescue Plan Act and LSTA reports as were presented to the Commission at the April 12 meeting;
- MSL staff requested input from the NAC regarding [MSL's customer service response times, challenges, and solutions](#);
- MSL Accountant Ashley Kanduch provided an update on draft improvements to the cost share formula which allocates costs to libraries that participate in statewide programs such as the Montana Shared Catalog, MontanaLibrary2Go, and OCLC Group Services;
- MSL staff requested input from the NAC [regarding priorities which might be addressed through potential federal Digital Equity Act monies](#);
- State Librarian Stapp provided a final legislative update to the NAC regarding bills directly affecting the agency or public libraries;



- The NAC considered ways to build and reinforce trust in libraries in local communities and what resources are necessary to effectively do this work.