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### Summer Workshop in Alpena

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) has been busy planning a great MME Summer Workshop in Alpena and we hope everyone enjoys the sessions. A huge thank you is owed to Katie Jones at the MML as this is the first conference, she has worked on but she has been a huge help to the committee and has made this process significantly easier for me chairing my first conference planning committee.

### 2020 Winter Institute Conference Planning

The PDC is planning on starting the planning for the Winter Institute much earlier than previous conferences. The committee wants to try and really improve the quality of the speakers and sessions at the conference and is hoping to bring in a number of outside speakers that the committee has identified but weren't able to make the Summer Workshop work out due to scheduling or speaking fees.

### 2021 & 2022 Summer Workshop Locations

The PDC has sent out the request for proposals (RFP) twice on the listserv in the past few months with a deadline of August 1, 2019 for submissions to be submitted. This will allow the PDC to review the submittals and then provide a recommendation to the MME board. I have been communicating with a few communities who have expressed interest in submitting a response and had questions prior to the deadline.

### Membership Survey

The PDC is planning to survey the membership after the summer workshop and prior to the MME winter institute. The goal of the survey would be to get feedback from members on how the change for summer conference locations (to smaller towns as opposed to resorts) has been received and discuss the scholarship program and receive feedback on conference session topics.

### Future Conference Locations:

2020 Winter Institute – Tree Tops Resort, Gaylord MI

2020 Summer Workshop – Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth MI

2021 Winter Institute – GVSU Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids MI