

**Minutes: Executive Board Meeting: Executive Summary
Massachusetts School Library Association
November 16, 2011**

Attending: Hugh Ahearn, Amy Bloom, Nancy Boutet, Christine Brown, Kim Cochrane, Valerie Diggs, Linda Friel, Rochelle Garfinkle, Sharon Hamer, Laura Hibbler, Cecily Houston, Sandy Kelly, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Kathleen Porter, Amy Short, Christine Steinhauser, Maureen Tannetta, Carrie Tucker, Lynn Weeks

Area Directors reported on upcoming meetings. These are listed on the [calendar](#) on the MSLA website.

Legislative Breakfasts: Amy Bloom used the listserv to ask MSLA members to host a legislative breakfast this winter. Debbie Owens at Hudson HS (Central Region) has responded, and Amy Bloom can do Metrowest again. If other librarians are willing to host breakfasts, they may contact Amy.

Strategic Planning for Massachusetts Library System: Approximately a dozen school librarians out of about 300 people attended this recent meeting. Kathy Lowe reported that school librarians determined that MLS was strong in personnel, databases, professional development. The group also expressed that MLS has an opportunity to engage and involve more school librarians and to advocate more for school libraries. Kathy recommended school librarians attend the MLS annual meeting.

Legislative Update: Rep. Sean Garballey has agreed to our revisions to his proposed legislation creating a special commission on school library services. He said the next step is to file this bill. From there, if he expects it would be helpful for us to work to get support from additional legislators.

Awards: Carrie reminded us that awards deadlines are coming. Carrie asked area directors to look for good programs and ensure they are excellent.

Legislative Day: Now scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2011 and we are hoping for good attendance.

Recognition for Nancy Jones: We discussed possible recognition for this long-time MSLA board member who passed away this year.

Snapshot Committee: Snapshot day is scheduled for April 12.

Collaboration with ACRL-New England: Laura Hibbler of ACRL said that they have regular meetings that we could attend. [New England ACRL website](#) has links to a number of events.

Program Standards Revision: Valerie Diggs would like to revise our program standards and to make this our work this year. Valerie thought that there may be MSLA members who might like to work on this.