

## Massachusetts School Library Association: Executive Summary

January 14, 2015

Wilson Middle School, Natick

**Attending:** Amy Bloom, Kendall Boninti, Ellen Brandt, Anita Cellucci, Robin Cicchetti, Nora Clooney, Kathy Dubrovsky, Julie Farrell, Laura Gardner (virtual), Sam Kane, Sandy Kelly, Kathy Lowe, Sharon Lux, Keri Martin, Suzanne Mathews (virtual), Meg O'Neill, Ann Perham, Amy Short, Kat Steiger, Judi Paradis, Jennifer Reed, Carrie Tucker

**Professional development:** Judi Paradis reported on MSLA's professional development opportunities for members. Points include

- Museum of Science wants to partner with MSLA to offer a cooperative workshop
- Moving forward, MSLA will offer 3-4 one-day events throughout the year versus an annual full-weekend conference. Investigation suggests this will better serve members and is more financially realistic.

**Advocacy:** Amy Bloom reports that the Advocacy committee intends to foster MSLA branding. Amy and Norah Clooney are working with Cafepress to market a line of MSLA-themed promotional items. They hope to attract Massachusetts-connected illustrators who might work with MSLA.

**MSLA annual conference:** Kathy Lowe reported that Western Region co-directors planned a self-guided valley tour for Saturday, February 28. Conference attendees can visit sites in the area, register at checkpoints, and enter to win prizes for places visited.

**Massachusetts ebook program:** In December Steve Spohn met with the board to discuss ways to reach schools with this program. Judi Paradis reported:

- *Training:* MSLA can investigate ways to roll out training in conjunction with area directors.
- *Collection development:* How do we give school librarians a voice on the collection development?
- *Awareness:* Inform all school librarians about the ebook program. Robin Cicchetti suggested a piece about the ebook program in the ASCD newsletter.

**Awards:** Sandy Kelly presented the slate of award winners which was unanimously approved.

### **Administrator Advocate Award:**

Casey Handfield, Principal - Auburn HS

### **PALS (Parents as Library Supporters):**

Sharon High School PTSO

Allen Avenue Parents and Teachers - N Attleboro

### **MSLA Research Grant:**

Robin Cicchetti

### **Lifetime Achievement:**

Carol Gordon

Shelley Glantz

Gerri Fegan

Sandy Kelly

### **Service Award:**

Amy Short

Linda Coviello

### **President's Award:**

Maya Bery- Carlisle

Katherine Steiger - Needham

Halley Zanconato - Dartmouth

### **M.S.L.A. (Super Librarian):**

Cathy Collins - SE

Stacey Kitsis- MW

Jessica Pollack - West

Nancy Kellner - Central

Sheila Geraty - NE

Reba Tierney - Boston

### **Web Seal of Excellence:**

Wachusett Regional HS - Alana Stern

Florence Sawyer School - Michael Caliguiri

Dennett Elementary School - Geraldine O'Reilly

Canton HS - Joanne Teliszewski

### **School Library Advocate Award:**

Melissa DeFilippi – Swampscott

Dedham Library Innovation Team

### **Audrey Friend Award:**

Christine Smith

### **Ellen Berne Pathfinder Award:**

Sharon Lux

**MassCUE conference:** Carrie Tucker reported on the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators conference October 22-23, 2014, at Gillette Stadium. Highlights:

- Laura Gardner, Kathleen Porter, and Carrie Tucker staffed an MSLA table.
- Samantha Kane and Laura Gardner were presenters.
- Pam Harland, school librarian and president of the New Hampshire School Library Association, offered very well-attended sessions for school librarians.
- Carolyn Jacobs of PBS Learning Media attended as a vendor and is interested in exhibiting at MSLA conference.

**Legislative committee:** Kendall Boninti and Keri Martin reported:

- Representative Sean Garballey of Arlington will chair the commission forming to study school libraries.
- A script of talking points for public hearings is available for anyone who will speak at legislative hearings and legislative breakfasts. Kathy Lowe suggested short, lively presentations will get the best reception.

**Rethinking Equity and Teaching for English Language Learners/Sheltered English Immersion:** School librarians are required to earn this endorsement as part of the DESE license renewal process beginning in 2016. EDCO is offering two courses taught by Karen Sekiguchi of Danvers Public Schools. At this time, both are full. Judi Paradis is working with EDCO offering additional courses in more locations.