

Massachusetts School Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015
Virtual meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:05.

Attending: Kendall Boninti, Ellen Brandt, Anita Cellucci, Robin Cicchetti, Nora Clooney, Cathy Collins, Jennifer Dimmick, Linda Friel, Laura Gardner, Keri Johnson, Sam Kane, Sandy Kelly, Leslie Lomasson, Kathy Lowe, Laura Luker, Sharon Lux, Suzanne Mathews, Meg O'Neill, Ann Perham, Judi Paradis, Jennifer Reed, Amy Short, Carrie Tucker

Consent Agenda: Unanimously approved

Budget: Unanimously approved

Conference committee: Kathy Lowe offered a quick update on the status of MSLA conference coming up on March 1-2. Points included the following numbers as of 2/11/15:

- 344 registered
- 230 registered for Sunday
- 330 registered for Monday
- 40 registered for Saturday social
- 150 registered for Sunday dinner
- 26 vendors registered

Nominating committee: Anita Cellucci reported that the following board positions are open for 2015-2016:

- secretary
- area directors for central metrowest and Boston regions

Judi Paradis says by second week in March we need a full nomination slate. Election must be completed by April 1 per bylaws.

LibGuides discount: Jennifer St Michel worked with LibGuides on a MSLA-member discount. LibGuides agreed to offer a discount of 10% for new subscribers only. After discussion it was agreed that MSLA would welcome a LibGuides MSLA member discount only if it were open to all MSLA members.

Legislation:

- Keri Johnson reported on upcoming legislative breakfasts and urged members to attend.
- Judi Paradis asked board members to approve a legislator award for Senator Jason Lewis from Winchester. Sandy Kelly made a motion, several people seconded, and vote passed with unanimous approval.
- Keri and Kendall Boninti maintain a wiki with legislative information and resources for anyone speaking on behalf of school libraries. Contributions to the wiki should be forwarded to either of them.

Digital Commonwealth ebook project: Steve Spohn of Massachusetts Library System plans to set up training for staff members in participating libraries. The program opens to new subscribers on July 1, 2015. Leslie Lomasson will write an article for school administrators, and Sharon Lux is writing about ebooks for the MSLA Forum. Robin Cicchetti's principal at Concord-Carlisle is past president of Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Robin will talk to him about getting information into ASDC. Sharon Lux, Leslie Lomasson, and Tricia London were identified as key school librarians knowledgeable about the program and in a good position to promote it and write about it.

American Association of School Librarians: Each state organization is invited to submit commendations and concerns for AASL by May 2015. Jennifer Reed and Amy Short are compiling submissions for MSLA and seek input. Board discussed Foundations for Children's Books (now Wondermore) as a possible commendation.

Privacy concerns and classroom management tools: Judi Paradis reported that Jackie Rafferty, director of Paul Pratt Memorial Library in Cohasset and ALA Council member, asked if MSLA has a position on classroom management tools such as Class Dojo as it relates to privacy. After discussion it was agreed that MSLA does not have enough information to take a position at this time.

Old Dominion University's school librarian program: Amy Short reported that Old Dominion offers a fast-track program to school librarian. The one-year program can be done on the job. Amy suggested MSLA approach DESE to see about having this listed as a DESE-approved program. Discussion ensues and includes school librarian shortage.

The full Board meeting adjourned at 5:00 for discussion groups on membership and professional development.

Notes from the Professional Development discussion [can be found here.](#)