

MSLA Executive Board Meeting
Executive Summary
June 10, 2015
Westborough High School

Upcoming MSLA PD Opportunities

The summer ELL classes with Karen Sekiguchi are full but there may be opportunities in the future for more classes. The MassCue/MSLA Better Together Conference will be held on August 20 at Concord Carlisle High School. There will be an EdCamp on October 3 in Pawtucket, RI. The MassCue Conference will be held October 21-22 at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. Check the Professional Learning page on the MSLA website for all the upcoming professional learning opportunities.

New Board Members

Treasurer: Jennifer Varney
Secretary: Robyn York

Area Directors

Southeast: Laura Gardner, Carrie Tucker
Central: Julie Farrell, Kelly McManus
Boston: Suzanne Matthews, Reba Tierney
Northeast: Ellen Brandt, Meghan O'Neill
Western: Chani Craig, Leslie Lomasson, Laura Luker
Metrowest: Patsy Diver, Jennifer Reed

Survey/Legislation Update

Judi Paradis, Kendall Boninti, and Robin Cicchetti met with representatives from the DESE on June 9 and it looks like the state organization will be supportive of the survey created by Carol Gordon and Robin Cicchetti being used in school libraries. The commission will pilot the survey in September at Westborough High School and recruit 20 additional school libraries from across the state to participate during October and November. Results from the surveys will be analyzed in December. Look for a press release to publicize this upcoming survey.

Website

The MSLA website is being revised this summer and will be rolled out this fall.

Open Positions

There are open positions on the Advocacy Committee, Retiree SIG, Student SIG, Vendor Liaison, and MRA (Massachusetts Reading Association?) Liaison. Please email Anita Cellucci at acellucci@maschoolibraries.org and let her know if you are interested in one of the positions.

New Registration Software

Kathy Lowe has been hard at work implementing the new registration software from Cvent. Check it out when you register for Better Together, the collaborative conference with MassCue, held on August 20.

Budget

The new budget was approved. It included a line item increasing mileage for board members, a \$600 fee for the Conference Coordinator Melissa Lynch to scout out locations for our next conference, and granted check signing privileges to Kathy Lowe to increase bill paying efficiency.

MassCue, October 21-22

If you are interested in helping staff the booth, or in presenting at the conference, please email Anita Cellucci at acellucci@maschoollibraries.org. Presentations should promote the role of librarians in the use of technology.

Conference Policy Change

We will be changing the policy on conference attendance to align with national organizations like AASL.