

Massachusetts School Library Association Executive Board Meeting

September 19, 2007 - Concord Carlisle High School

Members Present: Linda Friel, Bruce Cramer, Bob Helmer, Elisabeth Zimmer, Amy Sprung, Robin Cicchetti, Sue-Ellen Szymanski, Patsy Divver, Carrie Tucker, Kahla Jourdan, Judi Paradis, Gerri Fegan, Sandy Kelly, Kathy Lowe, Ann Perham, Valerie Diggs, Pat Fontes, Diane Libbey, Mary Kelleher, Jeannette Sisco, Bob Roth, Katie Baxter, Kathy Dubrovsky, Heather Macpherson, Char Sidell

Status of Action Items from June:

- Standards and Curriculum Committee needs to submit an annual report – Done
- Awards Committee needs to submit an annual report – Not done. Suggestion made to use the MSLA Forum article in lieu of the report
- Bob Roth will write to Senators Kerry & Kennedy about NCLB – Spoke to them, but did not write; will write as a follow-up
- Judi Paradis will solicit volunteers to research school library funding & legislation in other states – Volunteers have been identified and research is in progress. Focus will be on states AASL has identified as having good programs.
- Ann Perham will put a link to the DOE's K-12 Massachusetts Literacy Plan on the website – In progress
- M. Bastarache will revise the Awards Committee job description. – Maranda has resigned as co-chair. Carrie Tucker and Sandy will review the job description that is posted on the web site.
- Sandy Kelly will identify a new Listserv Moderator – Kathy Lowe has trained Leigh Barnes from Pittsfield and she has taken over.
- Barbara Andrews will present a report that shows actual versus expended budget – Postponed until October meeting
- Ann Perham will add a link to the webpage about P21 – In progress.
- Kathy Dubrovsky will write an article about MassOne – Done.
- Kathy Dubrovsky will use the listserv to find out who uses MassOne – Kathy took a summer institute w/MassOne. Things have changed, so she will contact Bob Kelley from MassOne for an update
- Sandy Kelly will update the joint MSLA/MassCUE statement to reflect the changes the Board suggested in June and will email the corrected document to the board and Ann Perham will post it on the web page.
- Robin Cicchetti will check the CCHS calendar for the availability of the library for board meetings listed at the end of the minutes

Secretary's Report – Klatt

Minutes of June 13, 2007 Executive Board Meeting – Approved with no corrections

Treasurer's Report – Andrews (Kelly) – Passed over

President's Report – handed out at meeting by Sandy Kelly

Executive Director – Lowe – posted prior to the meeting

Reports & Announcements

- MSLA Forum – Patsy Divver reported that the committee met during the summer. Two new committee members are Jan Koleszar and Leona Andrade. The committee would like contributions from independent schools, higher ed, YSS and student liaisons. Print

edition is in progress. Please send missing annual reports to Patsy. The year-long theme will continue to be Professionalism. There was a question regarding why there is only one print edition. Could we do three paper editions instead of one large one? Cost is a factor, but it the main reason for the switch to an online newsletter was that the print edition was done by one person who stepped down. Katie Baxter asked how much energy we want to put into members who don't read the newsletter online by reverting to a print version and suggested educating the members about the online version. Various options of print and/or online were discussed. It was decided that the membership will be surveyed to establish whether they prefer print or online and further discussion will then take place.

- Standards – Information Fluency Standards. Valerie Diggs suggested that we move forward with our own membership to have the document approved for our own use. The board decided to wait until the new AASL Standards come out in October and then the committee will check our document for alignment with the AASL Standards and determine if any changes are necessary. A target for finalizing our standards and seeking membership approval is now January 2008.
- Curriculum/MassONE – An online course, Classroom Learning 2.0/School Library Learning 2.0 is available from the California School Library Association. Participants can take it for PDPs or get 2 credits through Fresno Pacific University. Individuals can take it alone, or it can be done by groups. Kathy Dubrovsky volunteered to be the manager for the course and recommended getting volunteers for a committee to assist her. The course will start in January. A fee could support the manager. Kathy will solicit committee volunteers via the listserv.
- Conference Update – Sandy will ask via the member's listserv for a veteran to lead a Veteran's Day observance on Sunday at the conference. Charles Fadel, with a presentation on P21, will replace Nancy Polette who had to cancel due to family illness. More vendors are registered than last year. Member registrations are picking up. There is some concern about the date and how it will affect the number of participants.
- Legislation – Due to limited time, Judi Paradis asked the Board revisit/report back in October on Legislative Day in spring and the possibility of a joint day with MLA; parent advocates for school libraries listserv; and advocacy workshop for the regions. Bob reminded board members to please contract MA legislators re H564 and Representatives in Washington to cosponsor the SKILLS Act (this week).
- PR – No report
- Awards – See Action Items above. Also, Carrie is interested in creating brochures for each of the awards. She will post information on the member's listserv to encourage members to submit applications. The deadline for all awards is September 30th. Sandy will assist Carrie in locating a new co-chair.
- Area Directors – No reports
- MLA/YSS – Patsy Divver and Sue-Ellen Szymanski have 2 teams of school/public librarians who have volunteered for a panel at their conference session
- Committees – Sandy has started to develop a volunteer database of members to assist our committees and involve more members

Old Business

- Identify Action Items still to be accomplished – see above

New Business

- SLJ Summit Phoenix – Sandy Kelly proposal a stipend to help subsidize the cost of Board members attending. \$100/per attendee was provided in the past. The Board asked to take this up at the next meeting in conjunction with the budget discussion.
- Developing advocacy workshops for regional meetings – Not discussed
- Discussion of ELA Framework review committee work – Not discussed
- Partnering with California to offer online (2.0) professional development classes to our members – see above
- Governor’s Working Group on Property Tax Over Reliance – discuss posting MSLA support to this initiative – Not discussed
- Action Plans for upcoming year – All board members should have these for the October meeting
- Academic SIG – Christine Brown from Bridgewater SC has joined the Board as liaison to academic librarians
- Discuss requirement to have certified LMS in HS Libraries and NEASC responsibilities – Not discussed
- Discuss MBLC possibility of removing requirement of LMS for access to databases – Not discussed

Meeting Schedule for 2007-08 (CCHS meetings pending availability of CCHA Library)

October 17th – CCHA

November 14th – Virtual – Conference debrief

No meeting in December

January 16th – Virtual

February 13th – CCHS

March 12th – Virtual

April 16th – Administrative Committee (officers) only with written reports from others – CCHS

May 14th – CCHS

June 11th - CCHS

All meetings begin at 4 PM; with refreshments and socializing at 3:30

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 17th – 4 PM, CCHA

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lowe, substituting for Secretary Carol Klatt