

Massachusetts School Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Wilson Middle School, Natick
September 17, 2014

Attending: Amy Bloom, Kendall Boninti, Ellen Brandt, Anita Cellucci, Robin Cicchetti, Cindy Erle, Julie Farrell, Linda Friel, Sam Kane, Kathy Lowe, Sharon Lux, Keri Martin, Suzanne Mathews, Meg O'Neill, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Kathleen Porter, Jennifer Reed, Amy Short, Katherine Steiger, Carrie Tucker

Meeting called to order 4:08.

Consent agenda: unanimously approved

New board members: Board voted unanimously to approve new board members:

- Norah Clooney--Advocacy co-chair
- Jennifer Dimmick--*Forum* co-editor
- Kathy Dubrovsky--Retiree SIG chair
- Julie Farrell--Central area co-director
- Jill Leibowitz--Student SIG co-chair
- Sharon Lux--Digital Commonwealth liaison
- Keri Martin--Legislative co-chair
- Meg O'Neill--Northeast area co-director
- Katherine Robinson--Student SIG co-chair
- Katherine Steiger--*Forum* co-editor

Welcome aboard!

MassCUE annual conference: MassCUE invited MSLA to present a session at the conference, October 22-23. Samantha Kane will offer a research session. MSLA will cover registration for a limited number of board members willing to staff an MSLA table.

Expectations of board members: Judi Paradis reviewed the following:

- Voting members--which positions vote, share a vote, or do not vote
- Attendance required for a voting quorum
- Virtual attendance option via Google Hangout (physical attendance is preferred)
- Access to minutes, job descriptions, etc via board member web page
- Board listserv

Year in advance: Judi Paradis outlined points of interest for the upcoming year:

- Board meeting dates
 - October 8, 2014
 - November 12
 - December 10 (if needed)
 - January 14, 2015
 - February 11
 - March 11
 - April 8
 - May 13
 - June 10 (first meeting of the 2014-2015 year)

- Meeting refreshment sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ba9aa23ab9-providers>
- MSLA-MassCUE joint workshop, *Better Together*, will offer school librarians practical ideas to implement in collaboration with instructional technologists and classroom teachers. Two sessions are planned for each grade level during each of the four concurrent sessions. A grant from Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners will help cover MSLA's share of the expenses.
- Awards are presented at the annual MSLA conference. Nominations are due in December. Board members were asked to consider serving as awards co-chair for 2015-2016 as Chris Steinhauser and Sandy Kelly may step down.
- Our goal is to see a school library host a legislative breakfast in each of the regions January and February. Legislative Day is in early March.
- Kathy Lowe is co-chairing the AASL conference in Columbus, Ohio, November 5-8 2015.
- In March MSLA will elect new board members for 2015-2016.
- At May and June board meetings, budget will be prepared for 2015-2016.

MSLA Conference, March 1-2, 2015: Kathy Lowe updated the board on conference planning. A self-guided cultural tour of greater Amherst is set for Saturday, February 28. Participants will get maps, checklist, and possible raffle prizes donated by the sites on the tour. Sunday's program opens with Dan Callahan and AASL President-Elect Terri Grief, followed by an EdCamp-style Unconference in which participants determine the content. Late Sunday will feature an author event, exhibit hall opening, and awards dinner. Tentative after-dinner speaker, sponsored by Scholastic Book Fair, is *Book Whisperer* author Donalyn Miller. Mo Willems will kick off Monday's observance of Read Across America Day. Monday sessions will fit with the theme *Fill Up Your Toolbox* and offer ideas that are immediately usable. Session proposals are due October 17. Board members were encouraged to join conference committee. Next meeting is at Burgess Elementary in Sturbridge, Monday, September 29, 5-7.

MLS ebook program: Sharon Lux reported that the Massachusetts Library System cooperative ebook program is underway and available to MLS member libraries. Interested librarians should contact MLS.

MSLA priorities: Judi Paradis distributed a list of goals and asked board members to rank them in order of importance.

Action plans: Committees broke into small groups to work on action plans for 2014-2015.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00