

MSLA Executive Board Minutes  
Wed, Oct 15, 2008  
Concord-Carlisle High School

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Members present were: Leigh Barnes, Vicky Biancolo, Robin Cicchetti, Valerie Diggs, Patsy Divver, Gerri Fegan, Linda Friel, Cecily Houston, Sandy Kelly, Carol Klatt, Laura Larsson, Diane Libbey, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Linda Picceri, Christine Steinhauser, Caroline Tucker, and Lynn Weeks.

During the first hour, each committee met as a group to discuss their respective action plans, timeline for goals, and next steps. They were encouraged to submit any necessary changes to job descriptions.

A motion was made and approved to accept the consent agenda for the September Minutes and Executive Director's Report. There was no Treasurer's Report available to approve at this time.

An announcement was made that this years' theme for the bookmark contest will be "Libraries - Learning for Life" which complements the AASL standards implementation plan L for L - Learning for Life.

### **New Business**

#### **Draft Standards Update - Diggs/Kelly**

Valerie brought a draft of the most recent MSLA Information Literacy Standards. The Executive Board wants volunteers to read them over with a critical eye. All edited documents should be sent to Gerri at [feganpkt@comcast.net](mailto:feganpkt@comcast.net). It was suggested that when editing, work backwards starting at the last section since it needs more attention. The Board felt that we should not rush the project to have it completed before the conference. Therefore, it was suggested that we give conference attendees only the beginning pages up to page 25 and the reference pages in the conference binders. MSLA will print a complete professional set for the DESE. After some discussion, it was decided that we explore hiring a professional editor for final edits and have it formatted like the Forum. Kathy will ask Roberts what they can offer for printing options.

It was noted that we need to update references to the technology standards that were approved spring 2008 and we should update it to reflect the new ELA standards to be forthcoming before we go to print.

Sandy will send out a reminder email to the members on Monday to take a look at the document vote approval electronically.

### **One Minute Updates Action Plans**

- **Conference Annual Awards.** This year we will be awarding 2 Audrey Friend awards but no administrator advocate or Ellen Burns Award. Carrie Tucker is going to ask the Board to make some adjustments to the awards during a future meeting.
- **Reading/School Library Connection.** Sandy stated Caroline Markuson contacted her about performing a research study concerning the connection between reading scores and school libraries. If the results are positive, we would like the DOE to distribute this information to administrators in hopes that it will get them to invest in libraries. Sandy asked them to define a cost estimate for the project. It was suggested that the MSLA Research grant could be used for this project. Originally it was thought that Carol Gordon was going to design the study and MSLA would implement it. It was suggested that maybe our retirees could conduct some of this work.
- **Conference.** The Board asked Conference Committee people to promote each session via the listserv.
- **Chelmsford High School Library.** Valerie Diggs announced the Chelmsford High School Grand Opening will be Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Ross Todd will be in attendance and has offered to give a free workshop to MSLA members, possibly the following Saturday.
- **Independent Schools.** Kathy Lowe announced she will be presenting the AASL standards to the Boston independent school librarians. She will try to get an assessment of their needs at that time.
- **Bookmark Contest.** Maria Mastracola is the new Bookmark Contest chair.
- **End-of-Year Reporting.** Sandy announced that everyone has submitted their action plan. She stated that in order to make the end-of-year reporting simpler, we are going to try to incorporate the two reports into one template.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Concord-Carlisle High School.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol Klatt*