

**Massachusetts School Library Association
Board Meeting, Executive Summary
October 19, 2022 5:00-7:00pm
Zoom**

In attendance:

Michael Caligiuri
Liz Cammilleri
Maria D'Orsi
Barb Fecteau
Michelle Fontaine
Deb Froggatt
Morgan Keohane
Emma Kwon
Emily Kristofek
Sue Larson
Laura Luker
Claudia Palframan
Iris Santana
Tinamarie Sheckells
Amy Short
Colleen Simpson
Ella Stocker
Reba Tierney
Georgina Trebbe
Jen Varney

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of September meeting moved Luker, second Amy Short, minutes approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
 - i. Send web updates to webmaster@maschoollibraries.org
3. Updates (if needed)
 - o Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine: \$97865.03 net worth, \$5387.32 Paradis Fund, additional Ebsco grant, almost \$75,000 available funds, first deposit paid to UMass for conference, full report in folder. Question from Georgina re: Sheraton balance and CVENT. Sheraton now very expensive. UMass better option. We've closed out Sheraton and CVENT.
 - o MLS liaison update --- Nov 2nd 3:30pm orientation for school librarians to learn or refresh about MLS. Nov 14th Webinar on ABC's of reading development and how libraries can support. Nov 18th teen summit, keynote is Mike Curato. Thanks

to Jen for support with DESE process (to renew certification to award PDPs).
[MLS has a library liaison for each region to support school librarians.](#)

- Advocacy --- Georgina: Met with Anne DeMallie (DESE DLCS Coordinator) to discuss AASL standards. On a national level there is The Right to Read Act. Claudia and Sue Doherty worked with MTA legislative branch: MSLA has submitted a legislative proposal to the MTA that all schools have a library and be staffed by a certified librarian and establish a librarian position at DESE. Jen clarified that MTA legislative process is every 2 years, asked MTA to include this proposal for 2023. Group discussion re: sending AASL standards to Superintendents vs Principals.
 - Outreach - Debbie: MLA Exec Committee meeting discussion how MBLC agenda can parallel the MTA work. See full report.
 - Office --- Emily Kristofek: Transition forum to Wild Apricot so only seen by members.
 - Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker — **next guest: Ariel Dagan, who won the Carolyn Markuson grant.** First Forum out. 8 articles. Still looking for an Elem columnist. Luke happy to support with ideas and edits, really just share what you do! Please pass along any names to Reba. Podcast update from Ella, great conversation with a vocational tech educator.
 - Professional Learning - Luker: “Gear Up: Moving Forward Together” is the theme for the conference; up next is brainstorming potential speakers, ideas to Luker and Alix, budget considerations apply.
 - Awards: Ella announced that the Awards committee decided to shift their timeline to later in the year. The Awards nomination window will open at the Conference.
 - Area Updates - Area Directors: Claudia, West, very active PLC, also can join on Zoom; Colleen, Southeast, meeting next week, welcome to join. Barb offered to help with Area Directors reports.
4. Vote to approve appointments - Jen
- Iris Santana, Boston Area Co-Director:
 - Anne Powell, Bookmark (Student Contest) Committee Chair (Not in attendance, will chair bookmark contest)
 - Jen has appointed, Reba motioned, Barb second, motion carried.
5. Strategic Plan update - Jen / Deb
- Current committee members: Jen, Deb, Barb, Luke, Ella, Morgan, Claudia, Reba, Georgina, Carol Kelly, Anna Bognolo, Deeth Ellis, Hugh Ahearn (Mackin), Sarah Sogigian (MLS): Meeting next Monday 7pm, goal is to meet and write plan Oct-Feb, present to Board In Feb, present to membership at conf, there will be three focus areas formed as sub groups
6. Intellectual Freedom update/discussion: Jen: Book challenges are here in MA. Jen met with Sarah S at MLS; Laura and Jen have decided to track challenges; approx 8 self reported thus far. Jen meeting with James Loneregan MBLC to get intellectual freedom

info to school administrators, evidently they did the same for public libraries which was very helpful. Challenge reporting form on website. Jen asking for volunteers to help w resource list to add to website, will be public for now.

7. School Librarian Learning Network - Jen: bought to Jen by librarians in independent school network. Possible benefit is to share PD. Jen noted some states open up monthly webinars etc to other states.

8. Other news/topics from board members

Motion to adjourn by Michelle, second by Barb.

Meeting adjourned 6:52pm