

Massachusetts School Library Association
April 10, 2024 4:30-6:00 pm
Zoom
Executive Summary Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Liz Cammilleri
Barb Fecteau
PJ Feymann
Michelle Fontaine
Emily Kristofek
Emma Kwon
Sue Larson
Daisy Magner
Caludia Palframan
Tinamarie Sheckells
Colleen Simpson
Ella Stocker
Reba Tierney
Georgina Trebbe
Jen Varney
Emily Willis
Jenna Wolf
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of March meeting--- Barb called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Georgina, seconded by Sue L, motion carried.
2. Nominating committee: Reba Tierney was elected and will begin her term on July 1 as President Elect.
3. Commending/Action Resolutions for ALA (Jen)
 - Discussion of possible organizations to write a commendation for.
 - Reba was recently recognized by DESE Safe Schools; Partnership opportunity.
4. . Updates:
 - Regional Updates:
 - Boston- Trent - Working on a HS job alike meetup
 - Central - Liz - Job alike week after break. Algonquin schools are hosting.
 - MetroWest - Reba - in person AI event w/ The Lexington PTA last Monday night.
 - Zoom with Anita about guided inquiry.

- Northeast - Tinamarie - May: virtual workshop to talk about sub & other lesson plans
 - PJ - conversation about librarian n=being used as a sub & covering classes in the library
 - Southeast - Colleen - MassCue event: Better Together AI Impact on Education.
 - West - Claudia - Meeting with public and academic librarians to discuss flow of students between both in person and remotely
 - Outreach: Debbie: Deb not present, Barb delivered the report: Working with EveryLibrary - candidate questionnaire inc. school libraries. Met with aide to Sen. Lewis to discuss Legislative Agenda. New Bedford Light podcast - Debbie, Laura Gardner, Jack Spillane from New Bedford Light, w/ New Bedford superintendent
 - Treasurer: Daisy: see reports
 - Awards: Ella: nominations now closed. First time to test theory about presenting and opening at conference and it seems to have worked well; 12 volunteers for task force, and Anna Ring and Cathy Collins will join Awards committee; packets to readers will go out by April break; slate of nominees will be presented at May Board meeting. MBLC Director interviews, interviewing three finalists.
 - Georgina: Advocacy: Session with Deeth about PD - what people are looking for and what people understand vs. don't understand about earning PDPs. School Quality Measures - Mass group - developed questions about school libraries to test; data came back - most people don't have but want a librarian; some don't understand what it is - sponsored by UMass. Read Deeth's paper! Perceptions of school principals on librarians - good foundations for some our arguments; misconceptions on what librarians are.
 - Forum: Luke and Michelle: Michelle - last issue coming out in May and being worked on; podcast episode with grad student and international Books ambassador coming up. Next issue working on, hoping Reba will agree to a column as new President Elect.
 - Liaisons: Sue Doherty: highlight librarian positions under threat in MLS Spotlight; BPS contract ; looking at contract language: "when possible"; idea to share contract language. Eg Braintree cut 100+ positions
 - Liaisons: PJ: State requirement to offer programming to students in regional public HS in addition to students in tech schools; some offer after school or weekend eg Fitchburg, building new facility to house trade program in carpentry and electrical. Shop week & aca week program. Question from GT re: 50/50 academic & trade. State requires tech HS to offer prog to regular HS students who missed out on placement at a tech school.
 - Jenna Wolf, independent schools: working on topics for spotlight, idea for virtual conference for independent librarians see what issues/ideas bubble to surface
 - Conference: Alix: 279 attendees Sunday, 307 Monday, nearly double 2023 Amherst, report linked, looking at early March 2025, trying to accommodate independent schools because 2 week vacation period, avoid April because MCAS. Norwood, Sheraton 4 Points, connected to Norwood Conference Center. Professional conference center, fabulous amenities and food, range of price points for hotel rooms. Conference meeting rooms, lobby and access to restaurant, all well connected within the buildings.
 - Office: Emily: Conference wrap up
6. Other items:

- Barb: working on having stock letters of support drafted so they are ready
- MBLC Director Search final interviews April 17th, MBLC Office 90 Canal suite 500 Boston MA 02114
- June meeting, last year Westborough public library, followed by dinner, possibly Friday June 14th
- Deeth's study: we could do PD for librarians, teachers and administrators
- Website upgrade: Emily, Ann, Barb & Claudia meeting after April break
- Georgina: Large net worth for a non profit. Idea from GT to pay people for their PD work. GT followed up on previous conversation about MSLA developing curriculum.

Motion to adjourn: Michelle **seconded** Ella. **Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned 5:45 pm.**