

Massachusetts School Library Association
June 14, 2023 4:00-6:00 pm
Westborough Public Library / Zoom
Executive Summary Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Jenny Arch
Mike Caligiuri
Anita Cellucci
Maria D'Orsi
Barb Fecteau
Michelle Fontaine
Deb Froggatt
Emma Kwon
Sue Larson
Laura Luker
Claudia Palframan
Iris Santana
Tinamarie Sheckells
Colleen Simpson
Luke Steere
Ella Stocker
Reba Tierney
Georgina Trebbe
Jen Varney
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of May meeting--- Jen called the meeting to order at 4:09pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Reba, seconded by Sue, motion carried.
2. Updates (if needed)
 - MLS liaison update --- Christi Farrar
Guided Inquiry Institute (Aug 17 & 18) <https://forms.office.com/r/Bpkh8PQTQd>. Upcoming information literacy course in October and January.
 - Advocacy --- Georgina: Questionnaire data shows that the organizational structure of librarians in MA varies enormously. Claudia and Georgina presented at the DESE Digital Literacy conference 6/14/2023. Georgina met with Anne DeMaillie of DESE. Georgina presenting at MassCue in October. Georgina encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to present and promote librarianship. Globe article about the reading wars.

- Outreach - Debbie: Joint statewide IF task force meeting coming up. MBLC: agenda item for equitable access to school libraries. Goal is to construct legislation to mandate every school has a certified librarian. The task force released a joint statement about intellectual freedom - linked on Deb's report and [MBLC website](#).
- Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker: Great article on AI. Luke mentioned an email blast to share the forum and podcast and complete a brief survey.
- 2023-2025 Board election results
 - i. Emma Kwon, Secretary
 - Daisy Magner, Treasurer
 - Georgina Trebbe, Advocacy Committee Chair
 - Ella Stocker, Awards Committee Chair
 - Luke Steere, Forum
 - Michelle Fontaine, Forum
 - Alix Woznick, Professional Learning Committee Chair
 - Trent Bordok, Boston Area Co-Director
 - Iris Santana, Boston Area Co-Director
 - Michael Caligiuri, Central Area Co-Director
 - Liz Cammilleri, Central Area Co-Director
 - Reba Tierney, Metrowest Area Co-Director
 - Harriet Wallen, Metrowest Area Co-Director
 - Tinamarie Sheckells, Northeast Area Co-Director
 - PJ Feynman, Northeast Area Co-Director
 - Suzanne Larson, Southeast Area Co-Director
 - Colleen Simpson, Southeast Area Co-Director
 - Jenny Arch, West Area Co-Director
 - Claudia Palframan, West Area Co-Director
- Professional learning - Laura / Alix: Conference 2024: Planning for The Verve in Natick.
- Annual report - Jen: Jen and Barb decided to do an annual report in lieu of a summer annual meeting. The annual meeting will revert to being at the conference.

3. Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine

- June report
- 2023-2024 budget - 2nd vote: First presentation and vote was at the May meeting. Motion to approve the budget by Barb, seconded by Georgina, motion carried.
- Net worth: \$119,719. 95
- Thank you to Michelle for all her incredible work as Treasurer.

4. Awards - Ella

- Discussion of Award Slate options
- Motion to approve awards committee recommendations, made by Georgina, seconded by Luke, passed unanimously.

5. Performance evaluations and contracts

- Director of Outreach
- Office Manager / Conference Planner

Motion by Michelle to approve the proposed evaluation and contract for Director of Outreach and Office Manager / Conference Planner, seconded by Jenny, passed unanimously.

6. NESLA update / Markuson Fund vote

NESLA update - discussion re: purpose and benefit/s of being a member, with possible commitment to being the Chair State once every 6 years. Georgina proposed a motion to conditional membership for 1 year subject to review, seconded by Ella, passed unanimously.

Markuson Fund - We voted to take over administration of the fund at May meeting.

7. Intellectual Freedom update - Jen

- [IF Task Force Joint Statement](#)
- Discussion and vote on making IF committee permanent part of Board
- Motion to approve by Mike, seconded by Ella, passed unanimously.

8. Strategic Plan Update - Debbie Froggatt: The draft of the strategic plan identifies 3 main focus areas to translate into goals, with each including main themes of connecting, collaborating and communicating.

9. BPS Mentorship Program - Jen and Barb will be representing MSLA as consultants to BPS on a certification competency review for a one year commitment. Suggestion to give scholarship funds from MSLA eg EBSCO funds. Christi: MLS might be able to pick up after one year.

10. Tinamarie and Emily updating a membership document

11. Other news/topics from board members

- Hiring in Natick
- Jenny: all specialists including library cut to 0.8 in her district
- Jen: positions in Cambridge may be changed; Sarah Novogrodsky is the new Director in Cambridge
- Maria: Medford restoring librarian positions
- Discussion about Ludlow, MA and proposed selection policy

12. Thank you for an amazing two years!! And *special thanks* to departing board members

- Alison Connelly
- Maria D'Orsy
- Morgan Keohane
- Laura Luker
- Amy Short
- Canice Thynne

13. Ceremonial passing of the gavel: Jen to Barb! Jen wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Motion to adjourn: Jenny, seconded Emma, meeting adjourned 6:01pm.
