

**Massachusetts School Library Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2017
Virtual Meeting**

AGENDA

Attendees: Kathy Lowe, Ann Perham, Anita Cellucci, Robyn York, Amy Short, Laura Gardner, Suzanne Matthews, Kim Cochrane, Amy Bloom, Carrie Tucker, Chani Craig, Jennifer Reed, Julie Farrell, Katherine Steiger, Laura D'Elia, Liz Phipps-Soeri, Laura Luker, Laura Harrington, Meg O'Neill, Patsy Divver, Jennifer Varney, Cathy Collins

Meeting began at 4:05 pm.

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda was motioned by Amy Short and seconded by Amy Bloom.

Old Business

Bookmark update - Ariel Dagan and Cathy Collins

Cathy - selected winners and has notified them. Getting ready to send out letters with details about legislative day. Had a really good voter turnout and was overall a strong success and changes that were implemented seem to be working.

Twitter chats update - Laura Gardner

Laura G - had a few twitter chats, each about 30 minutes. To participate have to use participate.com platform otherwise can just use twitter.

Awards update - Ann Perham and Amy Short

Ann Perham and Amy Short discussed the process of the nominations and the vetting. The process of website evaluation was successful for selecting the website nominees. Ann P. is asking Board for approval for web seal winners to use the seal beyond one year.

One important issue is that one of the nominees is a certified librarian but in a paraprofessional role in the Boston schools. Although members recognize the contributions of this individual, the board members discussed the best way to acknowledge her hard work while advocating for full time professional librarians to be employed in schools and not at a paraprofessional rate - librarians should be in professional roles. In the future we may create an award for support personnel/paraprofessionals.

Ann P. suggested we take 2 votes: one is approval of the current candidate slate and the second would be on the issue of honoring paraprofessionals. Amy S. suggested taking Morgan off the slate now and voting on the slate today. Then vote on the issue later. This vote could be discussed at the March 4 meeting.

Please note that all of the board are supportive of Morgan as a person and contributor to the library profession. However, it would be in opposition to our advocacy mission to select a winner in a paraprofessional role. We want to advocate for the full time employment and compensation of licensed library professionals.

Amy Short moved for vote. Katherine Steiger seconded. Slate of nominees was approved.

New Business

Nominee committee - Carrie Tucker

Three 2-year positions are up for election this year. Carrie is looking for volunteers to help her on this committee. Email Carrie if you would like to be on this committee. Board members up for election are unable to participate on the committee.

Webinars with WGBH - Carolyn Jacobs - PLC - Laura Luker

Laura Luker met with Carolyn Jacobs to discuss the webinars. These webinars should be as interactive as possible. Possible topics include ESSA, fake news/media literacy. The next steps are to find a presenter or co-presenter. Email Laura if you're interested in presenting or co-presenting the first webinar on fake news.

MAPLE partners w/MASCUE and Massachusetts Association of School Administrators - Anita Cellucci

Benefits include the partnerships with other organizations in light of ESSA implementation. Amy Short was supportive of working with the Massachusetts Personalized Learning Edtech (MAPLE) Consortium and MASSCue because of the focus on personalized learning.

Cathy Collins mentioned the conference on March 10 in Worcester that she and Laura Gardner will be presenting. Carrie asked Cathy Collins to share the link to the conference, and she will.

Legislative Update: Commission, Leg Day, - Liz Phipps-Soeiro

Legislative Day is ready to roll. There will be 19 displays in the library showcase. Seven of those are directly related to school libraries.

Discussion and Survey - Anita Cellucci

Anita asked that members complete a survey at the end of the meeting today that will ask about the way meetings are held, website, retreats, the new positions that were added, training and role support, and outreach.

Action Plan/Strategic Plan - Anita Cellucci

Each member will create their own goals and plan for their role and these will be shared with everyone so that there is visibility. These plans should be ready for our retreat on March 4

Boston Area Co-Director - vote - Deeth Ellis, head librarian at Boston Latin School

Suzanne Matthews motioned for vote, Amy Short seconded. Deeth Ellis was approved and added as a Boston area co-director, replacing Reba Tierney who has moved out of Boston and is now at Waltham Public Schools.

Wrap up and survey taking

Anita asked that everyone stay connected for a few minutes in case there are questions.

Adjourn

Anita Cellucci motioned to adjourn. Laura Harrington seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robyn York