

**Massachusetts School Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2015
Virtual**

Attending: Kathy Lowe, Anita Cellucci, Robyn York, Melissa Lynch, Jen Varney, Sarah Bickel, Amy Short, Megan O'Neill, Laura Gardner, Reba Tierney, Judi Paradis, Laura Luker, Laura D'Elia, Cathy Collins, Sam Kane, Ellen Brandt, Jen Dimmick, Julie Farrell

Consent Agenda was accepted.

ALA/NESLA Midwinter - Kathy Lowe & Cathy Collins

Cathy Collins has some volunteers from the Advocacy Committee who are willing to staff the table.

Volunteers will staff the table for 2 hour time slots.

Kathy Lowe was able to get free passes from vendors. EBSCO & OverDrive are offering unlimited passes for the exhibit hall.

Awards - Amy Short & Ann Perham

Amy reminded board members and area directors to submit award nominations by 1/15/16. Presently she only has 2 nominations.

2017 MSLA Conference - Melissa Lynch & Kathy Lowe

Three sites were considered: UMass Amherst, DCU Center in Worcester, and Cape Cod Resort & Conference Center in Hyannis.

The Board voted to hold the conference on April 8,9,10 at the Conference Center in Hyannis.

Legislative Day, March 8, 2016 - Kathy Lowe

Format for the day has changed. Event will start at 11 am and will include lunch, but no breakfast. There will be table top displays providing information about technological and research education libraries provide, not just about books. The intent is to have the event be more visual and interactive.

The Bookmark Contest will not have a formal ceremony. Bookmarks will be on display and students will be invited to the event, but the committee is looking for other ways to honor students in a less formal way.

Legislative Update - Judi Paradis, Kendall Boninti, Keri Johnson

DESE will be rewriting the survey created by Carol Gordon and Robin Cichetti with Carol's input.

Mitchell Chester, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, will be sending the survey out to administrators on his DESE letterhead.

This is the first time a survey like this has been submitted by a state school education board and not put out by a university (check my facts please)

Spring Bookfest, April 30, 2016 - Laura D'Elia

Confirmed date with UMass Amherst and Donalyn Miller has been confirmed for the keynote speaker.

Diversity is the theme. There will be author discussion panels, Ignite sessions, and an author signing before dinner.

The committee is looking for speaker suggestions for their after dinner speaker.

Better Together 2016 (MSLA/MassCue) - Anita Cellucci

MSLA will continue its affiliation with MassCue and hold the next Better Together event in August.

There will be more Ignite sessions, but less formal, and more table top displays in a playground-type setting.

Lesley University is being considered for the location.

There will be an incentive (reduced conference fee) for participants who bring a classroom teacher.

Adjourned meeting at 4:55 PM.