

**MSLA Executive Board**  
**February 10, 2016**  
**MSLA virtual meeting**

**Skype link: <https://join.skype.com/xZ2lSdHgSSig>**

Attendees: Anita Cellucci, Ann Perham, Kathy Lowe, Amy Short, Judi Paradis, Laura Gardner, Kendall Boninti, Laura D'Elia, Reba Tierney, Keri Johnson, Laura Luker, Jennifer Varney, Meg O'Neill, Kelly McManus, Chani Craig, Linda Coviello, Jennifer Reed, Kim Cochrane, Carrie Tucker, Cathy Collins, Jennifer Dimmick, Sam Kane, Robyn York

Consent agenda was approved.

**Old Business**

***Awards Update - Amy S. & Ann P.***

Amy S. presented nominations to the board:

**Audrey Friend:** Elizabeth Halley at Salem State University and library aide at Thompson Elementary School in Arlington

**Ellen Berne Pathfinder:** Kendall Boninti (Waltham HS) & Liz Phipps Soeiro (Cambridge PS)

**Administrator Advocate:** Daniel Mayer (District Administrator, Westborough) & Joel Bates (Principal, Nashoba Regional Elementary)

The other administrators who were nominated, but did not win, will receive a certificate of appreciation - School Library Champion.

**School Library Advocate:** John Palfrey for book *Bibliotech*, award will be presented at Legislative Day, Palfrey is also receiving a library advocate award from the Mass Library System

**PALS Award:** PTA at West Elementary School in Plympton & Friend of Haggarty (FOH) in Cambridge

**Service Award:** Robin Cicchetti, Carol Gordon, and Judi Paradis

**Web Seal of Excellence:** Karen Davidson-Heller (Malden Catholic), Ellen Brandt (Blanchard MS), Anita Cellucci (Westborough HS), Ethel Downey (Newton South HS), Katherine Steiger (Pollard MS), and Amy Fiske (Wellesley High School).

**MSLA Super Librarian:**

West: Jordan Funke (Baird MS, Ludlow)

Northeast: Rachel Bouhanda (Billerica HS)

Metrowest: Amy Bloom (Natick MS)

Boston: Deeth Ellis (Boston Latin)

Southeast: Tricia London (Avon MS)

Central: Pam Vallee (Lunenburg HS)

**President's Award:**

West: Chani Craig (Great Falls MS/Turners Falls HS)  
Northeast: Samantha Whitney (Gloucester HS)  
Metrowest: Emily Houston & Mairead Kelly (Cambridge Rindge & Latin)  
Boston:  
Southeast: Kate Powers (Quinn Elementary, Dartmouth)  
Central: Carri Grimshaw (Leicester HS)

Recommendations include redoing the online forms and forming a subcommittee to vet for web seal of approval award and make criteria more transparent for selecting the website.

Possible ways to recognize administrators who did not win the award with a certificate. In addition, we could issue an advocacy press release in the newspaper or make an announcement at a faculty meeting.

Anita C. called for a vote for the award nominees, the change of deferring Kathy Lowe's nomination for sometime in the future. Vote was approved.

#### ***Nominee Committee Update - Judi P.***

Judi P. reports that the committee has reached out to a specific person and the committee will announce the nominee once they hear back from that person. Will have nominee ready for March meeting so that vote can take place before April 1.

#### ***PLC Quick Update - Laura D.***

##### **(BeTog, April Bookfest, 2017 Conference)**

Digital Learning Day - profit of \$3,800, better than expected.

Bookfest: Andrea Davis Pinkney is confirmed dinner keynote, Kathy L. will be opening Cvent site on March 1

Better Together: Have been coordinating with MassCUE to determine site, either Lesley University or Cambridge Public Schools

MSLA Conference 2017 dates conflict with Palm Sunday and Passover on Monday. The committee is now considering April 29-May 1 (set up on 4/29, conference on 4/30 & 5/1). It may be possible to hold the conference on April 7-8 (Friday & Saturday). No clear alternative, but the committee is exploring other dates.

If anyone on the board is interested in helping on the Conference 2017 Committee, please let Laura D. know as soon as possible. Volunteer to check dates for MRA and MLA conference dates.

#### ***Commission Update - Kendall B., Keri J., Judi P.***

Feb. 4 Judi & Kendall attended recent meeting. Ross Todd from CISSL from Rutgers is interested in data collection and processing and is offering data analysis and funding. Waiting to see if Carol G. can get paperwork submitted to Rutgers to get sponsorship funding. People on the commission are writing letters and educating their home institutions on the survey to respond to and participate in the first wave of the survey.

### **Bookmark Contest Update - Linda C.**

Linda C. shared a more detailed document about the event. Board members discussed the movement of the day so that students get recognition at appropriate times, and get their tour. Judi P., Keri J. and Linda C. will talk this week and report back on Friday 2/12 before Kathy L.'s meeting at 12:30 pm with legislative committee.

### **Advocacy - Update: NEASC, Upcoming items for committee - Cathy Collins**

Cathy C. is looking for some new faces to help with the Advocacy Committee, so let her know if you want to join. NEASC has possible changes and Cathy spoke with director for secondary ed yesterday and the rep confirmed that changes were for higher ed. Librarians are more integrated in the standards for higher ed. For schools with over 400 students, NEASC recommends that the school has a certified librarian. Wording there adds that if the district does not, then they must provide a report on how they are meeting the standards through other programs within the school. Administrators can use that "tricky sentence" to justify cuts.

Amy S. and Anita C. met with NESLA last night and discussed this issue. There is a regional task force forming to be proactive and form a united front among NE school library associations to prevent abuse of this wording. There should be a representative from each state on this committee. NESLA put out a position paper in 2002 (as NEMA) and articulated the role of school librarian. Carol G. has offered to revise that paper. Janet Allison was a fervent supporter of school libraries within NEASC, but she has retired, and Kathy L. wonders if we have a supported in NEASC. Cathy C. suggests that the new rep, George Edwards does seem supportive.

### **New Business**

#### **Update on Licensure Task Force - Carol Kelly**

Carol was unable to attend, but she passed along a document to Judi P. and a summary of her findings are included in the document [Library Licensure](#) in our shared board folder.

Ann P. is ready to put this information up on the website and proposes that we put this information into a PDF and link it on the MSLA website. Judi P. wants to run this by Carol G. one last time. Ann P. would like to give credit, note that the document was approved by the board, and include a date.

Anita C. mentioned that the college library administrators would like to be involved in keeping the standards and requirements current.

Judi P. thought that board members should read over the document and discuss edits at the March meeting. Anita C. suggested we have official proofreaders. Official proofreaders: Carrie Tucker, Jennifer Varney, and Chani Craig. Everyone should read and send in comments and proofreaders will collect responses and present to group.

### **Comp Registration for Members Who Organize Events/Conference Date - Laura D**

Kathy L. said that we already have a policy in place and if we want to change this policy, we need to have 2 readings of the policy language change, 1 each at separate board meetings. The board can vote upon the second reading of the proposed policy change.

Compensation ideas for committee members include conference fee discounts or a fixed amount that is distributed among the volunteers. Kathy L. mentioned that comps at national level are limited, maybe one night at a hotel. Could be a line item in the budget for all comps.

Task force on compensation for members of conference & PLC committees was formed and will be discussing this issue. Members include Anita C., Jen V., Laura D., Kelly M., Reba T.

### **Legislative Day Update - Kathy L.**

Come and see to hear John Palfrey speak, visit exhibits, talk with legislators.

### **Vocational Tech Librarian Liaison: Mary Millette - Anita C.**

Mary M. contacted Anita C. and the Vocational Tech Librarian group would like to become more involved in MSLA. Anita C. would like to seek board approval to add this liaison position to the board, called for a vote, and position was approved.

### **Area Director Check in - Status on Action Plans - Anita C.**

Amy S. thanked all of the ADs for their hard work on the awards. Kathy L. thanked Ann and Amy for the nomination and she asked that she be considered at a later date because she is still working so closely with the board and wouldn't feel right accepting the award at this time.

### **Affiliate Assembly Reps - Jennifer Dimmick, Reba Tierney - Anita C.**

Jennifer Dimmick and Reba Tierney have been offered the positions to become the new reps. and would include NESLA as well. Anita C. made the nomination and there was some discussion about the dates and responsibilities. Jennifer Dimmick and Reba Tierney are approved as reps.

### **Miscellaneous**

Jen D. solicited names for new column authored by Valerie Diggs. Suggestions included Ask a Library Legend, Digging In, Digg It, etc. Kathy L. reported that Valerie Diggs did get compensation for her lost wages and benefits and is having a retirement party in Friday.

### **6:00 Adjourn**