

MSLA Executive Board
January 20, 2016
MSLA virtual meeting

Skype link: <https://join.skype.com/wVw1phtvlgiC>

Attendees: Sarah Bickell, Leslie Lomasson, Suzanne Matthews, Judi Paradis, Anita Cellucci, Robyn York, Ellen Brandt, Carrie Tucker, Ann Perham, Amy Short, Laura Luker, Keri Johnson, Katherine Steiger, Laura D'Elia, Jennifer Reed, Julie Farrell, Kendall Boninti, Cathy Collins, Beth Goldman, Patsy Divver, Rachel Small

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM after some hiccups with Skype.

Consent Agenda was accepted

Old Business:

Awards Update - Amy Short, Ann Perham

Looking for [Super Librarian Award](#) & [President's Award](#) nominees, which are due 1/30. Ann P. mentioned the [Peggy Hallisey's Lifetime Achievement](#). She shared that Pat Keogh has been nominated, and said that other nominees can be submitted (up to 3 awards in this category).

The committee is looking for one nominee per region for the Super Librarian & President's Awards, and more than one for the Friend Scholarship and Lifetime Achievement.

Board discussed awarding more than one person for the Berne Pathfinder award because we have removed the monetary compensation and we want to recognize achievements in the field and build advocacy and recognition.

From the Leadership Academy that Judi and Anita attended the idea was brought forward to nominate the winners of the President's Award for the [AASL/ALA Emerging Leaders Program](#), and Laura D. suggested that we consider adding some or all of the other nominees.

Ann P. said that the committee will have nominees ready for board approval by February meeting.

Website Reminders - Ann Perham

Remember to contact Ann P. if you need help. She must do the header edits so send her the photos. Make sure to keep your pages fresh and current.

PLC Update - Laura D'Elia

Welcome to the new co-chair of the PLC, Rachel Small.

Laura D. reported that survey results show Digital Learning Day was a huge success.

Bookfest is being planned, but the committee has run into some snags because the potential speaker, Andrea Davis Pinkney, was editor for *George Washington's Cake*. The [controversy surrounding the book](#) could be negative, but having her as speaker could provide opportunity for discussion.

The Better Together Conference will be held at Lesley University or Cambridge Rindge & Latin and include a swanky reception/event similar to the IdeaLab at the AASL conference.

Also, there will be ELL and SPED courses offered through EDCO this summer.

Cathy Collins just booked Thursday, February 11 at 7 PM virtual Google hangouts for the Makerspace PLC. Laura D. is interested in posting links to Makerspace archived convos because the Makerspace could be good way to start offering online PD opportunities.

New Business:

Legislative Day - Proposals, Bookmark Contest - Anita Cellucci, Judi Paradis

37 proposals submitted for Legislative Day presentations in the Grand Hall. The committee still needs to finalize the number of displays that will fit into the space. Legislative Day starts at 10:30 AM and runs until 1:30 PM. John Palfrey is the keynote speaker.

Legislative Breakfasts - Kendall Boninti, Keri Johnson

Upcoming [legislative breakfast locations](#) include Pittsfield and Laura Gardner's library in Dartmouth on Feb.5 at 8 am. Judi P. suggested just going to the breakfasts, trying to speak if there is an opportunity, and bring info sheets to leave for legislators. Check out the [MSLA website](#) for more information.

Evaluation Rubric - Carrie Tucker, Laura Gardner

Southeast Area Directors Carrie T. and Laura G. hosted a meeting in Carver on December 11 to discuss the [evaluation rubric](#). The discussion centered on the rubric and how people use it to gather and present evidence. School librarians suggested that we have more defined categories because they didn't like just proficient as indicator and they were looking to get the rubric approved in their districts. DESE reached out to MSLA to create this rubric for teacher/librarian evaluation and it was initially based on the school nurse rubric which did not have the other categories: Needs Improvement and Exemplary. Any changes must be approved by DESE, so before we submit any suggestions or edits that we have a task force lined up and a plan to share with DESE.

Judi P. said that the Springfield Public Schools didn't like that there wasn't a Needs

Improvement or Exemplary category, and the librarians in that district volunteered to work on adding those categories, but were unable to follow through. If there are people that want to volunteer to work on this, let Judi P. know.

Amy S. uses the rubric in Cambridge Public Schools because it was approved by the union, and the same is true in Anita's district (Westborough). Leslie L. suggested that we promote the evaluation rubric because there are many librarians are unaware of it. In order to promote the rubric, Katherine S. will coordinate with Ellen B. to write and publish an article about it in the *Forum*.

MLS Strategic Committee- Leslie Lomasson

Greg Pronevitz has asked members to attend one of several MLS meetings throughout the state in order to gather stakeholder input. Leslie L. said that MLS is interested in MSLA's priorities for the next 3 years. Judi P. suggested that we revisit our strategic plan, which was written several years ago, and we should think about ways in which MLS can support us - providing PD. The board should gather ideas in a Google doc about how MLS can support MSLA. Leslie L. suggested that we clarify on the Google doc what MLS is and their mission so we can tailor our needs to fit what services they can provide.

Ellen B. asked if we should promote the FastTrack library certification program to get more librarians. Patsy D. suggested that we write a Forum article about the MLS & MBLC, clarifying what the organizations are and what each does and in relation to our organization. Anita C. suggested that we connect to a libguide April Mazza was putting together. Anita C. volunteered to create the Google doc and will put it in the shared board folder.

If you are able to attend, here are the MLS meeting dates:

- February 22 at Northeastern University (10am-1pm)
- February 24 at Tewksbury Public Library (3-6pm)
- February 25 at Mashpee Public Library (2-5pm)
- February 29 at Goodnow Library (Sudbury) (3-6pm)
- March 1 at South Hadley Public Library (10am-1pm)

After February 22, Leslie will have more information for the members and will report out after that meeting.

AASL Focus Group at NHSLMA - Kathy L. email

Free registrations for volunteers to participate in a focus group about AASL standards and will be held in 2 sessions from 9:30-11:30 or 2:00 - 4:00 during May 12 NHSLMA conference. Rachel S. volunteered to attend and Laura L.(or Laura D.??) is thinking about it and will confirm later.

Teacher Prep Program School Librarians - Carol Kelly (Salem State), Judi Paradis

Carol Kelly and her committee have been working on identifying the criteria aspiring librarians must meet to become certified in Massachusetts in order to help people from a variety of backgrounds - i.e., already working in a library, from out of state, etc. - determine what they need to do in order to be certified. The committee is creating a chart that shows these paths. Carol has offered to attend our next meeting.

Nominee Committee for President Elect - Anita Cellucci, Judi Paradis

Judi P. said that much of the collaboration will be done remotely, possibly through Google. The deadline for the nomination is the February meeting and the election must be completed by April 1. Jennifer R. (unsure), Katherine S., Carrie T., Ann P., Amy S. have offered to help with this effort.

Anita C. reminded us that all elected positions (Area Directors, President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are halfway through their two-year terms.

Important info - Board docs - Handbook, Strategic Plan, Responsibilities - Anita C.

Anita C. reminded board members that important documents are located in our shared folders.

AD's - membership - Anita C.

Kathy L. asked that AD's reach out to lapsed members, and Anita praised the AD's for the way they are reaching out to new members. Judi P. mentioned doing a cross check of members of AASL that are not yet members of MSLA and Amy S. said that she is expecting to receive an email with the list from AASL. Amy S. will put the list in the shared folder. Jennifer R. will post a sample letter in the Google folder.

Forum PDPs from 2.5 to 5 - Katherine Steiger

PDP's for submitting Forum articles will be increased from 2.5 to 5 points each, so if you submit 2 articles you would receive 10 points because PDPs must be bundled into 10 points. You can write 1 article and receive 5 PDP's.

Commission Survey Update - Anita C.

DESE wants to launch survey at the start of February and will be open for 2-3 weeks, closed by the end of February. Kendall B. asked that all board members promote and complete the surveys. DESE will collect the data and share it with Robin C. and Carol G., but it is unclear who will own the data. DESE will send out reminders to school districts to complete the survey and they will allow us to use their branding, logo for reports, but they want to review materials in advance for approval.

Adjourned at 5:30 PM :)