

Agenda MSLA October 21, 2015
Virtual - Skype Meeting

Attending: Anita Cellucci, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Laura Luker, Ellen Brandt, Jennifer Reed, Katherine Steiger, Carrie Tucker, Ann Perham, Laura D'Elia, Julie Farrell, Kelly McManus, Chani Craig, Leslie Lomasson, Suzanne Matthews

Consent Agenda -agenda approved

Anita Cellucci - asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judi motioned to accept and Ann seconded.

Old Business

Website update - Ann Perham

Kathy and Ann did training yesterday with the developer. Will spend a couple of days training and will be training editors.

Ann had sent out a doc for board members to add the email they want to use to gain access to the new site. It is in the shared folder under the reports folder.

Think about content that you want to post (editors).

Katherine S. asked about time frame for training - Katherine and Jennifer (Forum editors) will be first to be trained once Ann and Kathy are finished. They are excited! We all are!

Ann wants us to make all postings to the new website so it could be approved at the next meeting. Edits should be finished by our next board meeting and launched by December 1.

Training will be through Ann or Kathy. They will arrange the training with the members and it will be online with a shared screen. Should be about half an hour to show people how to edit their pages.

Anita wondered if we should get the Forum out now rather than waiting for site to launch. Katherine expressed that she and Jennifer would rather wait to post it when the new site launches.

Ann and Judi reminded us to send pictures of our library to Cathy Collins (or is ultimately through Cathy or Ann). Still need photos from other librarians. Slideshow of different advocacy pictures. Anita does know that Cathy has been working on a plan for the photos.

Action item: For the Advocacy slideshow on the MSLA homepage, Ann tasked us to submit photos of activities in our libraries that promote librarians/advocacy. Quotes from students/teachers/parents/admin will be a bonus, but not mandatory. Send all pics to Cathy Collins, Advocacy Chair.

PLC Updates - Laura D'Elia

EDCamp was "wildly successful" and will definitely be having another one

Registration for Digital Learning Day on January 8 is coming soon - targeting November 1 (Update: Registration will open on November 11) to open registration. Fee is \$100 - member or nonmember.

Boston Spring Bookfest is coming together. Awards will be included in the Ignite Sessions. Format is a 5 minute speech on something they are passionate about. Event starts at 1 pm and will include keynote Donalyn Miller, concurrent sessions and/or author events, an Ignite Awards Ceremony, dinner, and after dinner speaker.

ELL courses are moving along well. The course at the cape is still going to be held, but not in April. Will be offered in the summer instead.

Laura and Amy Short will be co-moderating on the twitter chat for #EdChat Mass. Topic and theme have not yet been decided.

Laura has not yet followed up with the contact at Framingham.

New Business

MLS Continuing Education Committee - Judi

Spoke with Carol Kelly about her meetings with local colleges about Fasttrack certification/licensure. Participating schools are Simmons College, Cambridge College, Salem State (?) Schools that provide licensure

Looking to connect with a representative from DESE to get a grid for program progression to get this certification and have it approved- Carol still needs to make this contact.

MLS Continuing Education Committee to be aware of what MSLA has been doing for licensure. Looking to MLS to see if there are youth and children's librarians that may also want to be school librarians. Do we want to talk to MLS to team up with these providers?

Judi is on the committee with MLS to plan educational workshops and she is hoping to step down. A new member would have to be voted onto the board. MLS can hold a vote or appoint someone to take over the remaining term. We are looking for someone to volunteer for that position - perhaps someone from Laura D's committee.

Side note - kudos to Laura Luker for being a candidate for executive board for MLS.

Bookmark Committee - update - Judi, Anita

Linda Coviello put a survey out to membership and lots of positive responses that people wanted to keep it. Judi mentioned that many people felt that there was some kind of insider knowledge since some schools win year after year because it looks like someone may have an advantage. Judi thought that having a twitter chat about the bookmark contest could provide transparency and information about what makes a winning entry. It would allow us to address the point of the contest and answer questions and would provide more of an opportunity for people to address any concerns or gaps of information. Would this be on our twitter night or

something separate? Amy Short is open to doing something with this on twitter but after the EdChat night with Laura D'Elia.

ALA Midwinter - NESLA joint gathering - Anita, Judi

NESLA has asked us to coordinate a joint gathering with MSLA late afternoon or early evening on Saturday during the midwinter gathering. We are also going to have a table in the vendor hall. Anita has asked NESLA if they would like to share a table at ALA Midwinter.

Judi, Anita and Amy Short attended September NESLA event and this idea formed. This joint event would be located near the convention center, would be informal/social gathering primarily, and there would be a fee. Laura D'Elia asked if Melissa Lynch would be able to help find a location, but Kathy Lowe does not think that's under her purview.

Judi asked about locations and mentioned the place Boston Public Schools uses District Hall in Innovation District in Boston(districthallboston.org - innovation space with a restaurant in the space called Brew & Gather and have a big open atrium area. Anita, Judy and Amy discussed possible activities like a Makerspace be available. Amy will make initial contact to see if space is available.

Katherine Steiger knows that many people are planning to attend on Friday and is concerned that folks may not want to come back into Boston the next day. Jennifer Reed also expressed concern about location because of parking and transportation concerns. Some people suggested a suite at a hotel.

Chani Craig ended up calling the location and Jennifer Reed emailed them. District Hall responded to Chani that all space is available and we could use whatever we needed.

Action Items: Wait to hear from NESLA to see if they want to take on shared expense of table and the event.

Update on S.1906 The Massachusetts School Library Study: Equity and Access for the Students of the Commonwealth - Kendall, Keri, Judi and Robin

Judi reported that she attended the event at the statehouse (10/15) in Kendall's stead because she had a previous commitment. Share results of the survey with lawmakers. Unfortunately our representative at DESE has resigned, but DESE recognizes the importance and will be helping us launch the survey to administrators. The survey will come from DESE because it will have more import and relevance for administrators. There will be an info sheet for administrators to help them be prepared to complete the survey. Will be launched in early November.

Suzanne Matthews asked if every school will be surveyed - and yes, all public schools will be surveyed.

Advocacy update - Cathy Collins

Cathy was unable to attend this virtual meeting, but Anita did report on her behalf. Kathy Lowe

provided Cathy a display set to bring to MassCUE. Cathy has been at MassCUE

NEASC - removing libraries from accreditation

Maureen Ambrosino emailed Anita that NEASC has now removed school librarians and libraries from their standards of accreditation. Library is only mentioned once in all of the standards. MSLA has responded that removing the library from standards is detrimental.

Judi suggested that we find out why it was removed and ascertain what that means. If it is as detrimental as we might think, then we need to plan a counter offense because many librarians justify their jobs because of NEASC certification requirements. Believes that MLS, MBLC, NESLA, and other community and educational . Suzanne suggested we collaborate with NESLA on this issue. Amy Short commented that it sends a strong message to administrators that librarians were not important enough to include in their standards. MLA has already stood up for librarians. Amy expressed that this may be a concern that AASL may need to be involved because many regional accreditation services are excluding librarians from their standards.

Action items: Kathy Lowe will email her contact Janet Allison at NEASC and ask why library was removed. Laura Luker said that Janet Allison is gone and has been replaced by Anita will contact Eric Poulin, President of Massachusetts Library Association to get more information as well.

Small Group Work:

Task: Theme for this year - Advocacy - We will have a discussion regarding advocacy and how it relates to our work in MSLA this year.

Guiding Questions:

- In what way can your group work together to further our advocacy efforts for our profession?
- What should the message be from MSLA for advocacy?
- What could we be doing that we are not yet doing?

Groups in Google Doc:

[Group #1: PLC, Advocacy, Forum, AD's, Student SIG \(includes Membership\), President](#)

[Group #2: Legislation, ED, Treasurer, Secretary, Liaisons, Awards, Past President](#)

I joined Group #2 and discussion centered on advocacy

Exit Ticket - Google Keep

- Please update your Google Keep to include a reflection of today's small group work

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn York