

**Massachusetts School Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2016  
Virtual Meeting**

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Attendees: Anita Cellucci, Kathy Lowe, Carrie Tucker, Meg O'Neill, Jennifer Dimmick, Leslie Lomasson, Patsy Divver, Laura Gardner, Ann Perham, Amy Short, Claudia Palframan, Amy Bloom, Laura Harrington, Jen Varney, Kim Cochrane, Laura Luker, Reba Tierney, Jen Thomas, Robyn York

**Meeting started at 4:05 pm.**

Old Business

**Consent agenda was approved.**

[ESSA highlights](#) – Anita Cellucci

Jen Reed attended the first forum. Anita C. will be attending the next one in Shrewsbury. Liz Phipps-Soeiro received an agenda last minute that indicated the meeting was more of a conversation rather than a formal meeting/presentation format. Even if it is a brainstorming session, there is still a place to share MSLA talking points.

If you are planning to go, please tweet out while you are at the meeting. Anita has provided linked materials on the school library website.

[Annual Report update 2015-2016](#) – Anita Cellucci

Now available on the website as a smore and linked on the MSLA Leadership page.

**PLC highlights (conference update) - Laura Luker**

Edcamp was small but successful. 23 librarians from around the state attended this event and it was a net positive revenue event.

Reminder, the MSLA Conference will be held at the Hyannis Conference Center from May 7-8, 2017, so don't forget to [register](#). The Conference Committee met on 11/7 at Armstrong Elementary School in Westborough to discuss the proposals for conference sessions to ensure

balance of grade levels covered. The Author Subcommittee has held a virtual meeting to discuss potential authors to invite to speak at the conference.

Patsy Divver wanted to make sure that the online SPED course through EDCO will continue. Carrie and Anita validated that the course should be continuing and will likely be offered in the spring at a different location.

### **New Business:**

#### **Awards highlights** - Ann, Amy

Each of the AD's need to make the final decisions on the Super Librarians and the President's Award and nominate one from each domain. Ann and Amy would like them to start thinking about it now so that it is not a last minute decision, and to give the AD's have time to discuss and decide the winner. The awards deadline is Jan. 31.

Ann is looking for a group of 5-8 members to search and evaluate school library websites looking for an exemplary site. She is hoping to put an appeal on the listserv to get some other members involved. Those on the group would develop a rubric to evaluate the sites and come up with a list of finalists and share their information in a google doc.

Meg O'Neill said that she liked adding the advocacy part to the awards of going to a school committee or meeting with administrators to honor winning librarians. Meg wondered if the finalists still need a letter of support for finalists from the librarian's admin because it is nice when the admins are surprised. Ann Perham said that it has been in the requirements and is a way to get additional certification from the librarian's school that he/she is contributing at award level.

#### **2nd vote on the [travel policy language](#)** – Anita Cellucci

The policy language was approved a second time and Kathy Lowe will update the manual and put it into the

#### **Revive Twitter chats in January** – Laura Gardner

In the past the twitter chats were successful and we would like to revive the twitter chat with partners. Laura Gardner is willing to co-host and is looking for a partner who is passionate about twitter and would be able to commit once a month to this.

Laura Harrington, Reba Tierney, and Jen Thomas are willing to co-host one of the twitter chats. Anita suggested that the twitter group consider varying the day and time because some people may have a set commitment that could conflict.

Website mslibchat was suggested as a tool for the twitter conversations.

Planning to start in January.

**AD Western MA**

Claudia Palframan, librarian at Dupont Middle School in Chicopee (Hampden County), was voted in to replace Laura Luker as an Area Director since Laura has moved to the PLC Committee.

**Evaluation of Goto Meeting**

So far, everyone is satisfied with GoTo Meeting for our virtual executive board meetings.

**4:47 Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted,  
Robyn York