

MSLA Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2008
Virtual Meeting: www.chatzy.com/678675115174

This meeting was called to order shortly after 4:00 pm when a quorum was reached. The following members attended: Barbara Andrews, Bruce Cramer, Valerie Diggs, Kathy Dubrovsky, Gerri Fegan, Pat Fontes, Linda Friel, Bob Helmer, Kahla Jourdan, Mary Kelleher, Sandy Kelly, Carol Klatt, Diane Libbey, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Bob Roth, Char Sidell, Amy Sprung, Carrie Tucker, Lynn Weeks, and Elizabeth Zimmer.

January's Action Items – Questions/Discussion

Action Item	Status
Bob Roth will write to Senators Kerry and Kennedy about NCLB when the activity is in the Senate not the House.	
Conference Committee will investigate the feasibility of using http://www.regonline.com/ for Conference registrations.	Done.
Kathy Dubrovsky will forward the email sent to Bob Kelly concerning the status of MassOne to Connie Louie at the DOE asking for confirmation of his email address in hopes of receiving a response.	
Sandy Kelly and Carrie Tucker will review the Award Chairs' job description and update it.	
The new Standards Committee will begin revising the standards to reflect the new AASL standards. The Committee members are: Valerie Diggs, Gerri Fegan, Kahla Jourdan, Linda Friel, and Lynn Weeks.	
Valerie Diggs will continue to support our efforts at the DOE as they are revising the strands. She will record her suggestions and submit them to the board for their input.	In progress.
Sandy Kelly will propose new membership categories at the next board meeting that members will be asked to consider along with a dues increase.	In progress.
PR committee members will join the 1/22 Legislative Day planning session to provide their input and decide how to implement PR for the day.	
A committee to develop a job description and salary requirements/rules for the Executive Director was established consisting of Sandy Kelly, Barbara Anderson, Ann Perham, Gerri Fegan, and Heather MacPherson (if needed). The group will meet and create a proposal for the board.	
Kathy Lowe will send Char Sidell a list of the Metrowest members and addresses.	

January Reports - Questions/Discussion

A motion was made and approved to accept the "consent agenda," which includes all reports, as posted.

Approval of January minutes as posted

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes. Note: Mary Kelleher contacted the secretary and stated that her name was omitted from the attendee list.

Old Business

- MSLA Credit Card – Andrews

There will be one CapitolOne card with the President as the authorized signer. The name on the card will be MA School Library Association. Since Kathy Lowe is not an officer of the organization, she cannot be an authorized signer. Bob Helmer and Barbara Andrews will write a policy to present at the next meeting.

- Reg Online – Lowe

Kathy presented the format and costs needed for the online conference registration. The Registration form is a 1 time charge of \$150 to set up plus \$3.50 per registration. Credit card payments are charged 5-6% as well. It is assumed that these new costs will be covered by dues and conference cost increases. A motion was made and approved to authorize Kathy Lowe to set up online registrations with RegOnline. The set-up can be completed within the month and membership sign-up can begin immediately.

- Dues Increase – Kelly

The following dues increases were suggested: \$10 professional and \$5 others change to \$40 professionals; \$25 for others. The dues increase requires a "meeting" of the membership, followed by a vote.

We will continue an online discussion on chatzy about issues that all the members have before it goes to a membership vote. This online forum will serve as a membership meeting.

The final vote will take place online and be combined with the president-elect vote. A motion was made and seconded to move the membership meeting to discuss dues increases on chatzy to midnight 3/24 through midnight 4/4 and email voting take place from midnight 4/7 through midnight 4/11.

- Legislation– Paradis

Status of H564

Judi Paradis reported that H564 should be voted on in committee in March. It was also reported that lots of members have been calling and we should do another push in late February to MSLA members and especially parents on the elist. Judi would like any parent advocates names and emails so she can put them on her email list.

Legislative Day on April 2

We need members to attend. It was suggested that we could have a parents/friends page on the MSLA website along with a subscription request form for a parents/friends listserv. The committee is looking for photos of great moments in school libraries around the state.

New Business

- Nominating Committee – Lowe

The Nominating Committee has proposed Ms. Geraldine Fegan for the president-elect nomination and she has accepted.

- Proposal to add new membership categories – Kelly

Sandy Kelly proposed that we add 3 new membership categories: Friends of MSLA, vendor advocates and academic/YSS librarians. It was suggested that the Friends of MSLA could be an open-ended category dues-wise with any donation amount being accepted or we could specify a minimum or have levels of friends giving. It was suggested that the Vendor Advocate should be named Vendors.

- Friends of MSLA membership

A committee consisting of Judi Paradis, Gerri Fegan, Linda Friel, and Kathy Lowe will draw up a proposal for the next meeting about the parameters for a "friends' category with financial details along with other potential categories, benefits, and fees. Committee discussion will be held via wiki.

- Massachusetts Teen Choice Book Award Contest – Szymanski

The consensus was to support the idea but we must look into the costs more before a final decision could be made.

- ELA and Standards update – Diggs

Valerie Diggs asked for board's input as to what documents, supporting materials, curricula that she can bring to the table when she meets with the ELA Standards Committee on March 11th to discuss the Information Literacy and Media Literacy strands. This can be done via her email at vdiggs@comcast.net. The ELA Standards committee would like to add Carol Holley. A wiki will be set up for standards revision not ELA work. Sandy, Gerri, Linda, and Valerie will set up a wiki with the current recommendations to solicit input from the board with a time limit of March 1st.

- Request that MSLA endorse SB 291, which asks for adequacy study

Judi Paradis stated that Sen. Augustus has sponsored SB 291, a bill currently before the house and senate in Massachusetts to ask for a study to determine what an “adequate school day” should look like and has been endorsed by the MTA. The intent of the bill is to force legislators to acknowledge that we are not offering an adequate education now because we don't offer things like art, music, libraries etc. She would like us to endorse this. It will allow us to get the Education Committee members to know what is missing from Mass. Schools; and it could be libraries. She stated that the next round of ed reform depends upon what this study concludes. Sandy will draft a letter for our cause and hopes MLA will support us as well.

Announcements

- Student SIG Conference at Simmons - April 26

The Student SIG Conference Committee is asking for some speakers and some more volunteers. This years' theme is “marketing the library” and will include advocacy, working with teachers, and standards. All members who could volunteer to be on the job-hunting panel should email Amy Sprung at amysprung@gmail.com.

- Forum Co-Chairs

MSLA has accepted the resignation of Paula Byrne as Forum Editor co-chair. Jan Kolizar will serve as co-chair of the Forum with Patsy Divver.

- Retiree SIG

Pat Keogh has resigned as retiree SIG chair.

- Western Area Director

Sue Crowther has resigned as Western Area Representative.

- Legislative Committee restructuring

The Legislative Committee has become a huge undertaking and Bob Roth is now also busy with AASL legislative initiatives. If anyone is interested in pursuing legislation with Judi please contact Judi offline immediately.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol S. Klatt