

**MSLA Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2009**  
**Virtual Meeting in Chatzy**

The MSLA Executive Board meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm. Members present were: Barbara Andrews, Bruce Cramer, Valerie Diggs, Patsy Divver, Gerri Fegan, Pat Fontes, Cecily Houston, Sandy Kelly, Carol Klatt, Diane Libbey, Kathy Lowe, Heather MacPherson, Ann Perham, JessicaSherlow, Chris Steinhauser, Sue Ellen Szymanski, and Lynn Weeks.

**New Business**

**January Consent Agenda**

Since we did not have a quorum for the January meeting, a motion was made and approved to accept the January Consent Agenda with changes made to the November minutes to remove the description from the "Lifetime Achievement Award."

**Digital Commonwealth - Linda Friel**

Linda Friel, our representative for the Digital Commonwealth, suggested that we join the organization for \$50 and she will continue to represent us. We will join as a basic member.

**2009 Conference - Sandy Kelly**

Sandy announced that we had to change the 2009 MSLA Conference dates to October 4-5 due to a conflict with NELA. She asked what impact this date change would have on promoting the conference in the MSLA Forum as well as the impact on conference registrations through this avenue and additional costs associated with advertising the conference outside the Forum. After some discussion, it was noted that we spent \$1000 more on conference printing last year not counting the Forum. It was decided that it might be better to do a separate mailer for the conference instead of waiting until the fall issue of the Forum is published so that our membership will have more time to plan for the Conference and take advantage of early bird registration. The Conference committee will be discussing their timeline during their next meeting. The Forum editors will then discuss whether they can have the print issue ready early enough to include conference registration materials.

**Nominating Committee - Sandy Kelly**

2009-10 Nominating Committee of 5 must be established during this meeting. The nominating committee will consist of: Kathy Lowe (chair), Gerri Fegan, Ann Perham, and Sandy Kelly. It was suggested they contact Bob Roth, Karin Deyo or Carrie Tucker to see if they would like to serve on the committee. Positions open for re-election are Secretary, Treasurer, and Area Director's that are all 2-year terms.

### **Rubrics Revision Committee - Sandy Kelly**

Sandy announced that a Rubrics Revision Committee for the MSLA Model School Library Program has been established and has 10 members. The document is being updated electronically on Google Docs. Anyone interested in contributing should let Sandy know.

### **MSLA/MLA Teen Choice Book Award**

Sue Ellen Szymanski said she would send along the most recent information from this committee meeting that took place February 23, 2009 but needed to leave the meeting before reporting further.

### **Old Business**

#### **Refund Policy - Sandy Kelly**

After much discussion it was decided to reject the newly proposed conference cancellation refund policy and stay with our current policy of "no conference refunds within 5 days of the conference otherwise there is a full refund."

#### **Executive Director Salary Increase - Sandy Kelly**

During the January 2008 meeting, Sandy Kelly was supposed to assemble a committee of volunteers to review the job description and review process of the MSLA Executive Director along with details of how the pay raise scale will operate. The committee was to include: Sandy Kelly, Gerri Fegan, Ann Perham, Barbara Andrews, and potentially Heather MacPherson. This committee will plan on completing the task before the next MSLA Board Meeting.

#### **Information Literacy Standards - Valerie Diggs**

Valerie Diggs reported that Ann Croak reviewed the proposed Information Literacy Standards and proposed only 1 minor change. Valerie will be making the changes and sending the revised copy to Ann Perham for posting. Kathy Lowe will contact Bill Mead to see if he is interested in laying out the standards with a similar design like the Forum.

Sandy Kelly has been communicating with Susan Whettle at the BESE regarding our standards. She stated that the new ELA draft will be open for public comment at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/boe/docs/0109/item6.html>. In addition, Susan and Cheryl Liebling, the head of reading literacy, will meet with us to discuss our input on the ELA revisions and comments about our Information Literacy Standards prior to the public comment. It was suggested that Valerie Diggs be present at that meeting. If any other members are interested in attending this meeting they should contact Sandy Kelly offline.

The April DESE meeting is tentatively scheduled to meet at Chelmsford High School on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Judi Paradis stated that we need more speakers to promote school libraries at the BESE meetings.

**MassCue Collaboration - Sandy Kelly**

Sandy has a meeting scheduled with Annamaria Schrimph, President of MassCue, to discuss our individual roles and future joint documents. It was suggested that we ask her to speak to the BESE about our differing yet complementary roles of School Librarians and ITS.

**EBSCO - Sandy Kelly**

It was suggested that EDCO might negotiate with EBSCO to provide school libraries with a discount to access the Literary Reference Center.

**Legislative Day/Advocacy Packets - Judi Paradis**

Judi reported that we are expected to provide coffee and tea for Legislative Day. Kathy Lowe suggested that we will provide some breakfast food about half as much as last year and it should be located at the far end of the room so those eating it will have to walk across the room to get it. Judi asked the group if we wanted to chip in for stickers that say "Libraries - Instruments of Recovery." There was a lot of discussion about whether to support this slogan or use our own but no definitive conclusion was drawn before changing topics.

Judi felt an email message should be sent to our group about Legislative Day and it was suggested that area directors help get word out.

Sandy suggested that a draft of advocacy packets should include an organizational response to members facing budget cuts. Judi stated that the current proposed packet includes information intended for administrators or another packet for school committee members.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:11.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol S. Klatt*