

MSLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 10, 2010

The MSLA Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Gerri Fegan at 4:05 p.m. as a virtual meeting on Chatzy

Attending: Leigh Barnes, Katie Cerasale-Messina, Linda Coviello, Valerie Diggs, Lori DiGisi, Patsy Divver, Gerri Fegan, Linda Friel, Sandy Kelly, Linda Kimball, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Jamie Phillips, Doc Roth, Sarah Sogogian, Christine Steinhauser, Carrie Tucker, Jennifer Varney, Lynn Weeks

Consent Agenda: Gerri moved that we accept posted online Secretary's Treasurer's, President's Executive Director's and all committee and regional reports and minutes from January 2010 meeting; Lynn seconded; **unanimously accepted.**

Kathy Lowe added to the Executive Director report that she was invited to speak about the AASL standards to the Global Studies 21st Century Committee, which includes Superintendents working with the DESE on February 25. She also thanked area directors who have been contacting lapsed members, and reminded them to add notes to the Google doc set up for this purpose. Gerri plans to send an update soon about lapsed and missing members.

Awards Co-chair: Ann Perham moved, and Chris Steinhauser seconded, that we appoint Margaret Phoenix as co-chair of the awards committee. **She was unanimously approved.**

Legislative Day: Chris Steinhauser reported that she'd put together a short video from photos she's received from members showing "a day in the life of a school librarian." We thought that showing this at the MSLA table at Legislative Day would work. Several people offered to send more photos and it was suggested that the video be set up to loop with random photos of school library. Val will bring her laptop and 22" monitor to show this.

Judi reported that plans for Legislative Day are in good shape thanks to Kathy Lowe. Sandy set up a Facebook page for the rally. Linda Coviello will send an invitation to the e-list. Gerri is working on getting speakers for the rally. Judi will work with Gerri and Kathy to set up a tour time for bookmark winners that does not conflict with the rally. Postcards are going out now. We also need to contact legislators from the library caucus and the education committees. Kathy will contact Mark Falzone with a list of talking points relevant to school libraries. We also need to contact all honorees and their legislators to see who is coming.

Lapsed MSLA members: Kathy reports that we have had some members renew due to efforts of Area Directors, and she thinks their efforts are worth it. Kathy reported 9 new members from North Andover Public Library and more from Simmons GSLIS students.

Nominating Committee: On behalf of the nominating committee, Sandy Kelly nominated Valerie Diggs as President Elect, and Ann Perham seconded this nomination. **Nomination was unanimously accepted.**

Kathy and Ann will set up the official online election for president.

Regional Library System Update: Sarah Sogogian reports that the transition team has been working on a plan with a "hub and spoke" system with 1 big office and several smaller ones around the state. Locations, staff, positions, etc are still not in place. The team is following a very short timeline with a goal of having a plan approved and in place by July 1, 2010. Sarah said staff, location and service reductions are certain. Once the plan is complete, it will go to MBLC for approval and then to the executive boards of each region for vote, and then back to MBLC for final vote. Sarah did encourage school librarians to contact Regional Administrators at the regional offices with any thoughts or concerns. She also reported that Youth Services has been identified as being important in determining what services to retain. She believes that there will be some news coming in early March. Kathy pointed out that regional library services took a disproportionate cut in the governor's budget compared to other MBLC line items (28% for regional services versus level funding for other services).

Massachusetts PTA: Gerri announced that the Mass. PTA is holding its 100th birthday celebration on April 10. She'd like to attend this with some other members, and then will ask PTA members to attend our conference in the fall. Valerie agreed to attend and Lynn may also be able to attend.

MSLA Rubrics: Val reports that there is a committee meeting planned and then members will work virtually to complete these. She is hoping for completion by the end of May.

Kathy also said that AASL asked her to develop rubrics to evaluate model lessons that incorporate the AASL standards which would be submitted to planned searchable database. She may be coming back to ask us for help on this. She is also planning to ask for assistance from the Standards in Action Task Force.

Working with MRA: Lori DiGisi from the Massachusetts Reading Association joined us briefly. She was open to the idea of a joint presentation with MRA and MSLA at our conference, and wanted us to share a joint-statement document, so she could see if this is something we may want to work on with MRA. She also wondered if someone from MSLA would consider serving as the Reading and Technology Chair for MRA. Gerri will contact her to follow up with these initiatives.

Author database: Gerri proposed that we set up a database linking to authors in the area who make school visits. The model might be a Google doc with links to authors. Ann proposed that we try to find someone not on the board to take this on, and Gerri wondered if we wanted to limit access to our members. Sandy suggested that Facebook might be a good vehicle for contacting local authors and getting them to spread the word. There was discussion that if this was a free link on our website, it would be a great joint project to propose to the PTA and MRA. Val said we should include authors who Skype with schools. Chris Steinhauser is going to post to the listserv to find someone to coordinate the author database and report back in March.

Outstanding Librarian in Every State: Ann reports that AASL President Nancy Everhart has set up criteria to visit an outstanding librarian in every state. MSLA is asked to have library in Massachusetts selected by April 1. Ann thought it made sense to solicit nominations from our members, and then select a school and an alternate in March. The board agreed.

Gale/EBSCO Situation: EBSCO purchased all rights to National Geographic and Forbes, so that they will not be available anywhere else. Some members thought other magazines were also involved, but Sandy said only these two were mentioned at ALA in January. Doc asked that we look for a complete list of magazines involved in this.

Alternate meeting ideas: Gerri is hoping to find another form for meetings. Ann suggested we investigate WebEx to see if that is possible. Jen Varney will also investigate the chat component of Ning. Doc also recommends Elluminate. Valerie will set up a trial and send out an invitation to those who are available to try it out.

NESLA Meeting in June: Ann asked members to attend the NESLA meeting on Saturday, June 5 in Bedford, NH. Those likely to attend include Valerie, Doc, Gerri, Linda Friel, Kathy Lowe, Sandy.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by Judi Paradis, Secretary