

MSLA Executive Board –Executive Summary

April 11, 2012

175 Richdale St., Cambridge (home of Sharon Hamer)

Attending: Leigh Barnes, Amy Bloom, Valerie Diggs, Julie Farrell, Gerri Fegan, Susanna Hall, Sharon Hamer, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Ann Perham, Kathleen Porter, Eleanor Rogers, Amy Short

Mileage for MSLA is now set at 30 cents per mile; and the federal reimbursement rate is now approximately 55 cents. Kathy Lowe pointed out that there is nothing in our policy manual regulating who gets mileage and what events are covered. We approved the following language:

Executive Board members in their service to MSLA can be reimbursed for mileage for traveling to board meetings or to events and committee meetings where they are representing MSLA .

Non-executive board members who are serving on Executive-board-approved committees that provide direct benefits to members (e.g., conference committee, bookmark committee) can also be reimbursed for mileage.

The reimbursement rate will now be set at 55 cents per mile.

Executive Director Review: Valerie Diggs gave Kathy Lowe an outstanding review for her service this past year. The Board voted an increase in compensation to Kathy, who has not received an increase since 2009. Her monthly compensation is now \$1250 per month (an increase of \$250/month).

Election results: Judi Paradis was elected as president-elect and will resign as MSLA Secretary in June. The ballot also included information about members' interest in professional development offerings that will be used to inform our planning for the summer/fall. These results will also be shared with MLS to assist them in planning professional development.

Professional Development for Fall: Based on our findings from the election survey, we are investigating possible offerings for a Saturday in September and hope to offer something in Central or Western Massachusetts.

ACRL and MSLA: Valerie Diggs presented a joint-statement that she developed with ACRL, it has been approved by ACRL-New England. The Board also approved this statement, and it will be uploaded and shared on our website. Unanimously approved

Melissa Lynch contract: Melissa is our conference organizer and asked for a renewed contract. We accepted her contract and also approved a service-related bonus of \$300 to Melissa for her exemplary service following a highly successful conference in March.

MTA Annual Meeting: Julie Farrell will represent MSLA at the MTA annual meeting on May 11.

Membership recruitment contest: Kathy said that we've agreed in the past to provide one free conference registration as a "raffle prize" to someone who brings in a new member. As the year ends, we suggested Kathy put out the word that this is still an option to see if it brings in any more members.

MLA Conference: Cindy Erle and Kathy Lowe will coordinate representing MSLA at the MLA conference on May 9 and 10 in Worcester.

Conference reimbursement policy change: Kathy Lowe proposed changes to the MSLA policy manual regarding conference reimbursement to provide greater flexibility in reimbursing members for costs of attending national conferences.