

Massachusetts School Library Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8 2015
Wilson Middle School, Natick, MA

Meeting called to order at 4:07.

Attending: Ellen Brandt, Amy Bloom, Anita Cellucci, Robin Cicchetti, Nora Clooney, Cathy Collins, Laura D'Elia, Jennifer Dimmick, Julie Farrell, Laura Gardner, Kathy Lowe, Suzanne Mathews, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Amy Short, Carrie Tucker

Consent Agenda: Unanimously approved.

Conference committee: Kathy Lowe reported that we raised over \$20,000 at the March conference, and attendance topped 400. Good news on both counts. Melissa Lynch will continue as conference coordinator and serve as consultant in the coming year. Judi Paradis asks board if we want to give Melissa a bonus. Kathy says the new conference site generated more work for Melissa. Kathy suggests a \$500 bonus. Unanimously approved. Next conference is planned for 2017. We are looking for venues at this time.

Election results:

- Treasurer: Jennifer Varney
- Secretary: Robyn York
- Area Directors
 - Southeast: Laura Gardner, Carrie Tucker
 - Central: Julie Farrell, Kelly McManus
 - Boston: Suzanne Mathews, Reba Tierney
 - Northeast: Ellen Brandt, Meghan O'Neill
 - Western: Chani Craig, Leslie Lomasson, Laura Luker
 - Metrowest: Patsy Diver, Jennifer Reed

Members voted for a change to a two-day conference every other year. Alternate years, including 2016, MSLA will host 4 one-day professional development events. Also, board appointed Laura D' Elia as chair of the professional development committee.

American Association of School Librarians: Amy Short reported that by early May 2015 commendations and recommendations would be sent to AASL. Laura Gardner will write a recommendation about closing libraries for testing. Wondermore, a group that sends authors into low income schools as discussed as a possible commendation.

Professional development:

- Laura D'Elia reported that MSLA will offer an Edcamp in September 2015. The intention is for this event to be a full-fledged free and open Edcamp, well attended by a variety of educators. Soliciting sponsors for food, tee-shirts, etc., was discussed.

- On April 1, Anita Cellucci, Judi Paradis, Kathy Lowe, and Laura D'Elia met with Carolyn Jacobs from PBS Learning Media about having a January 8, 2016 pre-ALA Midwinter event at WGBH studios in Brighton. They toured the facility, discussed logistics and parking, and met with event planner at nearby restaurant, Stockyard.
- Joint one-day event with MassCUE, Better Together, is planned for August 20, 2015, at Concord-Carlisle High School. Joint proposals from STEM educators and librarians are invited.
- English Language Learners and the School Library: Karen Sekiguchi is offering the following professional development through EDCO cosponsored by MSLA
 - July 20-22, 2015, at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School Library, Cambridge
 - August 3-5, 2015, at Duggan Academy, Springfield
- Laura is working with Scholastic to bring Donalyn Miller back for a one-day MSLA book/author workshop in April or May 2016.

Membership: Board discussed earlier vote to offer free membership for library students and explored ways to promote it. We agreed to provide tickets to Scholastic Book Fairs Reading Summit to a new member and recruiter as an incentive.

Scholastic Book Fairs Reading Summit: Event is July 14, 2015, at the Norwood Sheraton: Anita Cellucci, Linda Coviello, and Carrie Tucker were selected by lottery to attend.

National Library Legislative Day: Event in May 4-5, 2015, in Washington, DC. Sending a board member to represent MSLA was discussed.

Massachusetts Teachers Association: Sue Doherty and Patsy Divver were discussed as possible people to represent MSLA at the May convention.

Executive director: Board discussed and approved Judi Paradis' performance review of Kathy Lowe. In response to Kathy's excellent service to MSLA, Board unanimously approved compensation increase of \$1200/year.

Twitter chat: Amy Short arranged for a joint Twitter chat with Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association (MSSAA) on May 12, 2015, at 8:00pm.

Advocacy: Nora Clooney is putting up a new advocacy materials website.

Full board meeting adjourned at 5:20 for budget workshop.