

MSLA Board Meeting

Wed, June 11, 2008

Sandy Kelly's House, Westford, MA

3:30 Food and socializing

4:00 Call to Order

Introductions Welcome to our new members:

Anna Jorgensen and Jessica Shurlow, Student SIG; Cecily Houston, Central Area Co-Director; Christine Steinhasuer, Northeast Area Co-director; Laura Larrson, PR co-chair; Leigh Barnes, current listserv moderator and new Western Area Co-Director

Board members present: Sandy Kelly, Linda Friel, Diane Libbey, Kathy Lowe, Gerri Fegan, Patsy Divver, Bob Roth, May Kelleher, Bruce Cramer, Amy Sprung, Elisabeth Zimmer, Valerie Diggs, Pat Fontes, Bob Helmer, Judi Paradis, Gwen Paquette

Consent Agenda – VOTE

- Minutes of May meeting
Corrections: Also present: Mary Kelleher, Kahla Jourdan, Valerie Diggs. Forum title should not contain "Media" and longer. Spelling: Koleszar
- Treasurer's Report
- Executive Director's Report – Kathy added that members are using RegOnline. 4 have registered for the 2008 conference and 3 new members have joined online. We currently have 15 2008-09 members. Moved Judi Paradis; 2nd Valerie Diggs; Approved Consent Agenda with corrections to minutes

Old Business

Policy Language Changes – VOTE

Moved Gerri Fegan, 2nd Bruce Cramer. Approved new policy language (posted on Board-only webpage for June meeting)

New Business

- House Bill 564 – future plans – discussion of future legislative initiatives, question of continuing employment of lobbyist
- Governor's Town Hall Meeting at Framingham SC – Sandy, Pat, Gerri, and Kathy from the board attended this meeting about the Governor's Readiness Project. Others also there were Laura Larrson, Susan Verdicchio (parent, member of MSLA Friends). Good opportunity to network with the Governor, Paul Reville, new Secretary of Education, Rep. Pat Haddad, chair of the Joint Committee on Education, Isa Zimmerman, STEM initiatives. Sandy has requested a meeting with new Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester. She is also planning

to meet with MTA president Paul Toner and Isa Zimmerman who are on the Partnership for 21st Century Skills Task Force.

- Update on BOESE visits – Laurie Dias-Mitchell is scheduling people to speak during public comments. One of her students at Darmouth HS will speak in June; John Arnold, former members of the MBLC is on for September.
- Action Plans – Due in September. Template is on the Board-only webpage. New board members: use others' plans posted there as a model

One Minute Updates

- Student SIG Conference at Simmons. – Student SIG conference was very successful with larger attendance this year than last. The board discussed ways to promote the SIG further. Ann Perham has added a page to the MSLA site with a link to the SIG's wiki. Kathy suggested students participate in Legislative Day next year.
- 2009 Bookmark Contest - a new chair and committee are needed. Gerri will post a request on the listserv
- ALA Virtual Library Legislation, Tuesday, July 1st – In Anaheim, Kareem Abdul-Jabar will be there to help members write letters to their legislators in Washington. Others who are not attending Annual are also urged to write to their legislators on that day. Also – breaking news – School Construction...Act is pending in Washington, with funding for building school libraries. Bob will post details on the listserv.

Goodbye to departing members: Sandy presented flowers to Mary Kelleher and Bob Helmer with thanks for their years of service on the executive board. Many thanks also to other departing members not present: Kahla Jourdan, Paula Byrne, Susan Crowther,

6:00 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lowe, filling in for Carol Klatt, Secretary