

MSLA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes: June 16, 2010

Chelmsford High School

Attending: Leigh Barnes, Vicky Biancolo, Katie Cerasale-Messina, Linda Coviello, Valerie Diggs, Patsy Divver, Julie Farrell, Gerri Fegan, Linda Friel, Cecily Houston, Sandy Kelly, Kathy Lowe, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Jamie Phillips, Margaret Phoenix, Linda Picceri, Kathleen Porter, Sarah Sogogian, Christine Steinhauser, Maureen Ambrosino, Carrie Tucker, Jen Varney, Lynn Weeks,

4:00: Call to order

Consent Agenda – VOTE

MRA: Sandy Kelly applied to be the MSLA liaison to their board. Passed.

President's Report: Correction – MRA liaison to MSLA will be Dolores Krasner

Executive Director's Report

Moved, Ann Perham; 2nd Cecily Houston. Passed with one correction to minutes (see above).

One-Minute Updates:

Conference: The committee added a session on the Common Core Standards, presenter Susan Wheltle. Greg Pronevity, the new Executive Director of the Massachusetts Library System, will address members before the keynote speaker. He will also have a table during lunch where members can meet with him individually. Gerri will interview him for an article in the upcoming print issue of the MSLA Forum.

Awards: Carrie reports that we are waiting for applications. Carrie is sending daily emails about each award.

Youth Services: First MA Teen Book Award (co-sponsored by MSLA and MLA) has been launched! Applications are already coming in. Winners will be announced during National Library Week in April. New chair of YSS is Clayton Cheever, of the Mattapan branch of the BPL. He will appoint a liaison to this board. Maureen Ambrosino will become Director of the Westborough Public Library on July 1. Sarah Sogogian will be statewide Youth Services Advisor for MLS. There will be a public announcement about the other positions.

Forum: The next issue will be the fall print edition. There will be no online summer edition.

AASL: Ann and Valerie are preparing for Affiliate Assembly meeting at ALA Annual in June

MRA: Sandy Kelly attended the last board meeting of the year at Framingham State College. Rep. Sanchez was presented a legislator award. Sandy will officially join the MRA board in September as MSLA liaison. A theme of one newsletter next year will be school libraries. Dolores Krasner will be the MRA liaison to MSLA.

Discussion – Old Business

Authors as Advocates Database: Chris Steinhauser posted a sample of the database to the board. Today she added an embedded Google form for submissions. Chris will update the wiki adding suggestions from the board. She will also contact Laura Harrington, chair of the Bookmark Contest, for information on authors who have judged the contest. We will start out limiting the database to Massachusetts authors.

NELSA: Regional meeting in New Hampshire was held on June 5 and 6. Program included job-alike, sharing ideas about group composition, etc. Those attending reported many good ideas were shared and it was a useful meeting. Gerri said many good ideas there may be implemented at MSLA. Constitution and other documents are now going online with the idea of being more transparent.

Budget for 2010-11: Linda reviewed a number of changes proposed from the budget for 2009-2010. Changes included increased award expenses to \$400; elimination of constitution and policy funding; adding funding for ALA library legislation day for \$800, and increasing spending to \$2000 each for book mark contest and legislation day expenses; increased forum to \$2500 for printing and postage; ALA conferences—raised to \$5000; Dropped funding for curriculum; L4L is now \$2750; web hosting: now \$500. Conference changes were made as well. Patsy Divver made a motion and Cecily Houston seconded to accept budget as amended. Unanimously accepted.

Funding for AASL Fall Forum: Discussion about funding MSLA board members to attend AASL fall forum on annual basis (now every other year). We discussed whether we should allocate a specific amount to be shared by those interested in attending or designating specific people who should attend. Sandy moved and Judi seconded to add \$2000 line item to budget for AASL fall forum to support board members who will attend. Unanimously approved.

New Board Members: Julie Farrell will serve as our new Legislative Chair. Mary Rose Quinn will serve as our liaison to MBLC. Dolores Krasner will serve as our liaison from MRA. Gerri said we will have a liaison from Mass. PTA, and we are waiting for a name. Kathleen Porter will serve with Lynn Weeks as Southeast Area Director; and Kathleen Ross will be our new co-Area Director from Boston with Jen Varney. We are waiting for confirmation about liaison to Independent Schools.

We are still seeking liaison positions from MTA and Mass Federation of Teachers. Gerri also recommends outreach to college librarians through the ACRL's state chapter and New England Chapter. She will work on this and Val will help. Our hope is that we can work with teacher preparation programs in particular. Sarah Sogogian and Vicky Bianco are current possibilities for liaison to MLS.

Goodbyes: Gerri recognized and thanked those leaving the board this year, including Linda Picceri as our public relations chair, Patsy Divver and Jan Koleszar as our Forum editors, Sandy Kelly as our past-president (though she is remaining on the board as our MRA liaison)

Executive Director Evaluation: Has been done and is posted on the board only page

Board Membership: Linda Picceri moved that we approve new positions for 2010-2011 year. Unanimously approved.

New Board: Patsy Divver moved that we approve the new board. Unanimously approved

Meeting Schedule: Our pattern has been 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meeting dates proposed for next year at Chelmsford HS: Sept. 15, Oct 13, Nov 17, Dec 15*, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 13, May 11 and June 8. December may be short or Skyped. Gerri is assuring a virtual meeting can happen next year. One possibility is to have each member present Skype with one person not here. Carrie proposed that we meet at 4:15 instead of our current 4:00 start time. Jamie moved and Carrie seconded that we next year our board meetings are held at 4:15; Unanimously approved

School Library Journal Summit in Chicago in October: Kathy will take names of those who are interested in going. Kathy asked for people who want to go to commit by July 1.

AASL Fall Forum in Portland: Gerri asked who would be interested in attending so arrangements can be made over the summer. Gerri is going. Carrie is interested, but needs to get school approval. Those interested should contact Kathy by July 1.

Action Plans/job descriptions: Gerri thanked board members who have submitted these and asked everyone else to submit one by our first meeting in September. Kathy reminded us that templates are on the MSLA website.

Board Member Handbook: Judi and Kathy will work on this to assemble all documents that would be helpful for board members online (e.g., Constitution, job descriptions, action plans, etc)

Student SIG: Jamie Philips is leaving the board, but new liaisons should be named by fall. Jamie will work with her group to draft a job description.

Administrative Council needs to be formed to do specific work such as evaluations, running elections, etc over the summer. This typically happens online and we may eventually decide to do this online. Members for summer 2010—Linda Friel, Val Diggs, Gerri Fegan, Carrie Tucker and Katie Cerasale-Messina with Lynne Weeks as alternate.

Demise of regions as they currently exist: Gerri asked how we will organize our own members once existing regions are eliminated. Sandy will find out how MRA organizes itself; Gerri thought perhaps we could make things fairly similar. Sandy also wondered if consortium model might be another way to organize, but Sarah said there may be some consolidation there as well. Vicky thought we may want to keep regions as they are, since they do work. There was also some discussion about breaking Western region into 2 regions.

Adjournment: Linda Coviello moved and Sandy Kelly seconded that we adjourned the meeting at 6:05