

Massachusetts School Library Association  
Board Meeting Executive Summary  
Wilson Middle School, Natick  
September 17, 2014

**Attending:** Amy Bloom, Kendall Boninti, Ellen Brandt, Anita Cellucci, Robin Cicchetti, Cindy Erle, Julie Farrell, Linda Friel, Sam Kane, Kathy Lowe, Sharon Lux, Keri Martin, Suzanne Mathews, Meg O'Neill, Judi Paradis, Ann Perham, Kathleen Porter, Jennifer Reed, Amy Short, Katherine Steiger, Carrie Tucker

**New board members:** Board voted to approve new board members. Welcome aboard!

- Norah Clooney--Advocacy co-chair
- Jennifer Dimmick--*Forum* co-editor
- Kathy Dubrovsky--Retiree SIG chair
- Julie Farrell--Central area co-director
- Jill Leibowitz--Student SIG co-chair
- Sharon Lux--Digital Commonwealth liaison
- Keri Martin--Legislative co-chair
- Meg O'Neill--Northeast area co-director
- Katherine Robinson--Student SIG co-chair
- Katherine Steiger--*Forum* co-editor

**MassCUE annual conference:** MassCUE invited MSLA to present a session at the conference, October 22-23. Samantha Kane will offer a research session. MSLA will also have a table in the exhibit hall.

**Year in advance:** Judi Paradis outlined points of interest for the upcoming year:

- Awards are presented at the annual MSLA conference. Nominations are due in December. Members were asked to consider serving as awards co-chair for 2015-2016.
- Our goal is to see a school library host a legislative breakfast in each of the regions before Legislative Day in March.
- Kathy Lowe is co-chairing the AASL national conference in Columbus, Ohio, November 5-8, 2015.
- In March MSLA will elect new board members for 2015-2016.
- At May and June board meetings, budget will be prepared for 2015-2016.

**MSLA Conference, March 1-2, 2015:** Kathy Lowe updated the board on conference planning. A self-guided cultural tour of greater Amherst is set for Saturday, February 28. Participants will get maps, checklist, and possible raffle prizes. Sunday's program opens with AASL president-elect Terri Grief and Dan Callahan, followed by an EdCamp-style Unconference in which participants determine the content. Late Sunday will feature an author event, exhibit hall opening, awards dinner, and an after-dinner speaker. Monday's program will open with a well-known author. Sessions will fit with the theme *Fill Up Your Toolbox* and offer ideas that are practical and classroom-ready. Session proposals are due October 17 at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zsLMa5eoLeInt8Mzbd6pEFRXR-5vYMsN2WiLBRprDj0/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zsLMa5eoLeInt8Mzbd6pEFRXR-5vYMsN2WiLBRprDj0/viewform?usp=send_form)

**MLS ebook program:** Sharon Lux reported that the Massachusetts Library System cooperative ebook program is underway and available to MLS member libraries. Interested librarians should contact MLS.

**MSLA priorities:** Judi Paradis distributed a list of goals and asked board members to rank them in order of importance.

**Action plans:** Committees broke into small groups to work on action plans for 2014-2015.