

Massachusetts School Library Association
March 16, 2023 4:00-6:00 pm
Zoom
Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Jenny Arch
Trent Bordok
Mike Caligiuri
Liz Cammilleri
Barb Fecteau
Michelle Fontaine
Deb Froggatt
Morgan Keohane
Emily Kristofek
Emma Kwon
Sue Larson
Laura Luker
Iris Santana
Amy Short
Colleen Simpson
Luke Steere
Ella Stocker
Georgina Trebbe
Jen Varney
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of February meeting--- Jen: Call to order 4:04pm.
Barb motion to approve minutes, second Mike, minutes approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
 - i. Send web updates to webmaster@maschoollibraries.org
3. Updates (if needed)
 - o Professional Learning - Alix / Luker
 - i. Call for Board members to introduce the presenters at the conference. We also need a moderator for the author panel! Join dinner Sat night, play Really Loud Librarians (thanks Barb).
 - o Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine: Reports linked in agenda. Current net worth \$132,720.08, inflated number due to funds received for conference, amount will decrease once UMass invoice is paid.

- MLS liaison update --- Christi Farrar: Spring calendar posted; event from Bunker Hill CC on [Chat GPT](#), Tuesday May 16th 3:30-5:30pm, virtual. Sessions on weeding print collection. Conversations about intellectual freedom. [ALA webinar series](#) on intellectual freedom, available on MLS website. Importance of reporting challenges and other requests eg requests to move items to a different part of the collection, back office, restrict access, questions about your collection etc. Planning for summer PD, let Christi know ideas/topics/courses so MLS can support school libraries. Always available for consults, Christi can travel to your school, and she will attend the MSLA conference.
 - Advocacy --- Georgina: Georgina and Deb met with DESE and worked with employees there to pull a report. Survey will go out to ask how licensed librarians are being used in districts. Goal is to have a uniform way for DESE to collect data on certified school librarians.
 - Outreach / Legislative Day- Debbie Froggatt: Judy Marcella at DESE, approached her to ask about a new survey. MBLC and DESE should meet. Highlight equitable access to school library spaces and certified school librarians. Discussion NJ information literacy standards. Georgina shared that they have reviewed the AASL standards and they do see potential for developing practices for DESE. Amy noted it's important to have a librarian on the review across all curriculum areas.
 - Office --- Emily Kristofek: busy!! 204 attendees for the conference plus additional 34 people attending as sponsors. Waitlist of vendors. Please visit the vendor hall and thank sponsors.
 - Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker: Had 2 people booked for March podcast, but people decided not to voice middle grade thoughts due to the political climate. Ella and Luke will be chatting with people and recording at the conference. Theme is going to the conference in person and reconnecting. Great to share with those who cannot attend in person.
 - Strategic Plan update - Deb: Deb will reach back out after sub committee meeting
 - Feed Kids Coalition - Jen: We signed on to endorse the campaign last year. MSLA name is on their literature. They have been winning year long extensions, their goal is to make it a permanent program.
 - Area Updates - Area Directors: Conference is keeping everyone busy!
4. MTA Annual Meeting of Delegates - MSLA can send 2 delegates. No funds in the budget to cover costs. Anyone from the membership is eligible to be an MSLA specific delegate. You have to be an MTA member and have an MTA number.
 5. Next Board terms! - Barb: Jen will be passing along to Barb on July 1st! Re-election news: a couple of people have expressed interest in moving to another area of the Board. Barb urges everyone to continue, with the understanding that life changes and you may want a new/different challenge.
 6. Intellectual Freedom - Jen: slowed down a bit, some areas continue to be hot spots. Take a look at the Vimeos from MLS, link above from Christi. Don't hesitate to reach out, Jen and Christi are happy to support.
 7. Awards - Ella / Amy / Morgan
 - Updated Awards Descriptions
 - Language changes: move away from Letter of Support to Statement of Support Form via Google Form. Easy to forward to administrators. Changes to timeline, so clarifying language to match new timeline. Clarify eligibility and criteria Not every award has a rubric, look at the

description. Gender updated to they, their etc to make it a more inclusive document. Thanks to Ella, Amy and Morgan for all their work! Question re: Awards Committee recommendations are presented to the Board for approval? Ella confirmed language for process is included in the Awards Descriptions Document. Georgina made a motion to approve the doc as presented, seconded by Emma, awards document is approved.

8. Other news/topics from board members: Talk to the membership at the conference this weekend and people in your district, and encourage people to consider joining the Board.
9. Tinamarie and Emily working on member lists for regions.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle, seconded by Georgina, approved, meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.
