

Massachusetts School Library Association
May 18, 2023 4:00-6:00 pm
Zoom
Board Meeting Agenda

Attendance:

Trent Bordok
Liz Cammilleri
Maria D'Orsi
Barb Fecteau
Michelle Fontaine
Morgan Keohane
Emily Kristofek
Emma Kwon
Sue Larson
Laura Luker
Daisy Magner
Iris Santana
Tinamarie Sheckells
Amy Short
Colleen Simpson
Luke Steere
Ella Stocker
Reba Tierney
Georgina Trebbe
Jen Varney
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve [minutes of April meeting](#)--- Jen: Barb proposed a motion, Tinamarie seconded, minutes approved.
2. Housekeeping items --- Jen
 - i. Send web updates to webmaster@maschoollibraries.org Jen noted questions re: AASL Conference in Florida. FL librarians need our support. Conference planned far in advance and will go ahead in FL.
3. Updates (if needed)
 - o MLS liaison update --- Christi Farrar: Mini grants available for classes at Library Juice and language learning. Developing a summer course on guided inquiry design with a pairing of librarian / library teacher and a classroom teacher, for 15 PDP's. Also offering a coaching course for information literacy possibly in July and August over 5 weeks for 10 PDP's, free to MLS members.

- Advocacy --- Georgina: Jen added pushing MBLC on their legislative agenda, which is typically budget requests for State funds for libraries. Deb is asking them to include legislation requiring librarians in each school.
- Outreach & Strategic Plan Update_- Luke Steere representing Deb: 9 goals, plan for concrete action steps eg. Advocacy: drafting a letter for librarians if their district budget comes up and library positions may be cut. Goals connected to action steps. Meeting again in June.
- Office --- Emily Kristofek: Site visits to view potential conference sites for 2024. Transfer from current website to Wild Apricot. Working on unpaid conference invoices from schools.
- Forum/Podcast --- Reba Tierney / Luke Steere / Ella Stocker: Spring edition next week. Looking for columnists - picture books and secondary. Slide podcast released first then conference cast will be next. Jen added Colleen may take on some social media responsibilities next year. Discussion whether to make our Facebook group private.
- Awards - Ella / Amy / Morgan: Ella reported reviewing nominations now in groups. Committee will review then present the recommendations to the Board. Survey membership re: new cycle/timing of awards this year.
- Area Updates - Area Directors: Great event in Stoneham; Woo Sox game looks like it will be very rainy :(.
- Bookmark Celebration - An Unlikely Story, 5/15/23; very successful

4. Professional Learning - Alix / Luker

- Conference financial report (Michelle & Emily)
- Approve 2024 conference dates and venue - Verve Hotel, Natick, March 17-18, 2024
 - i. Expense Estimate_Alix: Site visit: Motion to approve date and venue, approved.

5. Treasurer --- Michelle Fontaine:

- 2023-2024 budget - 1st vote
- Notes: Scholarship \$500 no applicants this year, keep line item in budget for next year. Barb and Jen attending AASL in October. Note the procedure is two votes on the budget.
- Georgina made a motion to approve MSLA 2023-24 budget, seconded Barb, all in favor, first vote on the budget approved.

6. NESLA update / Markuson Fund vote ([Markuson Fund website](#))

- NESLA update - Member organization. Governed by the 6 member states. Oldest regional association, predates state organizations.
- Markuson Fund - School Library Innovation Grant. Georgina moved that MSLA take on responsibility of administering the Markuson grant; Barb seconded; motion passed.

7. 2023-2025 Board election update - Barb

- Candidate slate (unanimously approved):
 - Emma Kwon, Secretary
 - Daisy Magner, Treasurer
 - Georgina Trebbe, Advocacy Committee Chair
 - Ella Stocker, Awards Committee Chair
 - Luke Steere, Forum
 - Michelle Fontaine, Forum
 - Alix Woznick, Professional Learning Committee Co-Chair

Trent Bordok, Boston Area Co-Director
Iris Santana, Boston Area Co-Director
Michael Caligiuri, Central Area Co-Director
Liz Cammilleri, Central Area Co-Director
Reba Tierney, Metrowest Area Co-Director
Harriet Wallen, Metrowest Area Co-Director
Tinamarie Sheckells, Northeast Area Co-Director
PJ Feynman, Northeast Area Co-Director
Suzanne Larson, Southeast Area Co-Director
Colleen Simpson, Southeast Area Co-Director
Jenny Arch, West Area Co-Director
Claudia Palframan, West Area Co-Director

8. BPS Mentorship Program - Jen & Barb: MSLA will be working with Boston Public Schools on a mentorship program that will be a competency review. This will help current teachers licensed in other areas become school library teachers.
9. Other types of mentorship we could provide - Jen, Barb, Maria
10. Intellectual Freedom update - Jen
 - IF Task Force Joint Statement / Resource List: All State organizations partnering to provide a common stance and central resource hub for members
 - IF MassCue Proposal? (conflicts with AASL): looking for a MassCue presenter
 - ACLU video & dinner: Jen being interviewed and attending the Bill of Rights dinner in September.
11. Next meeting 6/14 4 pm in-person, Westborough Public Library, social hour afterwards.

Motion to Adjourn: Reba, seconded Georgina, meeting adjourned 6:11pm.
