

## Transitions for the MSLA Executive Board

By Gerri Fegan, MSLA president

The start of the new school year, the MSLA Executive Board has many transitions. It's been a year since the announcement of reorganization of the Massachusetts Library System. MSLA supports the courageous decisions in response to a tough economy.

It is a great pleasure to welcome **Valerie Diggs** as President-Elect. Her leadership and reputation in Massachusetts and across the country will promote school librarians as essential to student achievement.

Past President **Sandy Kelly** is moving into a new position on the board as the MSLA liaison to the MA Reading Association.

The MSLA board has been privileged to have many skilled and collegial representatives who are completing their terms on the Executive Board and I thank them for their service:

**Patsy Diver** and **Jan Koleszar** have been the editors of the Forum for several years. Through their efforts, MSLA members have had access to important professional news, delivered both online and in print.

**Kathy Dubrovsky** has been a leader of professional development in her work with Thinkfinity by Verizon. Many MSLA members have taken advantage of her workshops and have enjoyed learning about the new tools Thinkfinity has to offer.

**Heather Macpherson** has served on the MSLA Board as the Southeast Area Co-Director with Lynn Weeks. The Southeast has been very active in school library professional development. Heather will stay active as a representative to MTA in her school district.

**Rose DeNucci** is leaving the MSLA Board to travel to Hawaii to live with her two daughters and grandchildren. Rose has been the Boston Area Co-Director this year and has been one of our finest conference committee members. Her enthusiasm will be missed and the Board would like to take a field trip to visit her!

**Katie Baxter** has been the independent schools liaison. She will continue to be a reliable link to the school librarians of independent schools.

**Maureen Ambrosino** and **Sarah Sogigian** have represented the MLA/Youth Services as liaisons on our board. Their insight, advice and professionalism have been exemplary. Maureen is the new director for the Westborough Public Library and Sarah will be the Youth Advisor with the newly-organized Massachusetts Library System.

### Unsung Hero: LaurieAnn Riley Jobs Editor for MSLA

*For over three years, Laurie has tirelessly posted job openings on the MSLA webpage, a service that is vital to our profession.*

*Originally, Laurie answered a "help wanted" posting on the MSLA Listserv, posted by webmaster, Ann Perham. Laurie didn't hesitate when she saw the instructions to use the webpage Joomla application which is very challenging to learn. But learn she did, and Laurie has been the epitome of quiet service to MSLA and its members.*

*She has done more than just wait for job openings to be posted on the listserv or sent to her via the webpage. Laurie has gone the extra mile, combing newspapers for school library openings and linking to other online resources. She has kept the Jobs Page current, with emails to verify the status of the jobs.*

*THANK YOU is a small gesture to a member of MSLA who has served us without fanfare or limelight. Laurie is everything that is good about our profession.*

**Bob Roth** has been the Constitution and Policy Chair for MSLA and previously was Legislation co-chair and the Boston Area Co-Director. His work for school librarians continues on ALA Council.

**Linda Picceri** is known for her singing group, "City of Roses" which has been the delight of our recent conferences and is always "buzzed about" in attendee evaluations. Linda has served as Public Relations co-chair with Laura Larsson.

**Laura Larsson** has been the Public Relations Co-Chair with Linda Picceri for the past year. We thank her for her work on the Bookmark Contest.

**Laura Larsson**  
**Bob Roth** **Rose DeNucci**  
**Sandy Kelly** **Patsy Diver**  
**Jan Koleszar** **Heather Macpherson**  
**Maureen Ambrosino**  
**Thanks**  
**Kathleen Baxter** **Kathy Dubrovsky**  
**Sarah Sogigian**  
**Linda Picceri**