

Massachusetts School Library Association
May 9, 2024 4:30-6:00 pm
Zoom
Executive Summary Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Liz Cammilleri
Sue Doherty
Barb Fecteau
Michelle Fontaine
Deb Froggatt
Emma Kwon
Sue Larson
Daisy Magner
Nutan Mathew
Caludia Palframan
Ann Perham
Iris Santana
Tinamarie Sheckells
Luke Steere
Ella Stocker
Reba Tierney
Georgina Trebbe
Jen Varney
Emily Willis
Jenna Wolf
Alix Woznick

1. Welcome, check in, call to order, approve minutes of April meeting--- Barb called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. Motion to approve the minutes by Tina Marie, seconded by Alix, motion carried.
2. Conference follow up: Alix: Venue booked for next year, March 2nd & 3rd, 2025, Sheraton Norwood. 50th anniversary of MSLA in 2025. Thank you to Emily for persisting with obtaining correct invoices from this year's venue. Alix and Emily will meet to document conference process and look to hand over conference to new chair.
3. Commending/Action Resolutions for ALA (Jen): Two bills being considered
4. June Meeting: Thursday, June 13th, 4:30-6:00pm at Westborough High School, followed by dinner at Ted Montana's Grill.

5. Social Media: Barb noted posts on Facebook page regarding Israel Palestine conflict. Sue D shared context regarding the post. Georgina: open up to membership to form a committee and look at forming a Social Media Policy for MSLA, particularly in light of conflict, censorship and election year. Suggestion from Reba to have a Board member to Chair the committee. Nutan volunteered. Discussion whether to include policy in MSLA bylaws. Georgina talked through the process for adopting a policy: read, review, discuss, vote, adopt. Question from Sue L would the policy apply across all social media platforms and her experience with other Facebook groups where they have language guiding commentary, framed as community guidelines. Discussion of community guidelines vs policy. Perhaps include notes for a moderator for the social media platform/s. Georgina commented all groups are running into this issue re: organization policy for social media.
6. Updates:
 - Regional Updates:
 - Boston- Iris - discussions with Magenta about job alike
 - Central - Liz - job alike soon. Discussion on Acton librarians, override passed.
 - MetroWest - Reba - Harriet and Reba considering one more event before end of school year, looking for a new rep to appoint
 - Northeast - Tinamarie - talking with PJ about next event
 - Southeast - Sue & Colleen - looking to Fall for AI event
 - West - Claudia & Emily - great get together hybrid, school and public librarians
 - Outreach: Debbie: report in folder. New MBLC Director.
 - Treasurer: Daisy: see reports in folder. As of April 30th, 2024, MSLA net worth: \$148,285.70. Proposed budget for next year, drafted by Barb, Jen and Daisy, viewed and discussed. \$138,425 is the proposed budget. Question from Georgina re: funds for creating PD - line item or EBSCO grant? Comment from Michelle re: proposal to add/change drafted budget prior to vote. GT proposed PD developer line item for \$2000. Discussion about scholarships from Simmons and Salem State for all first year students to attend the conference. Alix noted the importance of encouraging the next generation of librarians to attend and engage with colleagues. Suggestion from Michelle to make it part of the conference budget. Barb suggested \$1500 for subsidizing conference registration for students and new grad librarians. Jen moves to take first vote on FY 25 budget, seconded by Daisy, first round budget passed.
 - Awards: Ella: Motion by Ella to vote via email prior to the June Board meeting, seconded by Reba, passed unanimously.
 - Georgina: Advocacy: continuing to advocate
 - Forum: Luke and Michelle: Forum publishes next week, including an interview with Reba, President Elect.
 - Liaisons: Union: Sue Doherty: BTU still bargaining; Claudia P spoke at the MTA meeting
 - Liaisons: PJ:
 - Jenna Wolf: independent schools: possibly able to host a legislative breakfast, will connect with Deb
 - Conference: Alix: see above

- Office: Emily not present, discussion to offer Emily a bonus for her incredible work on the conference, well above and beyond her duties. Daisy proposed a motion for Emily to receive a \$(redacted) bonus, seconded by Alix, motion passed unanimously.

6. Other items:

- Website upgrade: Office manager to be in charge of recording access, passwords etc. Luke, Emily and Alix to meet before the June Board meeting to discuss transition to the new website, the goal for the timeline is to have it in place before September. Barb is open to updating the logo to reflect MSLA's 50th anniversary.

Motion to adjourn: Daisy **seconded** Luke. **Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned 6:27 pm.**