

MLA Legislative Committee Meeting Notes January 16, 2015 – 1pm – at MLS-Marlborough

Attendees: Susan MaCalister, Beverly Shank, (CoChairs), Kathy Lowe (MSLA), Maureen Ambrosino, Ryan Donovan, Sharon Shaloo (MCB), Greg Pronevitz (MLS), Nancy Rea, Dinah O'Brien, Jackie Rafferty, Mary Rose Quinn (MBLC).

Agenda

Legislative Know How sessions

- Only one event has been confirmed. Sharon Shaloo has arranged for the event in Worcester at the MLA Annual Conference on May 5, 2015 at 10:30. Sharon is working on the announcement and looking for a better title for the MLA session. Elected officials will be John Arnold, Westborough Moderator, Ed Augustus, Worcester City Manager, Rep. KateHogan, Library Caucus.
- Deb and Greg are working with Ruth Urell to host an event, probably in Winchester with Sen. Jason Lewis.
- Others are being planned by Kathy Mahoney, Dinah O'Brien, and John Ramsay.
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Read Posters – Still need attention Sharon will contact Krista.

Snapshot Day- It's probably time to put it aside.

MLS

- Commonwealth eBook Collections beta version is growing. We'll soon be bumping up against our first year goal of 350 libraries, including 65% of Mass. Public libraries.
- Two openings: Training and Advisory Services Director (national search) and Business and HR Director
- Talking to Town of Whately about purchasing the western building
- Cosponsoring Regional Resource Sharing Symposium on 2/24 in Worcester with Boston Library Consortium invited libraries and consortia from across the northeast. Keynote Valerie Horton, Minitex.
- Launched first in a series of member forums on Jan. 13 in S. Hadley, upcoming forums: 3/19 at Walden Woods in Lincoln with a discussion on serving diverse patrons; and 5/21, 7/16, 9/17, 11/19 at tba.
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MSLA

- Awaiting appointments to Commission
- Hearings on Chap. 70 funding in progress. Sen. Jason Lewis spoke in favor.
- Conf. March 1-2 in Amherst
- Legislative Award to Sen. Jason Lewis of Winchester
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MBLC - Legislative Agenda, National legislative news

- MBLC staff and Commissioners will be at MMA next week.
- Legislative agenda now posted in newsroom:

<http://mblc.state.ma.us/newsroom/content/articles/96/fy2016-legislative-agenda/>

- Talking Points
 - Manage money wisely
 - Opportunities for all
- Sen. Pres. Rosenberg is organizing a listening tour with Sen. Chandler, Sen. Tarr
- New Commissioner, Roland Ochsenbein.
- Asking Rep. Garballey to change sub-professional category.
- There is a new hiring freeze in the state.
- The state is also under a regulatory pause.
- Gov. has until 3/1 for the budget.

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WMLA report from John Ramsay

- FYI, Sen. Humason's Breakfast is on February 13, 8 a.m. At the Emily Wilkinson Mem. Lib in Easthampton.
- Sen. Rosenberg's is on Feb. 6, 8 a.m. at the new South Hadley Pub Lib.
- WMLA has arranged for another bus for Leg Day.
- WMLA is also offering up to 4 scholarships of up to \$250 each to MLA Annual, which will offset out of pocket expenses.

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Legislative Breakfasts

- A list of MBLC representation at breakfasts is attached.

Legislative Day

- Registration – same as last year in the hall
- No photos this year. Greg will work on a simplified background for next year.
- Program - Legislative "Champions" – Mary Rose is meeting Rep. Hogan on this topic.
- Reps. Humason & Hogan called and asked if we had legislation to suggest.
- Advocacy Award details Rep. Rushing communications are in preparation. Maureen will send a letter.
- Breakfast (MSLA) and Lunch (MLA)
- Stickers, libraries = opportunity. Mary Rose will develop a sticker with new MLA logo and MSLA logo.
- This is the time to congratulate the leadership. Maureen will draft a letter.
- Other speaker ideas, Karyn Polito, Lt. Governor—not this year.

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Other Business

- Use CapWiz to congratulate new and reelected reps, etc. ALA/Canadian Lib Assoc. MOOC Libraries unshooshed with 5,200 participants in last round starts 2/2.

Next meeting - March 13, 1 pm MLN (pizza)

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Pronevitz