

MLA Legislative Committee Meeting
MLN
September 12, 2014

MBLC Report – Dianne Carty

-Mary Rose Quinn will be joining the MBLC staff as State Aide Coordinator and Government liaison.

-Dianne received a letter from Governor Patrick's liaison on unaccompanied minors.

-New line item in the MBLC budget, line 9508, for the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

-Signed contract with Collins Center for Management at UMASS Boston to do white paper for state aid program. One goal is how to get a significant increase in State aid. Also to look at the standards.

-Budget: looking to put in place a 3 year plan. The Legislature is looking for this.

Legislative Agenda – It is election year, so the agenda does not need to be done until elections are over. Election priorities are line 9506 and state aid (goal for the latter is \$11 million for FY16 – same as 2009 in constant dollars) in FY17 and FY18 will be \$13 million.

Intend to do a graphical presentation of the legislative agenda and will point out the need at libraries. Quotes from patrons will be included. Many libraries use state aid for network membership. Hopes to have something ready for October 2, 2014 Board meeting in Carver.

Dianne is working with a National group working digital inclusions. There will be a new National survey. Dianne will distribute information.

MLS Report – see handouts

MBLC Resource Sharing Committee and Subcommittee

1. Discovery Platform Committee met and reviewed vendors who presented. There will be another meeting in a few weeks. A matrix on

vendors will be put together. Question on a single search box vs. a separate one for books, magazines and e-books. This group will likely make a recommendation to do an RFP for a statewide discovery platform.

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2. Statewide Library Card group has to meet again. They may recommend starting with an e-card.

MSLA – Kathy Love – legislation to study school library services passed. Legislature will appoint a study commission.

Mass Municipal Association has 9 legislative breakfasts on three days in October. MLA Legislative Committee will notify library directors in communities where meetings will be held and encourage them to attend and with their trustees. The Legislative Committee would like to develop a closer relationship with MMA. Ruth Urell will contact the Executive Director to discuss possible collaboration.

Krista McCloud is doing a northeast legislative breakfast this fall.

Ruth Urell: met with the new state Senator Jason Lewis. He seems committed to core values of access. Very supportive of Commonwealth E-book project. Would like him to join the Library Caucus. Will speak to Representative Kate Hogan.

“Know How” workshops of MLA Legislative Committee.

-Greg sent notes around August 22, 2014 – (Deb will send)

-Will have 4 events around the state.

-MLA Annual Conference will be one, also, Western, Cape and the Northeast.

Mock visits with Legislators. How to establish relationships with the Legislators and town officials. Identified at least one organizer for each event.

Dinah O’Brien offered to do one in the Southeast.

Maybe have Mayors as well as Town Managers. Do raffle to encourage participation.

The Regional Legislative Breakfast Committee are beginning to meet.

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Susan McCalister set-up a CAPWhiz link to thank legislators for their support.

Maureen Ambrosino sent Thank You letters to legislators who were particularly helpful.

Our next meeting will be held on October 31, 2014 at MLS in Whately starting at 10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Joan Kuklinski, C/W MARS

Kathy Lowe, MSLA

Dianne Carty, MBLC

Maureen Ambrosino, MLA President

Elizabeth A Marcus, MLA Past President

Anna Kung, Retired MLA member

Dinah O'Brien, Committee Member

Jake Rafferty, MLA-IFC

Ruth Urell, Reading PL ALA Chap Councilor

Mary Rose Quinn, North Andover

Beverly Shank, Co-Chair

Susan Mcalister, Co-Chair

Deb Hoadley, MLS

Ryan Donovan, Southborough