

MLA Legislative Committee Meeting
January 31, 2014

Attending: Nancy Rae, Cindy Roach, Kathy Lowe, Beverly Shank, Deb Hoadley, Krista McLeod, Marnie Warner, Jackie Rafferty, John Ramsey, Betsy Marcus, Diane Carty, Anna Kung, Susan McAllister

MBLC update

Budget - small increases, not what was requested.

Hearing on Monday, Feb. 3 for bill for Center for the Book. Diane Carty will testify in support

Director Search - Applications close on Feb. 28. There has been a call for nominations via ALA.

Legislative Breakfasts are going well. Legislative Agenda has been well-received. Cindy suggested giving guest eBook passes to legislators.

MBLC had table at the MMA meeting last Friday

UELMA - Marnie Warner - Uniform Electronic Materials Act - AALL (American Association of Law Librarians) - this legislation would provide guidelines for legislators for putting government documents online. Passed in eight states. At some point there will be a need for a letter of support from MLA and later on, testimony. Marnie would like to be able to speak about this at Legislative Day. Beverly will bring this to Executive Board at the next meeting.

Legislative Committee business

- **Toolkit and advocacy timeline** - Susan McAllister has developed a graphic timeline for the legislative year.

- **Legislative Breakfast update** - 17 breakfasts this year, an all-time high. Krista is working with Sharon Hamer on Saugus school breakfast, meeting at her library on Monday. Betsy asked Laura Bernheim to represent MLA; if she can't Krista will do that. MLA has been trying to get someone on agenda for each breakfast, as is MSLA. Talking points have been developed by both organizations. MLA has a flyer to be handed out at the breakfasts. MSLA has revised the MLA toolkit specifically for breakfasts at school libraries.

- **Dinah O'Brien as Committee support** - Susan has asked Dinah to be an additional co-chair of this committee. Betsy will appoint her at the next Executive Board meeting.

- Budget Summary - Cindy spoke about the importance of sending more delegates to national Library Legislative Day. It would be great to have representation from each district. She asked MLA to consider providing some funding. Beverly will request \$800 be included in this committee's budget.

Budget

Legislative Budget Summary

Income \$ 2000

Expenses \$ 5125

Net Income \$ -3,125

Detail

Income

\$2,000 income from donations from Friends Groups.

Expenses

\$600 Dues & Subscriptions for Capwiz

\$975 for mailings and postage for Legislative Day Postcards

\$2750 for meals for Library Advocacy Day at the State House

\$400 for printing and copying of Legislative Day

\$200 for printing and copying of a Legislative Survey

\$200 for site cost for State House

Legislative Day, March 31, 9-1pm Great Hall and Grand Staircase

- Schedule (see below)
- Program/Advocacy Award
 - MLA/MSLA Presidents' Welcome
 - MLA Advocacy Award - Sen. Rosenberg
 - Rep. Kate Hogan
 - Betsy Marcus - acknowledge legislators. Special acknowledgement for Sen. Brewer, who is stepping down at the end of his term, (honorary lifetime membership in MLA will be announced) for his on-going support for libraries. He will be officially awarded at the MLA conference
- Legislators, Sharon Shaloo, MSLA, MBLC, Marnie Warner - May speak during briefings. Kate Hogan will be given discretion about which legislators will speak.
- Photos of legislators for "Read" posters - Krista is coordinating. Sharon Shaloo offered possibility of a professional photographer she uses. There will be a static background. Sharon will bring a selection of MA books to choose from. Would take place throughout the morning. Deb Hoadley has stands and a drape that she can bring. Cindy suggested that in addition to photos for posters, photos of

legislators and their constituents who are there could be done by a roving photographer. MSLA will also have photos of legislators and students taken during Bookmark Awards.

- Barbara Stripling's Resolution for The Right to Libraries - MSLA already has enlarged copies. Set up near coffee. Have a blurb explaining the resolution and small copies. MSLA will take care of this.
- There will be boxed lunches this year. This will move people through the line more quickly.
- Legislative Packets - handouts will be inserted in MBLC legislative agenda. We should our own copies.

Legislative Day Schedule

9 am Registration – Combined MLA/MSLA in area outside Great Hall

9 am – Breakfast Great Hall

9:30 am – Legislative Briefing in Great Hall

10:30 am – Bookmark contest awards in Grand Staircase

11 am – Legislative Briefing in Great Hall

11:15 - State House Tour for students and families

Noon – Lunch in Great Hall

Noon- MLA Advocacy Award Program in Great Hall

MSLA update - Bill S. 1906 is in House Ways and Means; it's possible it will pass this year. Sponsors are Rep. Garballey and Sen. Donnelly.

MLS update - MLS Roadshows - member forums. Information about new resource sharing department, eBooks, delivery. Dates are on MLS web site. Will be held every month or so and each will have a specific topic.

Position open for advisor at western MA office for liaison to small public libraries.

Ebook contract pending with EBL. Other vendors are continuing to add exciting new content, to be announced (schools will be happy). Task Force work is on-going. Thanks to MLA and MSLA for contributing \$400 each for printing 3000 promotional postcards. Goal is to have them for breakfasts starting next week. 1000 postage paid will be given to pilot libraries.

Carolyn Noah notes that the MA privacy of records law needs to be updated to include electronic records and offers her assistance. MLA examined this issue a couple of years ago. It is a difficult issue.

Carolyn will be invited to talk with the a intellectual Freedom Committee.

Intellectual freedom

First Sale - Copyright issues - Jackie suggested educating supportive legislators. ALA has talking points. Question is what to do at state level. On the back burner for now.

NELA Intellectual Freedom Committee and MLA have sent a letter to legislators asking them to revisit the Patriot Act in light of NSA issues and restore protections of those amendments.

Guns in libraries - legislation. Not aware of any problems in MA.

Libraries as gun-free zones. Suggest seeing what is being worked on in other states.

Snapshot Day - Nancy Rae. Any day during week of April 7-12.

Committee has met twice. Third meeting is today. Have produced card to hand out at Legislative Breakfasts. MBLC staff will bring them to the breakfasts. Web site is being updated; registration will start soon.

Would like to have more photos from schools this year.

Next meeting is March 14 at 1pm at Minuteman Library Network.

Note: this is a change in date and time.

We will have pizza. Please plan to pitch in toward the cost.