



Executive Board Meeting
February 9, 2018
Shrewsbury Public Library
10 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2017 Meeting
3. Reports
4. Slate for 2018 Ballot (Nominating Committee)
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Close of Meeting

MLA Vice President Report

February 2017

Submitted by William Adamczyk

MLA Financial Work

I submitted proposed revisions to our by-laws to reflect the changes in the MLA financial structure. The revisions outline the creation of a Finance Committee that will both help the Treasurer with the MLA budget, and continue the roles of the Investment Committee.

This revision will be presented to the board at the February meeting.

Committee Work

I have continued to attend Conference Committee meetings. The planning is coming along quite well. The Committee has had a site visit and things are starting to firm up.

I am also working with Conference Committee on the projected FY19 budget. There are still many variables affecting the budget, the largest being where the event will be held.

Upcoming

Will be attending the OCLN legislative event in February.

2/9/2018

Membership Report

We had 14 new members/renewals in the past 30 days. Thank you to those of you who contacted lapsed member and gave a little nudge. If you haven't, please contact me and I'll send you the link to the spreadsheet again. This really does help get people renewed!

On 1/25, ten people attended the Trivia Night at the 99 in Foxborough. One of our teams won first place, reminding people that yes, librarians do know an awful lot! It was a fun time and easy to do, and everyone is encouraged to make your own. The membership committee can help post the event to facebook and send out the email invitation.

Soon we'll be asking committees to proof a committee page we'd like to get put into the conference packet (thank you Jocelyn for the great idea).

The conference chairs have approved of a committee fair to be held during the President's Reception at conference. All ideas are welcome. We'd like to have some interactive fun as a way to get to know what your committee is all about. Start thinking! We will need a commitment to have one member of each committee available at the event to answer questions and promote your committee and the association. We'll be in touch conference gets closer.

Question for the board... Should we consider offering this discount? This is from the NELA website:

Member for A Member Program

Current members are our best source for finding new members who would benefit from all that NELA has to offer! Every time a new member joins NELA, we are made stronger. Each current member who recruits a new member is eligible for a special \$10 "Thank You" coupon that can be used toward the following year's membership or any NELA-sponsored conferences and workshops. There is no limit to the number of coupons you can earn.

To receive the coupon:

Be sure the new member includes your name on the "Member-For-A-Member" line so that you can receive your \$10 coupon.

NELA will mail one to you each time an application with your name listed as the recruiter is processed.

Send your coupon(s) in with your membership renewal or conference registration form and save!

Submitted on 2/1/2018 by:

Laurie Lessner, Membership Chair

Youth Services Section Report
February 9, 2018

Youth Services Section held a board meeting on January 18 at the Reading Public Library.

The Board finalized a schedule for presenting and voting on changes to the YSS Bylaws. Edits were emailed to membership the last week of January and will be voted on at the next YSS meeting in March. Our nominating committee will be accepting nominations for Chair, Conference Committee Liaison, and Secretary after that meeting, to be voted on at our Annual Meeting during Conference in May.

Plans for our YSS Retreat have moved forward. Programming will follow a “Mindfulness” theme, including presentations on meditation for staff and patrons, using music in programs, crafting for relaxation, and yoga story time tips and tricks. The YSS March meeting will be held on the second day of the Retreat. We have booked with a new retreat center in Duxbury and will begin registration within the next two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Farrell
Chair

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MLA Paralibrarian Section Executive Board Report:

The Paralibrarian Section met virtually, via Skype, on January 18th with a full board and support team in attendance. The Section is finalizing programs for Conference, and brainstorming Raffle Basket ideas.

The next issue of *Fast! Forward!* the Paralibrarian Section newsletter is in process for release of the biannual March issue. A promo for the video BCDT program was submitted for the next MLA newsletter issue. And Heather Maganzini (Tewksbury PL) uploaded the Survey Monkey forms to accept nominations for two Paralibrarian Awards: Outstanding Library Support Staff and Library Support Staff Advocate 2018. She also is sending out call for nominations via social media and elists. (Please submit a nomination from your library!) <http://masslib.org/http/masslib.org/ParalibrarianAwardsWeb2018>

Gerry Deyermond has redesigned the Paralibrarian Section page on the MLA website; including full links to PARA Certification and Awards directly from the pull down menu on the MLA Homepage. <http://masslib.org/paralibrarian>

We are continuing to recruit paralibrarians to join the work of the Section. A preliminary review of PARA Certification and Award recipients and MLA membership shows promising statistics of 10+ year membership renewals. Conversations with library directors are encouraging as they confirm they are open to paying for paralibrarian membership in MLA for their paralibrarian staff.

Submitted,
Allison Sloan
Chairperson