

Legislative Committee Meeting

January 15, 2016

MA Library System, Marlborough

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm

Attending in person: Joan Kuklinski, Mary Ann Cluggish, Jennifer Harris, Jackie Rafferty, Kathy Lowe, Celeste Bruno, Mary Rose Quinn, Susan McAllister, Timothy Spindler

On the phone: Beverly Shank, Charlotte Cannelli, Sharon Shaloo

Agenda:

1. MBLC Update

Celeste Bruno reported that Chair Cluggish has outlined a pathway for working through MLA with the library community on advocacy issues over the next two years. These goals will be shared with the committee.

The web version of the Legislative Agenda and accompanying information is up and should be used by anyone meeting with legislators and other stakeholders. A flier to be included with ILLs to show that this service is at risk is available that can be customized for each library.

2. Update on meetings with House and Senate Leadership

There have been several meetings over the past two months and others are being scheduled. Leadership has advised that constituents should meet with their local rep's who must say that libraries are their top priority.

The Library Caucus will meet on February 11th.

3. Legislative Breakfast schedule

12 breakfasts are scheduled. They are posted on the MLA website. Susan will announce these on the Listserv with a link to the Legislative Agenda.

4. Review Library Showcase Proposals

37 proposals were submitted. 18 were chosen for 8' tables in the Grand Staircase, with four others (MLS, MBLC, networks and BPL) to be located the Great Hall. A few proposals were chosen as back-ups to be included if anyone declines or if there is room for more displays. Beverly will ask our State House contact if high-top tables are also available. These would allow for additional displays. Kathy Lowe will compile the committee's choices and send to committee members. Once table options are known and list of selected displays is confirmed, Susan will notify librarians whose displays are to be included in the Showcase.

5. Review of the Engage Website - not discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Kathy Lowe, Recorder