

MLA Legislative Committee  
Meeting Minutes - 6/28/19  
Minuteman HQ

Meeting Start: 10 a.m.

Present: Jennifer Harris, Greg Pronevitz, Sarah Sogigian, Tressa Santillo, Will Adamczyk, Catherine Halpin, Margaret Cardello, Mike Moran, Mary Rose Quinn, Eileen Dyer, Anna Kung

- 4/26/19 minutes were approved.

#### **MBLC Update (Mary Rose)**

- Budget
  - High ranking legislators are still discussing the budget (won't be in place by July 1 but some funds are allocated to keep things going)
  - In conference: MBLC line, regional line, and state aid, and Center for the Book (CFTB won't receive any stopgap funds while the budget is being finalized)
  - Next step will be thanking legislators (Mary Rose will let us know)
- Bond for Construction
  - \$100M for construction
  - Annual cap at \$20M (won't cover waitlist)
  - In discussion now to do an additional bond or change the bond amount
  - Advocacy has been helpful!
  - More info on this should be forthcoming during week of 7/1
- Census
  - SCOTUS decided that citizen question can't be added to the census
  - Galvin intends to help libraries w/census (2M allocated to help with census, with some of that money earmarked for libraries)
  - Mary Rose is on statewide census committee - will be a subcommittee where libraries could get involved

#### **MLS Update (Sarah)**

- New office space for MLS on Boston Post Road, Marlborough coming soon in August
- Steve has left MLS for a new job opportunity in Rhode Island
- In the process of hiring the Consulting and Training Services (CATS) Director now
- MLS is encouraged by increased advocacy efforts

#### **Library Legislative Day - Possible Changes (Tressa/Jennifer)**

- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xcS8era-vqeOxqQAMyuzaEFA4CaBNQPTTDSwCGsu3bo/edit>
- "Delegation" to speak with legislators
- Lean on the networks to help set up the meetings

- MLA member activities to rotate through as well (related to the legislative agenda for that year)
- Webinar ahead of time
- Co-chairs of 2020 LegDay: Tressa, Catherine, Jayme
  - Mike is liaison to help with districts
  - Greg to spearhead educational webinar

#### **MSLA Update (Greg)**

- In transition, we almost hired an Association and Event Manager. However, it didn't work out. We are now regrouping and will seek to fill positions. Kathy Lowe has offered to remain and to hold down the fort in this transition. In the short term, we're seeking a Conference Manager contractor position.
- Greg has a new role, Director of Outreach, effective July 1
- We are not satisfied with progress on implementing the recommendations of the Special Commission on School Library Services in Massachusetts. We've attempted to work with DESE and the Joint Committee on Education.
- We are appointing new Advocacy CoChairs and will be meeting to create a strategy for advocacy for this year.

#### **WMLA Update (Mike)**

- Idea Share breakfast in May (50 attendees)
- Annual meeting in October (third Thursday?)
- WMLA invited Rep. Paul Mark (D, 2nd Berkshire District) to their June meeting where the rep discussed redistricting post-Census (advice - seek allies in nearby larger communities)
- Western MA rep of the governor's office - WMLA plans to do some advocacy with him

#### **CMLA Update (Margaret)**

- Awarded a \$7K grant to create infrastructure around organization and programming
- Considering a fall 2019 programming event
- First annual meeting is scheduled for September TBD

#### **CQ Engage (Tressa)**

- Loose calendar for legislative actions:
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMvOkZ\\_LGwDDvoTVjtVGUSeNh0DKXwGP\\_725W6UrZk/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMvOkZ_LGwDDvoTVjtVGUSeNh0DKXwGP_725W6UrZk/edit)
- Volunteers to learn Engage
  - Jennifer, Will, Eileen

#### **MLA Conference Program Update (Jennifer/Greg)**

- Great opportunity to have library caucus members be "showcased" to conference attendees
- Next year - we need to do more promotion, especially for people in that district

- A few people expressed interest in joining the MLA committee!
- Monday, May 17 - Wednesday, May 20 in Hyannis

### **New Meeting Schedule for FY20 (Jennifer)**

- July 26 (MLN?)
- September 27 (MLS/MLS-Northampton?)
- October 25 (MLN)
- November 22 (MLS)
- January 17 (MLN)
- February 21 (MLS)
- March 3 - LegDay?
- April 17 (MLN)
- June 19 (MLS)

### **Old Business**

#### **Uniform Electronic Materials Act (UELMA) Next Steps (Jennifer)**

- Draft of letter to MA reps for review
- Is it too late for MLA support? Jennifer is checking on this. Then she'll bring it back to eBoard/Admin board.

#### **Legislation on Facial Surveillance**

- MA legislation going forward that would provide moratorium on facial surveillance
- MLA IFSR Committee recommended support on this, eBoard also supported it
- Possibly something for Engage (Will is going to check)

### **New Business**

#### **Advocacy Central Link on MLA Website**

- Link should be updated: <https://mla.wildapricot.org/advocacy-central>
- Everyone should review this website by July 5 and respond to Jennifer with updates

#### **FYI & Other**

- Jennifer reviewed the list of MLA LegComm members (please contact Jennifer if you intend to stay on or leave the committee for FY20)
- Recruitment of new MLA members via Simmons - yes, doing this now
- New officers for MLA start on July 1; new manager has already been here for the past few months
- SCOE and ALA Proposed Changes to ALA Governance - still in discussion and will need a vote by ALA - talk to Charlotte for more information

Meeting Adjourned: 11:58 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** *Friday, July 26 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Minuteman, Natick (location to be confirmed by Jennifer)*