



Executive Committee Minutes
Friday, August 13, 2021
10am – 12pm
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attending: Noelle Boc (Secretary), Joanne Lamothe (President), Rebecca Beckley (Association Manager), Ellen Rainville (ByLaws), Sarah Sogigian (MLS), Meen Jain (Program Planners), Eileen Dyer (Legislative), Carol Gafford (YSS), Bernadette Rivard (Treasurer), Anna McGrath (ParaLibrarians), Jocelyn Tavares (PR), Sarah Sullivan (LAMS), Siobhan Robinson (LITS), Anna Gooding-Call (Conference), Jennifer Harris (Legislative), Esme Green (ALA Councilor/Conference), Will Adamczyk (Legislative), Robert Hayes (Program Planners), Stephanie Barnaby, Lynne Soukup, Krista McLeod (NELA), Kim Hewitt (Vice President), Sharon Shaloo (Mass Center for the Book), James Lonergan (MBLC)

Call to order at 10:03am

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 11th Executive Board meeting made by Bernadette Rivard and seconded by Jennifer Harris. All in favor; Ellen Rainville abstains.

Treasurer's Report –Bernadette Rivard

- Working on getting information ready for the accountant for taxes. Our investments are still doing really well. Some conference receivables are still lingering but Rebecca is following up on those outstanding items.
- **Motion to approve the treasurer's report** made by Esme Green and seconded by Will Adamczyk. All in favor

Association Manager's Report –Rebecca Beckley

- Website redesign: Rebecca has created a clone site and showed us the test site. She requests that you look at the current site and then send suggestions to her. Rebecca will send an email to request any edits or changes by a certain date. Administrative Committee will take charge in going ahead with it and making it live.

Conference Update –Esme Green and Anna Gooding-Call

- Conference is up to a good start. Graphics from the year that got cancelled will be repurposed. September meeting might be on site in Hyannis.

Updates

MBLC –James Lonergan

- FY2023 legislative agenda is ready to start being discussed. September 2 at 10am there will be a remote meeting.

MLS –Sarah Sogigian

- Staff has realigned themselves around the action plan in the strategic plan. Staff will keep capacity levels down due to COVID resurgence in the offices. Meeting rooms will still be closed for the time being.

NELA –Krista McLeod

- Hybrid conference this year--4 virtual days and 1 in person day. Virtual days are themed. In person event at Holy Cross; luncheon and awards will be happening.
- NELA selected 2 people for the Emerson Greenaway award: Jen Alvino from Maine and Ed Garcia from Rhode Island, who is one of the people behind EveryLibrary.
- Rolling Ridge in North Andover has been booked for NELLS 2022 for next August--planning to do both NELLS and NELLS 2 for leaders with more experience. August 15-19th, 2022 are the dates—mark your calendars!

MSLA –

- Debbie Froggart is the new representative to Legislative Committee and to the Executive Board

Legislative

- EveryLibrary is helping with our advocacy efforts. We're hoping to bring that to the wider MLA membership with a goal setting session.

Other notes:

- Welcome to Meena Jain and Robert Hayes from the Program Planners Section
- Make sure to get your meetings on the MLA meeting calendar and refer to the transition meeting materials or reach out to Rebecca with any questions.

- Try to recruit--we have needs for chairs in multiple sections/committees. Meena did a great job with an email to allregions with some forms; reach out to Meena or Joanne if your section is interested in copying the idea.

Old Business

- Meena Jain wanted to know if the Program Planners Section could have a scholarship to offer to MLS students. The answer is yes, but they have to find a way to fund it. Once budgets are approved, you have to make the request to adjust the budget. This used to be under Personnel Issues & Education's purview and hopefully will be revived. Conversation will be continued with the Administrative Committee to create a directive for perhaps all sections to give away a free student membership. Should there be by-laws for program planners? Sections approve their own by-laws, and then Executive Board approves those.
- Sarah Sullivan from LAMS mentioned they had a wishlist proposal of meetings and places and times but that nothing had been settled upon yet.

Motion to adjourn made by Bernadette Rivard and seconded by Jennifer Harris at 10:48am.

Next meeting October 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Boc
MLA Secretary