

MLS August 2016 Member Update



Executive Board Update

The Board approved distribution of the draft MLS Strategic Plan:

2017-2019. Members are invited to Town Hall meetings across the Commonwealth and online to share their thoughts on the plan at its August meeting. We offer a [text](#) version and an [illustrated](#) version for your review. Please join us at a Town Hall Meeting to share your thoughts and perspective; post your comments on our survey or feel free to contact us directly to make your voice heard. Let us know how the plan can best benefit libraries and their constituencies. We'd love to hear your suggestions. **Join the Conversation!**

Attend one of our Town Hall Meetings to present and discuss the plan with members and stakeholders. Please join us at one of these in-person or online events-[RSVP here](#) for an event in Pittsfield on 8/17, Northampton on 8/18, Middleton on 8/19, Plymouth 8/22, Boston on 8/26, Marlborough on 9/7, and online on 8/23 and 9/12.

Contact the Planning Committee by September 1st:

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Complete our online input form by September 1st please [Click Here](#)

The plan includes three strategic goals based on input from over 200 members during the process and repeated comments on these topics:

1. Develop a co-creator culture to strengthen the Massachusetts library community with wide participation and input on library issues.
2. Build capacity for marketing in libraries and at MLS.
3. Take steps to make library staff future ready.

The Board reviewed a draft budget and plan of service for fy2018.

- Action by the legislature to override Gubernatorial vetoes resulted in level funding for MLS in fy2017. The risk of 9C reductions remains, in light of administration's perspective on revenue shortfalls. MLS is holding off on filling a consultant vacancy for now and our ability to fund statewide databases in fy18 remains severely limited. Concern was raised about the inability to fund databases adequately. At our next meeting we'll discuss possible solutions, e.g., advocacy and revenue generation.

The Board endorsed a statement drafted by the eBook community to suggest that library input and considerations be included in a process to review copyright law taking place with the US Congress, the Dept. of Commerce, and the Copyright Office. The statement emphasizes library interests such as the goal of copyright to expand knowledge for the public good; maintaining a balance between granting exclusive rights and placing limitations on those rights; how the public good is adversely affected by copyright law's silence on the issue of licensing; and that libraries embrace the responsibility to work with copyright owners. [Full Text](#)

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Committee Meetings

The **Nominating Committee** met on 8/8 to recommend a slate of candidates from among the volunteers for the November election. Two Executive Board slots are open—for an academic and special library representatives.

The **Patron Information Sharing Study Task Force** met on 8/11.

The Task Force met twice this summer. We've drafted a mission: to review options and to recommend changes to create a safer environment for our library staff, users, and property through improved information sharing. Our draft Scope is to review available options for policies, procedures, and systems to share select patron information between libraries in an ethical and legal fashion, developing and white paper and recommending a form of information dissemination that can become a standard for public libraries by early 2017.

Our work will include communication with stakeholders. We will be consulting with legal and ethical professionals to ground our work and look forward to sharing more at the November MLS annual meeting.

Budget Committee - next meeting 9/19

CeC Steering Committee Meeting, hosted by Perkins School for the Blind with focus on eBook accessibility - next meeting 9/21

Personnel

Amanda Fauver is leaving her Event Coordinator position to attend graduate school this month. She will remain as part-time temporary Project SET Manager to carry through the second round of this successful effort.

We have received acceptances to job offers to fill three existing vacancies. New employees will be announced once they begin work this and next month:

1. Consultant -
2. Event Coordinator - Sarah Donnelly
3. Communications/Delivery Coordinator - Amanda Malikowski
4. We have reopened our search for BiblioTemps/Accounting Assistant

Operations

A new accounting system, QuickBooks Online, was implemented on July1. Business and HR Director and Staff Accountant are being trained.

Preparations are underway to begin the audit for fy2016 as required by our contract with MBLC.

The training room at MLS-Northampton is being renovated per our specifications and we anticipate occupancy in September.

MLS Services

BiblioTemps filled two new placements and held 8 candidate interviews in July

Commonwealth eBook Collections - We are working with Baker and Taylor to improve workflow with processing MARC records for eBooks. Next Steering Committee Meeting will be hosted by Perkins School for the Blind and focus on eBook accessibility on 9/21.

Continuing Education -

Fall events are being planned and scheduled based on member demand. The following topics will be presented as four-hour sessions, six times around the state. Pairs of sessions will be scheduled-one in the morning, one in the afternoon with time for lunch in between to allow members to register for one or both. [More Info](#)

- Design/Redesign
- Marketing Salons
- Beyond Surveys
- Purposeful Planning
- Non Traditional Collections
- Teach People, Not Content: A Patron-Centered Approach to Library Training

Delivery -The interstate delivery pilot project between Massachusetts and Rhode Island has been expanded to include all MLS sort sites. [More info.](#)

eContent - FY18 - FY22 Statewide databases procurement in progress with MBLC; Legacy WorldCat Licensing pledge process in progress. The northeast is again challenging.

MassCat - Implemented special summer vacation holds for school library members

Summer Library Program - We worked with MBLC to arrange Boston Bruins library visits. Librarians have commented on how much they like this year's theme.

Upcoming Events

8/16 Mass Media Literacy for Librarians-Webinar

9/29 Teen Summit - Beechwood Hotel, Worcester

10/25 New Director Breakfast, MLS-Marlborough

11/7 Annual Meeting (John Palfrey, Keynote) - Holy Cross, Worcester

<p>Strategic Planning Meetings The MLS Executive Board will approve the draft plan in August. We will share the plan with members and host eight town hall meetings.</p> <p>Town Hall Meetings RSVP here 8/17 Pittsfield at 10:30-12:30 8/18 MLS-Northampton 10-12 8/19 Middleton 10-12 8/22 Plymouth 10-12.</p>	<p>8/23 Online Town Hall 10-12 8/26 Boston 10-12 (NE HisGen) 9/7 MLS-Marlborough 4-6 9/12 Online Town Hall 4-6/9/12 Staff Town Hall 10-12 11/7 Annual Meeting (endorse plan) 12/2 Implementation Conference (Invitation only: MLS Staff, MLS Board, MLS Committees, ~35 Stakeholders) Keynoter: Miguel Figueroa, ALA's Center for the Future of Libraries</p>
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2016 Executive Board Meetings

September 19 - 1-4pm (Northampton)
October 24 - 1-4pm (Marlborough or Boston)
November 7 - 9:30-TBA (**Annual Meeting** at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester)
December 12 - 10-12 Orientation; 12-1 Luncheon; 1-4 Meeting (Marlborough)

2017 Meetings (locations tbd)

January 9 - 1-4pm
February 13 - 1-4pm March 20 - 1-4pm
April 10 - 1-4pm
May 15 - 1-4pm
June 19 - 1-4pm
July 17 - 1-4pm
August 21 - 1-4pm
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