

Massachusetts Library System
Annual Meeting Minutes November 14, 2011

The second annual meeting of the Massachusetts Library System (MLS) at the College of the Holy Cross was called to order at approximately 9:33 a.m. by Dee Magnoni, President.

Dee welcomed member library representatives, commissioners and staff from the MBLC, Network representatives, and guests. Members of the MLS Executive Board who are completing their terms or have resigned were introduced and thanked for their service. The remaining Board members, task forces, and committees were introduced.

Greg Pronevitz, MLS Executive Director, thanked the former staff members and delivery specialists for their contributions to a successful first year. An update on MLS activities:

- 13 full time/1 part time staff
- 2 new advisors-1 based in each location
- Continuing Education valued at \$700,000 offered to member library staff statewide
- 2000 hours of Advisory services valued at \$250,000 helped member library staff statewide
- Purchasing cooperative saved member libraries \$5 million
- Library delivery for FY2011-14.2 million items/projected for FY2012- >15 million items
- FY2012 focus-strategic planning, BiblioTemps re-launch, statewide resource sharing/eBooks, more virtual training events
- Opportunities for member library representation on new task forces

Legislative agenda has been released by the MBLC. Current funding is below the 1990 level. For FY13, an increase of \$1 million is included in the MLS line item. Increase will allow-

- expanded on-line content with some focus on supporting the STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) initiative
 - more staffing to support increased level of Continuing Education/Advisory
 - pilot projects to improve library level efficiency and ergonomics in delivery
 - help remove barriers to membership in MassCat and reduce cost of resource sharing, e.g. postage
- MLS supports all MBLC line item budget requests.

Greg thanked the MLS staff for all their dedicated work making the first 16 months of the Massachusetts Library System as smooth as possible.

Business Meeting convened at 9:55 a.m.

Greg presented voting guidelines

Public library-1 vote per library

School library- public-each school district gets 1 vote; private-1 vote per community

Motion to approve minutes of Nov 15, 2010 annual meeting.

Motion-Mike Somers; Second-Susan Flannery. Unanimous.

Plan of Service (POS) and Budget

Deborah Kelsey presented POS and FY2013 Budget for members to vote on. Materials were available for membership consideration prior to the meeting. With first year MLS expense history, a more accurate apportionment of cost for services is reflected in the new budget. A narrative, projected level of activity, and allocation chart are included for clarification. POS includes re-launch of BiblioTemps as an enterprise activity. Carryover funds from the former Central Region will be used as start-up.

Motion to accept POS and Budget as presented.

Motion-Mike Somers; Second-Sue Marsh. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Slate of Candidates

Mike Somers explained the nomination process used to select candidates for the Executive Board. An email call for candidates yielded 40 volunteers. Two questions-What is your vision for MLS? And Why do you want to serve?-were asked and elicited 13 responses. Board members reviewed these responses and narrowed the slate to 8 candidates to fill the 5 expiring slots and 3 resignations.

Candidates were introduced.

William L.	Adamczyk	Thomas Crane Public Library	Quincy	Public
Charlotte	Canelli	Morrill Memorial Library	Norwood West	Public
Tim	Gerolami	Cape Cod Community College	Barnstable	Academic
Barb	Lichtman	Melrose High School	Melrose	School
Margot	Malachowski	Baystate Health	Springfield	Special
Andrea S.	Taupier	Springfield College	Springfield	Academic
Suzanne	Wargo	Millbury High School	Millbury	School
Sarah	Watkins	USS Constitution Museum	Boston	Special

Officers:

Patrick Marshall-vice president/president/past president; Jean Maguire-treasurer; Betty Johnson-clerk

Motion to accept slate as presented. Motion-Patrick Marshall; Second-Donna Beales. Unanimous.

Business meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Motion-Mike Somers; Second-Patrick Marshall.

Rob Maier, Director MBLC, introduced Commissioners in attendance. Legislative Agenda presents increases for line item budget. Governor has not announced a budget cap for MBLC line items yet. FY12 cap was -14% and the eventual FY12 budget passed at a little better than level funding. Rob urged audience to start now and tell Governor and Legislators what the increased funding for libraries means and why we need the funding.

Federal funding for LSTA is uncertain for FY13. Current funding is \$3.3 million and is used for grants and statewide projects. Increased funding in Legislative Agenda is part of plan to bridge funding needs caused by potential LSTA decrease. Also hope to restore MBLC staff position for building consultant to assist libraries during public library construction.

Rob thanked libraries for their support and congratulated the MLS staff for their successes. 66% of previous level of continuing education opportunities and about 50% of previous level of advisory assistance accomplished with existing staffing levels.

Greg thanked membership for attending.

Cathy DeRosa of OCLC was the keynote speaker-“Perceptions, Our Realities”

After lunch, groups brainstormed ideas in a Strategic Planning exercise- Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results (SOAR). These results are one tool to be used by the Strategic Planning Task Force as they write a 3 year plan for MLS.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty P. Johnson Clerk