



MASL Meeting  
February 7, 2009  
Maine State Library

Present: Sylvia Norton, Debbie Gahm, Janet Patterson, Nancy B. Grant, Donna Chale, Barbara Hammond, Jeff Small, Peggy Becksvoort, Marilyn Joyce, Eileen Broderick, Gretchen Asam, Teri Caouette, Joyce Lucas,  
Guests: Mary C. Hinse, Cindy Petherbridge  
Absent: Edna Comstock, Kelley McDaniel

Welcome and introductions (Jeff Small)

Secretary's Report (Joyce Lucas): *A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January meeting pending corrections. The motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report (Donna Chale):

- Under expenses: Maine Student book award was paid \$500.00. Total expenses - \$712.83
- Under income: waiting for conference money which should arrive by next month. Total income for January - \$240.00.
- Discussed how the treasurer is chosen for conference? What is expected? Point of discussion for conference policy manual.
- *A motion was made in favor of accepting the Treasurer's report as presented, the motion was seconded and approved.*

Secretary's job description (Joyce Lucas): Joyce presented a draft update to the Board Secretary Job Description and asked for feedback. Suggestions were noted and the board will vote on it at the March meeting.

Spring Fling May 9th at Cony HS (Eileen Broderick):

- Lunch will be served by the Cony HS Culinary Arts program. All set with registrations and meals.
- Libby Mitchell has been asked to speak.
- Online Registration - Edna thing? Gail? Sylvia?
- Programs: AASL advocacy and crisis kits (Marilyn & Sylvia), information literacy (Eileen). panel of librarians on parameters for essential instruction, literacy specialists and us, Jan Kristo, technology (Nancy Grant) (how can technology be used to service kids in difficult economic times?). 1 hour presentations. If willing, do sessions in AM and PM. Peggy would like small break-out committee to work on conference.
- Choice of sessions AM & PM. Deb offered to put a "save the day" notice on MELIBS.
- 9:00 registration and socializing. Title: "Yes we can...." ,
- 11:15-12:00 Beth Fuller from Perma-Bound offered to do a mini-workshop for MASL. Beth may be able to pick up some of the cost of the meal and custodial cost.
- Do we open to the public librarians?
- Gretchen has been in touch with USC and USM and Orono about CEUs and Dept. of Ed.. She's waiting to hear from them. Do we charge attendees anything if lunch is covered?
- Brochures - Edna?
- Discussed prizes.

- Janet offered to lead an interest group at lunch for support staff.
- Debbie posted a note on MELIBS.
- Could we have displays of Cream of the Crop? Maine Student Book Award? Lupine Award? Cindy Petherbridge offered to contact those people. Contact Jeff if need tables, etc.
- Marilyn said there may be some other information from AASL for a follow-up? Paula Moore is another possible speaker.

Maine Library Commission (Gretchen Asam): Gretchen announced that she is not applying for another term, and someone is needed who can be actively and physically at the table. Really need a school librarian's voice on that commission. They meet 6 times per year on Mondays from 1:00-3:30 PM. They are currently meeting more frequently to do strategic planning. Position is for a school library representative. Other vacancies on the Commission: handicapped position, at-large position, also a CMLD position. Nominations need to go through Governor's office in order to move forward. Give names to Jeff by Wed. or Thursday if interested or know someone who is interested.

#### Conference Manual

Wiki site has information. Nancy and Peggy will be talking.

#### Central Maine Library District (Jeff):

Thursday meeting. What do we need for the future? Asked for thoughts:

- Reaching people in the field
- Promotion of Spring Fling (would like to see this in all 3 districts)
- Nancy willing to do technology presentation at NMLD
- Invite them to our Spring Fling, recognize them asking what is going on in their districts. Lunchtime meetings?

Presentations (Jeff): Edna not present but would have presented her with Life Membership certificate.

#### Mid-Winter (Marilyn):

- Strategic plan has come together. Shared Standards for the 21st Century Learner in Action. Has good benchmarks. "Well worth the money." Prior to annual ALA conference in Chicago(July), there will be a train-the trainer session. There will be a stipend and registration paid.
- New Website. Restructured to be more user friendly. Found one of highest users are parents.
- Longitudinal survey - data on school libraries
- Position statement - gave us a copy that should be given to administrators, coordinators, etc. A tool-kit is in progress. Available on home page
- Bibliography section being done by Marilyn, asked for ideas.
- Board adopted a concern on a position statement on arrangement of books in libraries. Working on a position statement.
- Nominations and concerns coming up on May 13th? (will send out a notices). Asked for concerns: broadband access to all school libraries.
- Working on consistency of format of position statements.
- They are looking for members of committees. Most meetings are virtual. Online form to fill out if interested or let Marilyn know.
- *Nancy proposed that the board purchase the Standards book for all board members and look into purchasing a number to sell at the conference.*  
Marilyn will look into it.

Presentations: Gretchen, Teri and Nancy will meet as a special committee.

NESLA (Teri): Virtual meeting of NESLA on Monday at 5:00 PM. Agenda: leadership conference and dinner on Sat. March 28th. On March 27th dinner in southern NH (Manchester/Londonderry area). *21st Century Learner in Action* publication discussion. 4 publications in print or online. Peggy will email this information if interested. Let Teri know if interested in going. Sue Ballard is doing the presentation. The phone number and group code were given for those that want to do the virtual meeting. Let Teri know if you will be listening on the phone to the 5:00 meeting.

Intellectual Freedom (Jeff )

Discussion on a potential case of censorship.

Sylvia's Corner

- ALA - Lexile issue. ALA is revising IF statements which address Internet access. Helen Adams and Barbara Stripling (NY City libraries) are working on the statements and school libraries are well represented.
- Intellectual Freedom manual is being revised to address Lexiles.
- Electronic participation. Cost is an issue (phones, etc.). Voted to approve E participation but there will be piloting.
- Advocacy. *Add it Up* (on ALA website). Talking points for various grade levels. Have both school and public aspects.
- Executive Board election - Sylvia tied for 3rd. She is running again for ALA council.
- NCLB. Still moving forward on the skills. Stimulus plan mentions school libraries specifically.
- American Libraries article on how Obama's transition team is looking at all agencies and reviewing effectiveness of programs. Reauthorization of skills act is being worked on.
- MSLN E-Rate. Dept. will centralize it so Sylvia is working on the application.

Other:

- Debbie editing handbook stuff and waiting for info/pages from some people. Emailed graphic arts dept. about a meeting. Grant applications for printing, binder, paper, postage etc.
- Jeff encouraged members to pull people in.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Next meeting - March 7th at 9:00 at the Maine State Library.