

Massachusetts Library System Committees and Task Forces (July 2016)

MLS Advisory Committees

Advisory Committees help shape direction for MLS. Staff from all types of libraries provides advice to the Executive Board. Their input builds the annual Plan of Service and influences the budget. In forming committees, MLS aims for diversity in library geography, type, and size. Committees meet quarterly or less frequently. Members are appointed for renewable two-year terms. Each Committee will have an Executive Board and staff liaison.

Budget Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Christine Brown	Bridgewater State University	Bridgewater	May-14	June-16
Geoff Dickinson	Worcester Public Library	Worcester	May-16	June-18
Melinda Webster Loof	Bowman Elementary School	Lexington	May-16	June-18
Margaret Perkins	Medway Public Library	Medway	May 15	June-18
Matthew Berube	Jones Library	MLS Executive Board Liaison		
Betty Johnson	Griswold Memorial Library	MLS Executive Board Liaison		
Betsy Meaden	MLS	MLS Staff Liaison		
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

Committee Charges-

- Make recommendations on the budget and plan of service

Bylaws Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
James Gleason	Perkins School for the Blind	Watertown	May-16	June-18
Anthony Fonseca	Elms Collge		May-16	June-18
Michael Somers	Bridgewater State University	Bridgewater	May-16	June-18
Will Adamczyk	Milton Public Library	MLS Executive Board		
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		
Betsy Meaden	MLS	MLS Staff Liaison		

Committee Charge –

- It will be the responsibility of this committee to review the Bylaws for the purpose of considering any additions, revisions or amendments, which may be deemed necessary

Nominating Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Margot Malachowski, Chair	National Network of Libraries of Medicine	New England Region	May-16	Dec-16
Steve Mazzulli	North Quincy High School	Quincy	May-16	June-18
Anne Meringolo	NE Historical Genealogical Soc.	Boston	May-16	June-18
Pat O'Leary	Weymouth Public Library	Weymouth	May-16	June-18
Betty Johnson	Griswold Memorial Library	Colrain – Chair		
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		
Karen Demers	Wilbraham Public Library			
Betsy Meaden	MLS			

Committee Charges-

- Make recommendations to fill vacancies on the Executive Board and to fill Officer positions for annual election

Personnel Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
James Gleason	Perkins Library	Watertown	May-16	June-18
Deborah Lang Froggatt	Boston Public Schools	Boston	May-16	June-18
Tim Gerolami	Cape Cod Community Col.	MLS Executive Board	May-16	Dec-16
Patrick Marshall, Chair	Bourne Public Library	MLS Executive Board	May-16	Dec-16
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		
Betsy Meaden	MLS	MLS Staff Liaison		

Committee Charge-

- Work with the Executive Director to make recommendations on personnel policies.

Academic Library Services Planning Taskforce

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Emily Alling	Northfield Mt. Hermon School	Northfield	May-15	May-17
Erica Eynouf	Springfield technical Community College	Springfield	May-15	May-17
George Hart	U/Mass Lowell	Lowell	May-15	May-17
Myron Schirer-Suter	Jenks Library, Gordon College	Wenham	May-15	May-17
Cyndy Svoboda	Bridgewater State University	Bridgewater	May-15	May-17
Tim Gerolami	Cape Cod Community College	MLS Executive Board Liaison		
Kelly Jo Woodside	MLS	MLS Staff Liaison		
Tressa J. Santillo	MLS	MLS		
Sarah Sogigian	MLS	MLS		
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	Ex Officio		

Committee Charge:

- Advise MLS about services relevant to member academic libraries.

Continuing Education and Advisory Services Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Kim Cochrane	Framingham State University	Framingham	May-14	May-16
Beth Goldman	Norwood High School Library	Norwood	May-14	May-16
Faith Kaufman	Forbes Library	Northampton	May-14	May-16
Nathan Norris	Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr.	Boston	May-14	May-16
Judi Paradis	Plympton School	Waltham	May-14	May-16
Mikaela Wolfe	Oak Bluffs Public Library	Oak Bluffs	May-14	May-16
Amy Lewontin	Northeastern University	MLS Executive Board		
Kristi Chadwick	MLS			
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

Committee Charges-

- Advise MLS about continuing education topics of interest to member libraries.
- Investigate and recommend technologies to deliver continuing education.
- Recommend policy changes to MLS Executive Board.
- Advise MLS staff on issues related to providing advisory services to member libraries.

Delivery Advisory Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Mary Anne Antonellis	M. N. Spear Memorial Library	Shutesbury	May-14	May-16
Jennifer Blakely	Suffolk University	Boston	May-14	May-16
Erin Creighton	Thayer Public Library	Braintree	May-14	May-16
Michelle Filleul	Reading Public Library	Reading	May-14	May-16
Becky Plimpton	Joshua Hyde Pub. Library	Sturbridge	May-14	May-16
Rebecca Rowlands	Topsfield Town Library	Topsfield	May-14	May-16
William Adamczyk	Milton Public Library	MLS Executive Board		
Sue Kaler	MLS			
Caitlin Davis, Staff Liaison	MLS			
Steve Spohn, Staff Liaison	MLS			
Betsy Meaden, Staff Liaison	MLS			
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

Committee Charges-

- Assess delivery workflow as implemented in member libraries
- Evaluate practices and technologies that lead to improvement
- Recommend policies for member eligibility for delivery service
- Make recommendations to the MLS board to realize improvements for adopting libraries

Purchasing Cooperative Advisory Committee

Ryan Donovan	Southborough Library	Southborough	May 15	May 17
Debra Gomes	Elms College	Chicopee	May 15	May 17
Tonya Menard	Wilbraham Public Library	Wilbraham	May 15	May 17
Susan McAlister	Minuteman Lib Ntwk	Natick	May 15	May 17
Jackie Cashin	MHEC Liason			
Betsy Meaden	MLS			
Shirley Maclean	MLS			
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

Committee Charges-

- Work with MLS & MHEC to expand cooperative purchasing opportunities
- Provide input to MHEC in reviewing RFP process and responses

Youth Services Advisory Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Sandra Leifeld	Newton Public Library	Newton	May-16	May-18
Zoe Keenan	Greenfield Public Library	Greenfield	May-15	May-17
Erin Klemm	West Boylston Middle High School	West Boylston	May -16	May-18
Kate Powers	James M. Quinn Elementary School	Dartmouth	May-16	May-18
Rachel Silverman, Chair	Millis Public Library	Millis	May-15	May-17
Sara Truog	Milton Public Library	Milton	May-16	May-18
Clare Dombrowski, MLS Exec Bd Liaison	Amesbury Public Library	Amesbury	May-16	May-18
Christi Farrar	MLS			
April Mazza	MLS	MLS Staff Liaison		
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

Committee Charges-

- Assess ongoing needs in the areas of youth services (school and public) and young adult services
- Provide direct member input
- Evaluate and suggest programs and services

Resource Sharing Advisory Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Susan Applegate	Boston Public Library	Boston	May-14	May-16
Deborah Hersh	Northborough Free Library	Northborough	May-14	May-16
Kathleen Hibbert	Attleboro Public Library	Attleboro	May-14	May-16
Robert Maclean	Weymouth Public Library	Weymouth	May-14	May-16
Dana Mastroianni, Chair	Needham Free Public	Needham	May-14	May-16
Frank Murphy	MBLC	Boston	May-14	May-16
Joanne Nichting	East Longmeadow PL	East Longmeadow	May-14	May-16
Amy Ryan	Tisbury Public Library	Tisbury	May-14	May-16
Evan Simpson	Tufts University	Medford	May-14	May-16
David Slater	Old Colony Library Network	Braintree	May-14	May-16
Vivica Smith Pierre	Bunker Hill Community Col.	Charlestown	May-14	May-16
Tim Spindler	C/w Mars	Worcester	May-14	May-16
Jackie Strycharz	Lucius Beebe Memorial Library	Wakefield	May-14	May-16
Jeanie Vander Pyl	Cape Cod Hospital	Hyannis	May-14	May-16
Amy Lewontin	Northeastern University	MLS Executive Board		
Marlene Heroux	MBLC			
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		
Kristi Chadwick	MLS			
Stephen Spohn	MLS			
Sue Kaler	MLS			

Committee Charges-

- Evaluate convergence of print and online access and resource sharing
- Advise MLS on its activities and its role to provide interlibrary loan, document delivery and eContent services (databases, eBooks, etc.)
- Develop and recommend related training, support and leadership for member libraries in the area of Resource Sharing

Youth Services Advisory Committee

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Anita Cellucci	Westborough High School	Westborough	Nov-13	May-16
M. Allegra D'Ambruoso	High School of Commerce	Springfield	May 15	May 17
Zoe Keenan	Greenfield Public Library	Greenfield	May-15	May-17
Rachel Silverman	Millis Public Library	Millis	May-15	May-17
Mary Ellen Siniak	Seekonk Public Library	Seekonk	Nov-13	May-16
Rebekah Tierney	Jeremiah E. Burke HS	Boston	Nov-13	May-16
Clare Dombrowski	MLS Executive Board Liaison			
Sarah Sogigian	MLS			
April Mazza	MLS			
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

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Patron Information Sharing Study Task Force

Name	Library	Municipality	Term Begin	Term End
Callan Bignoli	MBLC			Mar-17
Clayton Cheever, Chair	Thomas Crane Public Library	Quincy	July-16	Mar-17
Anne Clark	Brookline Public Library	Brookline		Mar-17
Debbie Conrad	SAILS Library Network	Lakeville		Mar-17
Anna Fahey-Flynn	Boston Public Library/Metro Boston Library Network	Boston		Mar-17
Ron Gagnon	North of Boston Library Exchange	Danvers		Mar-17
Eric Graham	Merrimack Valley Library Consortia	N. Andover		Mar-17
Paul Kissman	MBLC			Mar-17
Jeanette Lundgren	CW/MARS	Worcester	July-16	Mar-17
Kevin MacKenzie	West Springfield Public Library	West Springfield	July-16	Mar-17
David Slater	Old Colony Library Network	Braintree		Mar-17
Brian Tabor	Forbes Library	Northampton	July-16	Mar-17
Victoria Woodley, Scribe	Pollard Memorial Library	Lowell	July-16	Mar-17
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Jackie Rafferty	MLS Executive Board Liaison			Mar-17
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	MLS Ex Officio		

Committee Charge-

We are forming a special task force to investigate mechanisms to assist libraries in sharing information about patrons. This group will meet for six months to examine the legal, ethical, and technology issues around developing a system to assist libraries in sharing information about patrons.

- Identify library needs and desired outcomes for shared information about specific types of patrons, including banned or potentially dangerous patrons.
- Research and compile data on similar activities in libraries and library consortia in other states.

- Discuss desired outcomes with representatives from appropriate communities, i.e., law enforcement, legal, and town and state government.
- Recommend appropriate action to resolve this issue.

Strategic Planning Committee 2016

All terms began Feb-16 and end Dec-16

Name	Library	Municipality
Will Adamczyk, Chair	Milton PL Director & MLS Executive Board	Milton
Ellen Dolan	Shrewsbury Public Library, Director	Shrewsbury
Debbie Froggatt	Boston Public Schools Library Services	Boston
Deb Kern	Northfield PL, Director	Northfield
Leslie Lomasson	Amherst Regional High School, Librarian	Amherst
Jean Maguire	New England Historic Genealogical Society, Library Director)	Boston
Kathy Mahoney	Mashpee Public Library, Director	Mashpee
Daniel Ortiz	University of Massachusetts Boston, Dean of University Libraries	Boston
Bert Saul	Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger, Regional Librarian	Waltham
Michael Somers	Bridgewater State University, Clement c. Maxwell Library, Director	Bridgewater
Betsy Meaden	MLS	
Anna Popp	MLS	
David Leonard	Boston PL Liaison	Boston
Dianne Carty	MBLC Liaison & MLS Executive Board Liaison	Boston
Jackie Rafferty	Paul Pratt Library & MLS Executive Board Liaison	Cohasset
Betty Johnson	MLS Executive Board President & Griswold Memorial Library	Ex Officio, Colrain
Greg Pronevitz	MLS	Ex Officio

Committee Charges-

- Develop a three-year strategic plan for MLS.