



MLTA | Minutes | Sept 5, 2025 -- 1pm

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL : 1:04pm

Present: Karen Traub, Rob Favini, Al Hayden, Julia O'Keefe, Allison Sloan, Jessica Hufnagle

REPORTS

- Minutes June & July 2025 (online) (Jessica Hufnagle)
- Treasurer's Report (Julia Kane O'Keefe)
- Membership – recruit Vice President (not present)

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MBLC Announcements
 - Program coming up “So You Want to be a Trustee” Sept 24th at 7pm (50 already registered). Allison plans to be present to give an introduction & recruit re: MLTA
 - <https://mbcl.libcal.com/event/15209015>
 - Library Advocacy bootcamp, Oct 7 at Worcester Public Library
 - <https://www.masslib.org/news/amplify-your-voice9084164>
 - Additional advocacy resources: <https://www.mma.org/>
 - 2025 Commissioner Awards Nominations are open
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRv_Y9DyyaG5MK9RGFt8rkxtN2dS1theF9Pkb6QW2_1Nuiw/viewform

OLD BUSINESS

- MLTA Conference/Annual Meeting
 - Date: November 1, 2025 (9:30 set up; 10am – 3pm)
 - Location: Shrewsbury Library (Priya Rathnam, Director)
609 Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545
 - Themes & Program ideas:
 - Building Bridges: Cultivating Strong Relationships with Legislative Staff
Nora Blake
 - Food – Pickle Haus Deli (cost?); coffee? (Julia will contact)
 - Promotion, registration fee? No lunch fee or donations
 - No MBLC Trustee Orientation planned - will announce other MBLC trainings
 - Allison will send nominators or Awardees to thanks and please attend email
 - Allison will send post conference thanks email to all attendees
 - Al will post Conference Registration form with elist promo
 - Allison will ask Priya if any Shrewsbury Trustees can help organize on 11/1
 - Trustee Of The Year (TOY), Jessica will post form Sept 8th re: nominations

- o Jessica will post Conference Registration open on MLTA website (after AI sends to listserve)
 - Deadline will be Oct 17th, Jessica will get nominations info to group by Oct 20th
 - MLTA will meet on Friday, Oct 24th at 10am
- Communication & Outreach:
 - o Recruitment flyer review, quick discussion, members asked to give feedback after reviewing post meeting
 - Karen suggests adding request for volunteers to help with Conference