

**MSCA Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 4, 2005  
MTA Regional Office in Auburn**

**Present:** Ambacher, Art, Concannon, Coppola, Falke, George, Hetzel, Hogan, Markunas, McGee, Minasian, O'Donnell, Price, Schlosberg, Seider, Stonehouse, Tetrault

**Guests:** Donna Sirutis (MTA)

**Approval of the Orders of the Day and the Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

It was moved and seconded to approve the orders of the day. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2005, meeting. The motion passed.

**MSCA (day) Bargaining Report: Brad Art and Donna Sirutis**

It was moved and seconded to waive the seven-day standing rule in order for the MSCA Board of Directors to consider the 2004-2007 Tentative Agreement. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to go into executive session. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to go out of executive session. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to report the following motions adopted in executive session. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to go into the committee of the whole to consider the Tentative Agreement. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to come out of the committee of the whole. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the MSCA Board of Directors recommend ratification by the membership of the proposed Tentative Agreement of March 1, 2005, pending clarification of certain items, and a collective bargaining agreement for July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007, which contains an agency fee provision.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion:

*Bridgewater:*

Jean Stonehouse, Chapter President - Yes

Gail Price, Director - Yes

*Fitchburg:*

Peter Hogan, Chapter President - Yes

Charles Hetzel, Director - Yes

*Framingham:*

John Ambacher, Chapter President - Yes

Alan Feldman, Director - Absent

*Mass College of Art:*

Sam Schlosberg, Chapter President - Yes

Robert Coppola, Director - Yes

*MCLA:*

Maynard Seider, Chapter President - Yes

Len Paolillo, Director - Absent

*MMA:*

C.J. O'Donnell, Chapter President - Yes  
Gerald Concannon, Director - No

*Salem:*

Paul McGee, Chapter President - Yes  
Nancy George, Director - Yes

*Westfield:*

Gerald Tetrault, Chapter President - No  
Brad Art, Director - Yes

*Worcester:*

Daniel Sharton, Chapter President - Absent  
Anne Falke, Director - Yes

The motion passed, thirteen in the affirmative and two in opposition, with three absences.

It was moved and seconded to hold a ratification vote on the Agreement on March 30, 2005, and March 31, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at various polling places on the campuses, with the count to take place on April 1, 2005, at 12:00 noon, at the MTA Regional Office in Auburn. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that, given that the Board has recommended that the proposed Tentative Agreement be ratified, the Board temporarily rescind its recommendation that MSCA members withdraw from voluntary activities on their campuses. The motion passed.

**MSCA Officers' Reports:**

***Treasurer - Gail Price***

*2005 MSCA Delegate Assembly Chapter Allocations*

Treasurer Price presented her report.

It was moved and seconded to approve the delegate count for the 2005 MSCA Delegate Assembly. The motion passed.

**Delegate Count 2004-2005**

Bridgewater: 23	Fitchburg: 13
Framingham: 14	Mass Art: 7
MMA: 4	MCLA: 6
Salem: 24	Westfield: 14
Worcester: 13	

**Total: 118**

***Secretary - Nancy George***

*2005 NEA-RA Nominations*

It was moved and seconded to approve the following nominated individuals as the MSCA's representatives at the 2005 NEA Representative Assembly, July 1-6, 2005, in Los Angeles, California:

Joseph M. Ebiware, MCLA  
Joel Litvin, Bridgewater  
Len Paolillo, MCLA  
Charles Wellens, Fitchburg

The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve a stipend of \$1200 for MSCA delegates to attend the 2005 NEA Representative Assembly, July 1-6, 2005, in Los Angeles, California. The motion passed.

***President - Patricia Markunas***

***MSCA Committee Appointments***

John McKeon (Fitchburg) has agreed to serve again as the MSCA liaison to MTA for issues of relevance to retired members.

***2005 MSCA Delegate Assembly***

The 2005 MSCA Delegate Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Worcester State College.

President Markunas proposed that the Board invite former Board members to the Delegate Assembly luncheon, when service to the Board could be recognized for those members who left the Board during the previous 12 months. Gail Price has also suggested another musical performance by Ben Jacques' group and he is looking into doing that.

***State House Activities***

On Tuesday, March 1, 2005, President Markunas and Arline Isaacson had an hour meeting with Rob O'Leary (D-Cape and the Islands), the newly appointed co-chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education. Following the meeting, they attended a fund-raiser for Senator Frederick Berry (D-Salem) at Joe Tecce's in the North End.

***Board of Higher Education Meetings***

There will be a special BHE meeting (location TBA) on Thursday, March 31, 2005, to consider the UMass-Dartmouth proposal to acquire a private law school in Dartmouth, MA. The next regularly scheduled BHE meeting is Thursday, April 21, 2005, at UMass-Amherst.

***UMass-Salem?***

President Markunas distributed recent articles from the *Salem News* about Salem State College's considering university status, again. Distributed to the Board was a 20-year old legal opinion, requested through Fred Doherty by Vin McGrath and prepared by Sandra Quinn, which states that any state college could become a university and remain within the MSCA bargaining unit. Should circumstances change, President Markunas will request an updated legal opinion.

***Other News***

Bob Whalen extends his greatest appreciation for get well wishes and a gift certificate to their favorite restaurant in Boston sent by the Board.

Gin Fiore sent a lovely thank you note to the Board for its recognition of her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the MSCA. Thanks go to Laura Casey-Pupek for calling attention to Gin's anniversary.

Ira Fader, MTA Acting General Counsel, reports that Ann Clarke is doing well and that surgery has not diminished her legal thinking one bit. Gail Price's office sent something to Ann from the Board with get well wishes.

***Vice President - Frank Minasian***

The well-attended meeting with freshmen legislators went well. Vice President Minasian had the opportunity to meet the new Salem representative, John Keenan. Vice President Minasian talked to the legislators about changing Chapter 150E, the collective bargaining law.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy George  
MSCA Secretary