

MSCA Legislation Committee Annual Report 2021 MSCA Delegate Assembly

Membership

Katie Riel - MassArt (Chair)

Mara Dodge - Westfield (Vice Chair)

Michael DeValve - Bridgewater

Michael Stassen - Fitchburg

Tiffany Chenault - Salem

President O'Donnell served as an ex-officio member

The Legislation Committee met several times during the spring semester and identified a number of projects to work on. Due to the committee members' prior commitments and just the general exhaustion of living through this past year, we did not make a lot of progress on these projects. However, the committee has established a plan to continue work on these projects this summer and into the next year.

Identifying Legislation and the Legislation Process

Working with the MTA, the Committee plans to identify legislation that is important to MSCA members. This includes legislation crafted by the MTA and any legislation that could affect our members. Our continued goal is to gather this information to share with members. In addition, the Committee plans to learn more about the legislation process to better understand the crucial times for advocacy. The Committee hopes to share this information with members to help all MSCA membership understand the legislation process.

Actions

The Committee has worked to share information with membership about actions regarding legislation. Many of these actions have been organized by the MTA and we hope to involve more MSCA members in these actions such as meeting with legislators and attending advocacy days at the State House.

Communication

This is an ongoing component of the work of the Legislation Committee. We have and will continue to share with members information about legislation and actions. We created a survey asking members about their legislative priorities and their ability to attend events and actions. The survey results will help the committee target communication to those issues most important to our members. In addition, one important goal for the Committee is to update and enhance the Legislation page on the MSCA website with information about the legislation process, current pieces of legislation, and planned events and actions.