

POLICY

BOARD LIAISONS

Board Liaisons fill a critical role in the operation of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. As needed, the Chair may appoint liaisons to MBLC affiliates and standing advisory committees (such as the State Advisory Council on Libraries or the Consumer Advisory Board to the Braille and Talking Book Library Program), Task Forces, and external groups. Liaison appointments are normally made by the Chair, on an annual basis or, in the case of a Task Force, until the charge has been completed.

Liaisons provide:

- a mechanism for improved communication and coordination between the Board and groups charged with advising the Board on the development and implementation of agency programs,
- an opportunity for Board members to gain a deeper understanding of agency programs and services,
- an opportunity for Board members to contribute specialized expertise and perspective to the work of committees and task forces.

Specific activities of Board Liaisons will vary depending on the nature of the committee or task force. Components may include one or more of the following:

- an initial orientation session,
- attendance at and participation in committee or task force meetings,
- regular formal briefings by and/or regular telephone communication with project staff,
- presentation of reports and serving as a resource person at Board meetings.

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