



**MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FRIDAY/SATURDAY FEB 1,2, 2008**

The MTA Board met recently in Natick. Selected highlights of the meeting which may be of interest to MCCC members follow.

On Friday evening, among other things, the Board did 1 ½ hours of diversity training.

**Tim Fitzgerald** was introduced to the Board. Tim is the new Interim Executive Director-Treasurer of the MTA. He is filling in after the retirement of Ed Sullivan. Many MCCC members know that Tim is the brother of MCCC Day Grievance Coordinator Dennis Fitzgerald, was a math faculty at Massasoit Community College, like Dennis, and was the first President of the MCCC!

Tim has had a varied career working for the MCCC, MTA and NEA, as field representative, lobbyist and other areas, and even for a union of professional dancers in New York city! His is a popular appointment, and a show of hands showed that at least half of the 60 or so K-16 teachers on the MTA Board knew Tim or had worked with him.

Tim will serve as Executive Director-Treasurer of the MTA during a several month search and selection process for a permanent replacement for that position.

The Board heard a report from **Tom Parsons**, former MCCC President and currently acting dean at Mass-Bay. Tom chairs the MTA Pension Committee, and has overseen solid investment performance for the MTA employee pension fund.

**Kathy Skinner**, Director of MTA's Center for Education Policy and Practice, presented a draft document of recommendations on teacher preparation.

**Joanne Blum** presented on legislative concerns and updates. She, President **Anne Wass**, and Executive Director-Treasurer **Ed Sullivan** all stressed that fighting the Governor's proposed 67% increase in our health contribution is a top MTA priority. There was also extensive discussion about the ballot initiative this fall to do away with the state's income tax - which of course would make good government more than problematic, and would ... but you'll be seeing more about that!

**President Wass** reported on meetings she has attended and interaction with Governor Patrick. In particular, she mentioned a function in Boston with many unions present, and notably the Governor, in support of the Governor's casino initiative. She used the opportunity to say publicly that it is bad policy to balance a budget on the backs of public employees. She also noted that the MTA supports Patrick's casino initiative, not gambling per se.

Respectfully Submitted

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