

# **TASL Executive Board Meeting Minutes      October 3, 2013**

**Welcome, Introductions, and Call to order:** An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held in Murfreesboro, TN at Embassy Suites Conference Center October 3, 2013. The meeting convened at 8:00 with President Beth Frerking presiding.

## **Voting Members Present**

Beth Frerking, President 2013  
Mona Batchelor, President Elect 2013  
Hannah Little, Immediate Past President  
Lora Black, Secretary  
Nancy Dickinson, Treasurer  
Cami Townsel, Highland Rim Area Rep  
Ann Nored, Walking Horse Area Rep  
Raina Scoggins, Volunteer Area Rep  
Cristol Kapp, East TN Area Rep

## **Voting Members Not Present**

Lea Glass, West TN River Area Rep  
Tina Johnson, Western Plains Area Rep  
Kristy Williamson-Jackson, Appalachian Area Rep  
Carol Teeters, Cumberland Area Rep  
Karen Haggard, Mississippi River Area Rep

## **Others Present**

Jenifer Grady, Tenn-Share  
Wendy Cornelisen, TEL  
Cynthia Ryman, Awards  
Judy Bivens, Certification  
Tracey Parker, Secretary Candidate for 2014

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the August 2013 meeting were approved electronically prior to this meeting. Minutes for this meeting will also be approved electronically. All minutes are posted to the TASL website in an effort to keep the membership informed about TASL business.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Nancy Dickinson, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report stating year-to-date income is \$80,184.14 and year-to-date expenses are \$32,077.33 for a net income of \$48,106.81.

## **Committee and Task Force Reports**

### **2013 Conference Report**

Mona Batchelor gave the Conference Committee report stating we have 351 registered and conference is currently underway.

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## Advocacy

No report.

## Awards

Cynthia Ryman submitted the Awards report stating,

- We are awarding two scholarships this year.
- The awards have been chosen for this year. The recipients have been notified as well as their principals. The newspaper articles have been sent to the respective areas.

## Certification

Judy Bivens has become aware the library Praxis is based on old standards. She will be bringing this to the attention of the appropriate people.

## Finance Committee

No report.

## Long Range Planning Committee

No report.

## Membership Committee

Cristol Kapp submitted the Membership report stating,

Below are the current statistics for the 2013 membership year:

Librarian	653
Librarian on Leave	008
Librarian Assistant	003
Retired Librarian	015
Supervisor/Professor	011
Student	091
Corporate	008
Friend of TASL	<u>011</u>
	<u>800</u>

A membership reminder was sent to those marked lapsed in June.

## Professional Development - Summer Plans

Karen Haggard is meeting with Bekki Atkinson and Mindy Nichols to pass the Summer PD torch.

## Technology Committee

No report.

## VSBA

No report

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## **Area Rep Reports**

West Tennessee River Region

Representative Lea Glass

- No report.

Volunteer Region

Representative Raina Scoggins

- No report.

Walking Horse Region

Representative Ann Nored

- No report.

Highland Rim Region

Representative Cami Townsel

- No report.

Mississippi River Region

Representative Karen Haggard

- No report.

Western Plains Region

Representative Missy Wood

- No report.

Cumberland Region

Representative Carol Teeters

- No report.

Appalachian Region

Representative Kristy-Williamson-Jackson

- No report.

East TN River Region

Representative Cristol Kapp

- Hamilton County has a new library coordinator, Becky Coleman.

## **Reports from Affiliates**

### **AASL/ALA**

Mona Batchelor and Beth Frerking will be attending AASL in November.

### **Tenn-Share**

Jenifer Grady shared information about Tenn-Share. She thanked TASL for comping their conference booth. She encouraged TASL to share the wonderful opportunities with all librarians. Updated information can be found on the Tenn-Share web site. See note on website about expressing interest in resources. They will be sending out interest requests soon and some of interest to school librarians include Sage, Oxford and Easybib. Tenn-Share is seeking vice-president candidates.

### **TEA**

TEA forms will be filled out at the business meeting at Friday's conference.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Updating Committee Description in Handbook**

The updates are complete and after conference will be posted to the website. Lora Black will send these to Mona Batchelor for posting.

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## **Bookmark Contest**

In order to get on the time line with School Library Month per TASL's original intent after the inaugural kick-off,

**Mona Batchelor made a MOTION to move the bookmark contest to the Spring to coincide with School Library Month. Cristol Kapp seconded. MOTION passed (M-OCT2013-1).**

While this will cause TASL to have two contests in one year, this will be a one-time occurrence to accommodate having winners at next year's banquet. Paige Yeager did an excellent job organizing this. However, it was not clear if she wanted to commit to the Spring contest at this time.

## **Board Retreat Follow Up- TEA Info**

Ann Nored reported on the database information we were hoping to glean from TEA. Some information could not be shared, but we made a contact with Cheryl Richardson who is the Administrator Task Force liaison. They sponsor an administrator workshop and the Quality Schools Summit. She also reported on how we can submit articles to the TEA Newsletter.

## **Model Lesson/Library Presentation Committee**

Committees have been formed to create presentations to be used by librarians when presenting at various functions such as principal professional development and with education students at universities. This committee will begin work in January.

## **Revised Standards for School Libraries**

Beth Frerking reported on the task force's work to up-date the minimum requirement for libraries stating Dr. Sevier, our contact person with the State, will be submitting our proposal and it should go before the State BOE for a vote at the end of October. There were some questions and clarification language suggested related to TEL and the use of "virtual library". Wendy Cornelisen shared the State Library actually administers two separate virtual entities and expressed concern over confusion if someone contacted them for assistance. Beth Frerking was not sure if we actually had time to change that but would check. She also explained the reason for the generic language was suggested by our State BOE contact.

## **New Business**

### **New Board Member**

Kristy Williamson-Jackson will be replacing Vicki Winstead.

### **Student Memberships**

We are working to address members, who are not in the initial certification process, registering as students for conference. This is an issue of equity and fairness to all. We revisited our policy and the need to make some changes in our registration process by creating a gateway for proof of current enrollment. The website accommodates sending documentation electronically.

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## TASL Conference 2014

Beth Frerking is working to secure the speakers and is almost finished. She hopes to finish by the end of the year.

## Adjournment

Nancy Dickinson **MOVED** to “adjourn the meeting” and this was seconded by Mona Batchelor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm (**M-OCT2013-3**).

## October 2013 Motion Summary

**M-OCT2013-1:** Mona Batchelor made a **MOTION** to move the bookmark contest to the Spring to coincide with School Library Month. Cristol Kapp seconded. **MOTION** passed.

**M-OCT2013-2:** Raina Scoggins made a **MOTION** to amend the current student registration policy for events to be limited to those seeking initial education certification and to require proof of enrollment in a library program at the time of registration. Cristol Kapp seconded. **MOTION**.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lora Black  
TASL Secretary 2013

## Dates to Remember

- AASL Annual Conference - November 14-17, 2013
- Tenn-Share- September 25, 2014
- TASL Conference 2014- October 23-25, 2014
- TASL Conference 2015 will be in September.