

TASL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

September 25, 2015

Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order

The annual business meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held in Murfreesboro, TN at Embassy Suites Conference Center September 25, 2015. President Lora Ann Black called the meeting to order at 11:17 am and welcomed members and special guests.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 2014 annual business meeting and the treasurer's report were included in the conference program. The president asked members to review these and then called for additions and corrections. There were none. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Nominating Committee Recommendations

Mona Batchelor, Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, recommended the following slate of officers:

President – Mindy Nichols
Lynn Lilly – Treasurer
Dana Lester – Secretary
President Elect – Misti Jenkins

The members were invited to the stage, and the president called for the nominations from the floor. There were none. Mona Batchelor moved we close nominations and Sandra Sunderland seconded. The motion was passed by a two-thirds majority.

Voting Measures

#1 – Slate of officers

Presented to the board in the order of the TASL Constitution

Voting Measure #2 – TASL two year membership

Becky Jackman made a motion to offer a two year TASL membership. Crystal Kapp seconded the motion.

Voting Measure #3 – Disaffiliate with TEA

Nancy Dickinson made a motion to disaffiliate with TEA. Mona Batchelor seconded the motion.

Question: Why?

A: Remover barriers

TEA: TEA has funded TASL before will we still receive that money if we disaffiliate? The answer is No. Typically they give us about \$800, sometimes less, per year.

Closing

Voting Results:

1. Acceptance of the TASL Slate of Officers 2016 as presented
251 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstain = 253
2. Acceptance of the addition of a two-year TASL membership option at \$50
253 Yes, 1 No = 254

3. Acceptance of the clerical and language changes to the TASL Consitution and Bylaws which includes ending TASL's official affiliation with the Tennessee Education Association.
197 Yes, 55 No, 1 Abstain = 253

All motions pass.

Membership News

Membership Chair, Cristol Kapp reported memberships to date were at over 700 members. She reminded members that our year is January 1 – December 31st and encouraged people to renew memberships soon and to reach out to a colleague and encourage them to join.

Affiliate Introductions and News

AASL News

Mona Batchelor highlighted some of the legislation that passed in 2015, specifically the ESEA Re-Authorization and the advocacy Beth Frerking has done. This year TASL approved a commendation for the Knox County Public Library Children's Festival. Mona highlighted some other concerns that are in various stages of work

- Digital badges for AASL advocacy and
- Impact of testing on school librarians
- Recruitment to the professional
- Advocacy Toolkit
- Library advocacy at the state level
- Teacher Education

Pam Renfroe and Mona Batchelor will keep TASL members apprised on how they are going.

This year AASL Conference will be held November 5-8 in Columbus, Ohio.

Professional Development

Mindy Nichols recognized Michelle Castleberry, Krista Grace for chairing the professional development. Call to find a co-chair for the East TN event. Members were invited to take a summer TASL Road Trip to West or East Tennessee for summer professional development.

Call to Conference

Lora Ann Black announced next year's conference dates and theme: November 3-5, 2016, Operation Excellence: Best Practice for Teaching Librarians. She also invited members to the planning conference planning meeting and encouraged members to get involved.

Adjournment

Mindy Nichols thanked outgoing president, Lora Ann Black for her service to TASL and presenter her with a gift. The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm. Hannah Little moved to adjourn the meeting and Kathy Stance seconded.