

TASL
Annual Business Meeting

Murfreesboro, TN
November 4, 2016

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 Conferences Center on November 4, 2016. President Mindy Nichols called the meeting to order at 11:15a.m. and welcomed members and special guests.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 2015 annual business meeting and the treasurer's report were included in the conference program. The president asked members to review these items and then called for additions and corrections. There were none. Krista Grace made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Diana Chen seconded the motion (M-NOV2016-1).

Lynn Lilley gave an overview of the treasurer's report, which was printed in the program. She pointed out that conference expenses have not been paid, so the current balance listed will go down significantly.

Nominating Committee Recommendations

Lora Ann Black, Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, recommended the following slate of officers for 2017:

- President- Misti Jenkins
- President Elect- Blake Hopper
- Secretary- Vicki Winstead
- Treasurer- Lynn Lilley

The members were called to the front, and the president called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Lora Ann Black moved that we close nominations and Becky Jackman seconded. The motion was passed (M-NOV2016-2).

Membership News

Membership Chair, Cristol Kapp, reported that we have 756 members. She reminded members to renew early and gave instructions on how to determine whether you last renewed as a 1 or 2 year member.

Affiliate Introductions and News

TEL News

Erin Loree explained that the Gale Artemis Literary platform will be replaced by "Gale Literary Sources." The Gale contract expires in 2017, so the RFP process is beginning this fall. She welcomed any input about the needs of school librarians.

TLA News

Jennifer Sharp introduced TLA President Richard Groves and the next affiliate for TLA/TASL School Section, Erika Long. The next TLA Conference will be held April 5-7th in Knoxville, Tennessee. Jennifer encouraged TASL members to join TLA and attend the conference. Mindy Nichols also thanked TLA President Richard Groves for his close work with TASL during the implementation of ESSA in Tennessee.

AASL News

Pam Renfrow, AASL Region 4 Director, introduced via PowerPoint the current AASL board of directors, identified past members from Tennessee, displayed a map of AASL regions, shared AASL's best apps and websites, and highlighted the numerous annual AASL grants and awards. The 18th National Conference will be November 9-12, 2017, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Recognition of Past Presidents

Lora Ann Black, Immediate Past President, recognized the past TASL past presidents in honor of our silver anniversary. Those in attendance stood, and Lora expressed gratitude for their service to the organization.

Marilyn Smith, Nell Booker, Margaret Martin, Donna Garrett, Yvonne Joslin, Patty Williams, D.S. Thompson, Mary Jean Smith, Sherry Ball, Regina Patterson, Jeanette Lambert, Nancy Dickinson, Diane Chen, Allison Maynard, Brenda Moriarty, Margaret Hausauer, Lynn Caruthers, Bruce Hester, Becky Jackman, Pam Renfrow, Hannah Little, Beth Frerking, Mona Batchelor, Lora Ann Black

Recognition of Special Guests

President Mindy Nichols recognized Miriam Gilbert, Director of Marketing for Rosen Publishing, as a special guest and thanked her and Roger Rosen, CEO of Rosen Publishing, for their support of TASL's ESSA and advocacy efforts.

Professional Development

Krista Grace and Brenda Goins, current professional development co-chairs, invited members to take a road trip to Morristown on June 13, 2017, and Jackson on June 15, 2017, for summer professional development. The keynote speaker will be Lakisha Brinson.

Call to Conference

Misti Jenkins announced next year's conference dates and theme: "re/ad Ways to make your library rock!" Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites September 28-30, 2017.

Adjournment

President-Elect Misti Jenkins presented outgoing president Mindy Nichols with a parting gift for her service to TASL. The meeting adjourned at 11:52am. Cristol Kapp made the motion to adjourn and Cindy Martin seconded the motion (M-NOV2016-3).

November 2016 Motion Summary

M-NOV2016-1: Krista Grace made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Diana Chen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

M-NOV2016-2: Lora Ann Black moved that we close nominations for 2017 officers and Becky Jackman seconded. The motion was passed.

M-NOV2016-3: Cristol Kapp made the motion to adjourn and Cindy Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed.