

TASL Executive Board Meeting Minutes April 16, 2016

Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order: An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held at the McGavock High School library in Nashville, TN, on April 16, 2016. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. with President Mindy Nichols presiding.

Voting Members Present

Mindy Nichols, President
Misti Jenkins, President Elect
Lynn Lilley, Treasurer
Lora Ann Black, Immediate Past President
Amy Balducci, Mississippi River Region Area Representative
Raina Scoggins, Volunteer Region Area Representative
Lakisha Brinson, Highland Rim Region Area Representative
Cindy Martin, West TN River Region Representative

Voting Members Not Present

Dana Lester, Secretary
Sherry Copeland, Western Plains Area Representative
Shannon Minner, Walking Horse Area Representative
Vicki Winstead, Appalachian Area Representative
Kim Wattenburger, Cumberland Area Representative
Cristol Kapp, East TN River Area Representative

Others Present

Beth Frerking, Advocacy/WebManager
Cami Townsel, Awards
Blake Hopper, Professional Development
Krista Grace, Professional Development

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 2016 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.

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Treasurer's Report

Lynn Lilley, Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's report, stating,

Profit & Loss January 1 through April 15, 2016

| | <u>Jan 1 - Apr 15, 16</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Income | |
| 2016 Conference | 765.00 |
| 2016 Membership | 19,558.83 |
| 2016 Road Trip T Shirt | 75.00 |
| 2016 Summer Workshops | 665.00 |
| Insurance - Income | 745.50 |
| VSBA Stickers | 47.00 |
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| Total Income | 21,856.33 |
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| Gross Profit | 21,856.33 |
| Expense | |
| AASL - Midwinter | 195.67 |
| Advocacy | 157.65 |
| ALA | 154.00 |
| ALA Conference 2016 | 1,542.77 |
| Conference 2016 | 25.00 |
| Insurance | 331.00 |
| Overpayment reimbursement | 30.00 |
| PayPal Services | 1,066.92 |
| Refund - Duplicate Membership | 29.13 |
| Round Table Meeting | 62.98 |
| Tax Preparation | 100.00 |
| TLA | 61.15 |
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| Total Expense | 3,756.27 |
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| Net Income | <u>18,100.06</u> |

Balances:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Main Checking Account - | \$73,902.79 |
| Secondary Account (Web account) - | \$2,056.13 |
| Savings Account - | \$25,012.91 |
| PayPal Account - | \$1,209.69 |
| Total | \$102,181.52 |

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Committee and Task Force Reports

2016 Conference Committee

Misti Jenkins

Misti Jenkins submitted the 2016 Conference Committee report, stating,

Committee Actions:

- Received \$750.00 gift from Jim Davidson to offset cost of Wi-Fi.
- Call for Member Presenters made.
- Contracts sent out. Have received back 6/10 so far.
- Conference registration forms designed. Registration ready to open on April 15.
- Vendor registration forms designed. Beth Frerking will update the page as soon as she can. Then Jamie Bevins will make contacts.
- FAQ, “Make Your Case,” justification letter, and budget worksheet sent to Beth Frerking for addition to Conference page on website.
- List of books sent to bookstore (Mona Batchelor).
- T-shirt design created for Conference.



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Committee Plans:

April: Receive all contracts (Dana Lester)

April: Select Member Presenters

April: Pursue other apps or renew contract with Guidebook app (Mona Batchelor)

April: Reserve rooms with Embassy Suites

April: Invite one delegate from each Region 4 state to conference; offer chance to present

May: Plan ways to promote conference at Road Trip

Summer: Work on conference program and layout

Topics to Discuss:

- Keep “Novel Conversations”?
- Replace Guidebooks app? The following chart was compiled by Christa Cordrey. Many thanks!

| App Name | Number of Users | Features | Pricing |
|--|--|--|---------|
| Guidebook (Standard) | 200 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic schedule • Maps of the venue and surrounding area • Standard in-app social features: Twitter, Facebook and photo sharing • Personalized to-do lists • Easy last-minute changes | FREE |
| Guidebook (Plus) | Unlimited | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes all standard features • Private messaging for your attendees • User feedback and surveys • Embedded websites • Phone, email, and web access to our award-winning support team • Presentation materials and PDFs | \$1,700 |
| Sched https://sched.org/ | Set by admin. I priced it for up to 600 attendees. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works on computers, iOS and Android. No app downloads, just working through web browser • Schedules can be printed. • Social media connections • Custom agenda builders • Presentation materials can be uploaded to schedule • Email updates • Integrates surveys • TLA used this for their annual conference this year | \$599 |
| Eventbase Free www.eventbase.com | Unlimited | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks easy to set up • Allows embedded content • Social media connections • Searchable • Web-based editor | FREE |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offline access available • Manage through web browsers; no app downloads required | |
| Attendify (One Event) | Unlimited | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native and web apps • Unlimited downloads • Attendee profiles • Quick polls • Document hosting • Email and phone support | \$999 |

Other Points to Note:

- Nine out of ten contracts have been returned.
- Guidebooks contract ends in June and the price is increasing.
 - Christa Cordrey shared information about apps she had researched using her TLA contacts.
 - New price for Guidebook is approximately \$1750.
 - Discussion of the amount of conference attendee use was discussed.
 - Krista Grace asked about the possibility of polling attendees about planner preference, but the group felt this would complicate registration.
 - Lakisha Brinson made the point that seemed like a lot of money for one conference.
 - Exploring a cheaper option seemed better.
 - The possibility of using an app for Summer PD was discussed. Summer PD Chairs will explore.
 - **M-APR2016-1: Misti Jenkins made a motion to purchase Sched for Conference 2016. Raina Scoggins seconded. Motion passed.**
- Removing Novel Conversation was discussed due to lowered attendance in 2015. Several points were made about connections with SCWBI, providing two different types of sessions for pre-conference, is preconference a good fit, promotional activities might increase attendance. The decision was made to study this more but to continue hosting the joint fundraiser with SCBWI in 2016.

Advocacy Committee

Beth Frerking

Beth Frerking submitted the Advocacy Committee report, stating,

Committee Actions:

- The winners have been selected and the bookmarks printed for the annual bookmark contest. By the time of the meeting, they will have been mailed to the winners.
- The press release has been prepared and will have been sent to local papers, once the bookmarks are in the mail.
- There is now an advocacy tab on the TASL website with a variety of tools to help members with their advocacy efforts.

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Committee Plans:

- We had two goals to improve the efficacy of the bookmark contest: One was for TASL to send out the press releases and the other was to connect with state legislators. Beth Frerking and Becky Jackman plan to visit the state legislators of the winners and deliver bookmarks and wish the legislators Happy School Library Month.
- Ginger Kirchmeyer and Beth Frerking are submitting a proposal to present an advocacy session at conference.
- Beth Frerking will be attending National Library Legislative Day.

Other Points to Note:

- Frerking shared copies of the 2016 bookmark winners.
- Beth Frerking and Becky Jackman did indeed visit the legislators and passed out bookmarks to the winners' representatives.
 - She mentioned those who supported library efforts and plans to thank those.

Awards Committee

Cami Townsel

Cami Townsel submitted the Awards Committee report, stating,

Committee Actions:

Draft of Teacher Collaboration Award (below)

- Townsel was not sure if there would be a \$500 monetary award. It is indicated in the draft.

TASL's Teacher Collaboration Award 2016

The teacher receiving this award demonstrates the exemplary collaboration with his/her library media specialist to create a curricular related programming unit of study or event that incorporates the library program.

A prize of \$500 will be awarded to a classroom teacher who has worked in a collaborative manner with his/her school librarian to create a curriculum-related program, unit or event that incorporates the school library's resources, the research process, reading advocacy, literacy support and/or technology integration.

Application deadline: July 29, 2016

Email application to Cami Townsel

cami.townsel@mnps.org

**2016 Application for
TASL Teacher Collaboration Award**

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1. Applicant Information:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Name | |
| Home Address | |
| Home Phone | |
| School District | |
| School Address | |
| School Phone | |
| School Email | |
| Principal's Name | |
| Principal's School Email | |

1. Include a narrative description of the project (not more than three pages). This should consist of the project name and a description of the activity in full, including but not limited to the following:

a. Collaborative Project/Activity (35 points)

Describe in detail the curriculum-related program, project, unit or event.

b. Planning (35 points)

Describe the collaboration process. Discuss how the nominee included the library media specialist to develop and implement the collaborative project/activity using the library media center.

c. Integration of Information Skills (10 points)

Describe how the project/activity used information skills and how the nominee reinforces the skills in the classroom.

2. Documentation (20 points)

Include a visual to verify the project. Acceptable media include: sample of student product, PowerPoint or other slide show, digital photographs, video recording, podcast, or other formats not to exceed three minutes in length. These may be submitted as an attachment to your email.

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Committee Plans:

- Opening Call for awards submissions is April 21, 2016
- Promote awards/scholarship

Other Points to Note:

- Board members discussed if the Collaborator's Award should recognize the collaborating teacher only or reward both the teacher and the librarian in the award process.
- Mindy Nichols asked Cami Townsel and board to refer to the award description to clarify the intent of the award and that the nomination is made by the librarian. This would be similar to the Administrator Award.
- **M-APR2016-2: Lakisha Brinson made a motion to add a TASL Collaborative Award as proposed. Cindy Martin seconded. Motion passed.**

Certification Committee

Judy Bivens

No report.

Finance Committee

Lynn Lilley

Lynn Lilley submitted the Finance Committee report, stating,

- Recommendation for future income items to have different prices. Currently, we have two items for the exact same price:
 - Student membership/Retired memberships are \$15.00
 - Road Trip t-shirts are also \$15.00
- Each time a payment is made in PayPal for \$15 the treasurer has to search in Memberclicks to see if the payment was for membership or for a t-shirt. All other transactions can be entered into QuickBooks without searching in Memberclicks based on the amount that was paid:
 - Two year librarian memberships are always \$50
 - One year librarian memberships are always \$30

Other Points to Note:

- Lilley noted it is best not to duplicate prices for various payments to avoid confusion in recording payments.
- Nichols added that we all need to include Lynn Lilly in conversations about price and fees for upcoming ventures.

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Stephanie Edwards

No report.

Long Range Planning Committee

Lora Ann Black

Lora Ann Black submitted the Long Range Planning Committee report, stating,

Committee Actions:

- Committee Chair, Lora Ann Black, has reached out to committee members.
- Members include Raina Scoggins, Amy Balducci, Kim Wattenburger, Kanina Davis, Tracy Parker, and Blake Hopper.
- We have created a timeline for our work and are finalizing the survey.

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Committee Plans:

- Review the 2016 plan
- Survey membership
- Compile survey data
- Update the current plan for 2017

Other Points to Note:

- Send any questions you would like considered for the LRP survey to Lora Ann Black.

Membership Committee

Cristol Kapp

Cristol Kapp submitted the Membership Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

- Several email reminders sent to members reminding them of the March 31 deadline.
- Asked area reps to send a reminder to members in their regions.
- Beth moved those who had not renewed by 3/31 to inactive.
- Assisted members with questions concerning joining or renewing
- Conference contest has ended. Entries will be prepared for the drawing which will take place at one of the TASL Road Trip locations.

Committee Plans:

- Prepare entries for conference contest
- I will contact lapsed members once a month until conference reminding them to renew. I plan to include a link to a Google form so the lapsed member can indicate if he/she no longer wants to be part of TASL. I will share this list with Beth so that she can delete those profiles.

Other Points to Note:

- Mindy Nichols discussed leaving nonrenewals as inactive, so TASL can still contact them to encourage membership and event attendance.
- Krista Grace expressed the desire to check to see if the enacted new member initiatives actually helped us make gains.
 - Frerking will export new memberships to Krista Grace and Shannon Minner for reference.
 - Send in any recommendation for improvements to the new membership packets to Krista Grace or Shannon Minner.
- We have a list of area reps and the webmaster is signing them up for their regional e-list automatically.
- The suggestion was made to create a systematic way to contact the library media programs to encourage membership.
 - Encourage TASL President to speak to library classes.

Professional Development

Krista Grace and Blake Hopper

Krista Grace and Blake Hopper submitted the Professional Development report, stating,

Committee Actions:

Road Trip West 2016- Krista Grace

- We have made the registration link live and registration will conclude June 1, 2016.
- We are taking orders for TASL T-shirts and the pre-order process will end in mid-May.
- We have door prizes coming into both locations. We are so excited that several book vendors are supplying items for the professional development. Follett has donated a Play-away to both

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locations for door prizes. I have several signed books from authors coming as door prizes as well. Proposals cut off April 15th and we will begin the selection process.

- I have established committees to take care of decorations and food. They are currently working on these items.
- Davidson Titles will be opening their doors up to us again this year on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Participants will need to sign up through the Sign-up Genius to shop.

Road Trip East 2016- Blake Hopper

- We are continuing to receive door prizes. We have prizes from vendors, Follett, Capstone, Perma-Bound, and BTSB.
- We are now working on getting the sessions set.
- Registration has opened.
- We designed a t-shirt to sell.

Committee Plans:

- The last bit of organization is to get all the door prizes into each location, select proposals, and the PD day schedule.

Other Points to Note:

- Blake Hopper will reach out to Bill the History guy to sponsor breakfast at Road Trip East based on his offer in a previous email
- Equity in inviting vendors was discussed. In keeping with past practices, TASL will not invite specific vendors.

Technology Committee

Christa Cordrey

Christa Cordrey submitted the Technology Committee report, stating,

Committee Actions:

- #TASLChat groundwork has been laid!
- Social Media updates are well under way! Each month, a different tech committee member is prescribing the social media posts, so that we can maintain regular communications.
 - o March: Sandra Bauer @ White House Middle School
 - o April: Mica Johnson @ Farragut Middle School
- Purchase recommendation for 2016 conference:
 - o We recommend the purchase of several cords and connectors prior to conference. these connectors will help with audio/visual setup at conference. The items can be stored and reused in following years.
 - o <http://amzn.com/w/35G13GNFPI9OG>
 - o List includes cables and cords totaling \$190.87
 - HDMI cables
 - VGA/HDMI converters
 - Dongles for Macs
 - VGA Cables

Committee Plans:

- #TASLChat groundwork has been laid!
 - o First #TASLChat is April 18! Topic: School Library Month: Advocacy and the Community.
 - o **Moderators:** A different tech committee person will help moderate every month.

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- **Schedule:** on the THIRD Monday of each month:
 - April 18, 2016 - School Library Month: Advocacy and the Community. (Christa Cordrey moderates)
 - May 16, 2016 - End of Year Reflections
 - June 20, 2016 - PD Sessions Reflections
 - July 18, 2016 - ???
 - August 15, 2016 - Back to School
 - September 19, 2016 - Banned Books Week (tentative)
 - October 17, 2016 - Teen Read Week (tentative)
 - November 21, 2016 - ???
 - December 19, 2016 - ???
- **Archives:** We plan to keep archives of the #TASLChat so that everyone can go back and review, or those who missed it can still participate.
- Future Social Media campaigns:
 - May: Joyce Claassen @ Hillsboro High School
 - June: Christa Cordrey @ Greenbrier Middle School
 - July:
 - August:
 - September: Erica Logan @ William James Middle School
 - October: Erica Logan @ William James Middle School
 - November:
 - December:

Additional Comments:

Below are some statistics about our social media posts and reach.

| Twitter Statistics (as of March 31, 2016) | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Number of posts | Impressions | Average impressions per post | Engagements | Followers |
| January | 2 | 560 | 280 | 41 | |
| February | 19 | 2134 | 112 | 91 | 244 |
| March | 38 | 5307 | 140 | 195 | 238 |
| April | | | | | |

| Facebook Statistics (as of March 31, 2016) | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| | Number of posts | People Reached | Avg People Reached per Post |
| January | 3 | 441 | 147 |
| February | 19 | 2095 | 110 |
| March | 25 | 1059 | 42 |
| April | | | |

Additional Points to Note:

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- Christa Cordrey has done an excellent job in bringing others on board by asking various members to work on different campaigns.
- Cordrey and Nichols encouraged participation in TASL Chat.

VSBA

No report.

Scot Smith

Nominating Committee

Lora Ann Black submitted the Nominating Committee report, stating,

Lora Ann Black

Committee Actions:

- The committee has created a consideration list of potential candidates.
- The contact process will start in May.

Committee Plans:

The committee plans to continue its work until it has a recommendation for the 2017 Slate of Officers to present to membership.

Area Representative Reports

West TN River Region Area Representative Report

Cindy Martin

Cindy Martin submitted the West TN River Region Area Representative Report, stating,

Regional Actions:

- TASL Roundtable Event for the West TN River Region was March 12, 2016 at Hardin County Public Library Meeting Room at 10 AM until 11:30 AM.

Mississippi River Region Area Representative Report

Amy Balducci

Amy Balducci submitted the Mississippi River Region Area Representative Report, stating,

Regional Actions:

- The MS River Region met on March 12 for our first round table at Arlington High School with 13 members present. We had a very productive meeting and left with many new resources and ideas to immediately implement into our programs.

Regional Plans:

- I have sent reminders to members about renewing their membership, and I have been reaching out to non-members. I plan to continue to these efforts.

Western Plains Region Area Representative Report

Sherry Copeland

Sherry Copeland submitted the Western Plains Region Area Representative Report electronically, stating,

Regional Actions:

- March 19, 2016 Roundtable meeting was held in Selmer, TN. We began with introductions. Those attending were: Shelly Butler, Kelsey Freeman, Ellen Watt, Susan Murray and Sherry Copeland.

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- We discussed motivating students, alternatives to AR, makerspaces, collaborating with teachers and the public library, and coming events. Suggestions include:
 1. bookadventures.com
 2. MyOn
 3. QuizWik
 4. Digital book talks
 5. Movie Maker

Highland Rim Region Area Representative Report

Lakisha Brinson

Lakisha Brinson submitted the Highland Rim Region Area Representative Report, stating,

Regional Actions:

- Highland Rim Region held its first Round Table on Saturday, March 12th at Amqui Elementary Madison, TN. Topics of discussion ranged from: Our wish for the World of Librarians to how to become advocates for the profession.

Regional News:

- Amanda Smithfield from MNPS was named a [Mover & Shaker by Library Journal](#).
- 50,000 students across MNPS schools participated in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) during Read Me Week. Hattie Cotton STEM Magnet Elementary served as the host school and welcomed First Lady Haslam as their special guest.
- Tenn-Share would like to share that its DataFest and School Library Collection Fair will be on Thursday, September 29, at the Nashville Public Library. This is an opportunity to hear from and talk to vendors and book distributors. The Fall Conference will be on Friday, September 30, in the same location. On this day, library staff shares best practices with each other about e-resource management, training, and use. If anyone would like to serve on the planning committee, they should contact execdir@tenn-share.org.

Walking Horse Region Area Representative Report- Shannon Minner

Shannon Minner submitted the Walking Horse Region Area Representative Report electronically, stating,

Regional Actions:

- The Round Table for my region took place on the evening Tuesday, March 22nd at Library Public Library in Murfreesboro. Members traveled in from other cities to discuss things like book fairs, makerspaces, and shared some great ideas. I heard positive feedback from the people who attended. I will consider hosting the Round Table in another city in the Walking Horse area the next time.

Regional News:

- Poplar Grove Elementary School put a new spin on our Family Literacy Night this Spring, holding it at the Williamson County Public Library following a library card sign-up initiative. This event was a first for the public library and for us--145 students, parents, and staff in attendance (our enrollment is 422). This was also in conjunction with our Read Across America Week.
- On Friday, March 11, over 1200 students and teachers from 13 Tennessee counties attended the inaugural Southeastern Young Adult Book Festival. Featuring 35 authors, SE-YA featured writing workshops, author panels, and meet and greet opportunities with the authors. #seya2016 was trending on Twitter for over 12 hours and student reactions were so positive. More than one student commented, "this has been the best day of my life!"

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Cumberland Region Area Representative Report

Kim Wattenbarger

No report.

Appalachian Region Area Representative Report

Vicki Winstead

Vicki Winstead submitted the Appalachia Region Area Representative Report electronically, stating,

Regional Actions:

- On February 9 I emailed the Appalachian Region information about two upcoming events in our area. St. Anne's School is hosting Sarah Weeks in May, there will be an evening event that is open to the public.
- TEL Administrator Erin Loree is hosting a TEL Training session on April 6 at the Bristol Public Library. Registration is free and open to area librarians.
- Information about the first TASL Regional Round Table was sent to members in the Appalachian Region.
- The first email was sent February 9 and included a link for members to register. A second email was sent February 28. A reminder email was sent to the region encouraging everyone to renew their membership by March 31 if they have not already done so.

Regional News:

- Planned and implemented the first Appalachian Regional Round Table Discussion. This included securing a meeting location, planning an agenda, creating 'talking points' slides, purchasing refreshments and printing certificates of attendance. The meeting was held on Saturday, March 12 with four librarians plus myself in attendance.

Volunteer Region Area Representative Report

Raina Scoggins

Raina Scoggins submitted the Volunteer Region Area Representative Report, stating,

Regional Actions:

- I have used the Volunteer Region E-list to send 4 emails reminding members to pay their dues, requesting any sort of regional news, and inviting them to the Roundtable. I planned and hosted a TASL Round Table. We had a wonderful Round Table event on March 5, 2016 at the Powell Library. (Details were sent in an earlier email).

Regional News:

East Tennessee Region Area Representative Report

Cristol Kapp

No report.

Other Points to Note:

Mindy Nichols thanked all Area Representatives for their skillful planning and facilitation of the spring roundtables.

Reports from Affiliates

AASL/ALA

Mindy Nichols

Mindy Nichols submitted the AASL/ALA report, stating,

Affiliate Actions:

- Received confirmation of TASL's AASL re-affiliation for 2016.
- Shannon Carter is AASL's new Program Coordinator. (previously Jonna Ashley)

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- TASL's 2016 Concern and Commendation have been prepared, and the Concern was sent to our Region 4 Representative for initial review by the Executive Committee.
 - Concern: Request for a eCOLLAB database to showcase effective K-12 library instruction in action
 - Commendation: Southeastern Young Adult Book Festival
- ESSA Advocacy Tools from AASL
- AASL was granted permission to reprint "What the School Librarian Wishes the Public Librarian Knew" and "What the Public Librarian Wishes the School Librarian Knew." Jennifer Sharp and I are working on a joint project of TLA & TASL incorporating the articles.

Affiliate Plans:

- 2016 Concerns and Commendations submission to Regional Director by May 15.
- President-Elect Misti Jenkins and I will travel to ALA Annual in Orlando in June to attend AASL Affiliate Assembly Leadership Trainings and meetings.

TLA

Jennifer Sharp

Jennifer Sharp submitted the TLA report electronically, stating,

Affiliate Actions:

- Several school librarians and TASL members attended the annual TLA conference this year! We had a successful business meeting, in which we discussed the role of school librarians in TLA and how to grow our presence. We also selected Erika Long (Bearden High School, Knox County Schools) as our Chair-Elect for the upcoming year.
- We also hosted an informal social gathering, and most school librarians at the conference attended and socialized! We had a great time.
- Annette Kuykendall (Fairview Middle School, Williamson County Schools) was awarded the 2016 Louise Meredith Award for excellence in school librarianship.
- The School Section of TLA is on Twitter! Follow us at @TNLASchoolLib.

Affiliate Plans:

- The School Libraries section discussed a number of future plans at our annual business meeting including:
 - Improved data collection (to track school librarian membership in TASL, as well as conference attendance, so that we can better analyze trends)
 - Additional in-person recruitment (speaking to groups of school librarians about joining TLA, hosting a booth at next year's TASL conference, etc.)
 - Conducting a needs survey to find out what would make school librarians more likely to join TLA and attend conferences
 - Reaching out to other state library organizations to see how their school library organization interacts with the general library organization

Additional Comments:

- Feel free to send me any suggestions you might have for helping us achieve our goal of increased school librarian membership in TLA!

Tenn-Share

Jenifer Grady

Jenifer Grady submitted the Tenn-Share report electronically, stating,

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Affiliate Actions:

- Tenn-Share's DataFest and School Library Collection Fair will be held at the Nashville Public Library on Thursday, September 29th , and Fall Conference will be 30th . The Collection Fair is an opportunity to talk with book distributors, and DataFest is a chance to speak with vendors. Fall Conference is a time for library staff to talk to their peers about e-resource sharing, training and use best practices. Watch for a call for presenters in the near future. We are eager for volunteers who wish to help plan this e-resource and resource-sharing events. Email execdir@tenn-share.org.

TEL

Erin Loree

Erin Loree submitted the TEL report electronically, stating,

Affiliate Actions:

- Gale Resources-The Artemis Literary Sources platform was added to the TEL website. Artemis incorporates the Literature Resource Center, Twayne's Authors Series, and Scribner Writers Series enabling researchers, faculty, and students to search across literary criticisms, original works, biographies, reviews, and more, in order to discover and analyze content in entirely new ways.
- Learning Express-In anticipation of the March 5 launch of the new SAT test, Learning Express released sixteen new practice tests and five enhanced tutorials to the College Preparation Center. The updates included an "Introduction to the 2016 SAT" tutorial, and a tutorial and four (4) practice exams each for the Reading, Writing and Language, Math, and Essay test sections.
- World Book-World Book unveiled a brand new homepage for World Book Advanced that provides users with streamlined navigational options and an easy-to- access search function. All available resources, including, Primary Sources, Presidential Papers, Court Cases, and Online Books, are now linked directly at the article level. Teaching with Documents has also been given a facelift and now resembles article pages to provide continuity and an easier-to- read format.
- All primary sources are now available from multiple sources.
- World Book submitted the winning proposal for the encyclopedia RFP. TEL will continue its relationship with World Book for another five years.

Affiliate Plans:

- Individual database URLs will be changing this summer. The TEL homepage URL will remain the same. Once testing is complete, detailed instructions will be sent via the TASL listserv.

Unfinished Business

AASL Concern and Commendation

Mindy Nichols

Nichols requested board members review TASL's Concern and Commendation for additions and corrections. Corrections were noted.

New Business

Purchase of VGA/HDMI Converters

Christa Cordrey

Technology Chair Christa Cordrey expressed the need to purchase additional cables for technology support for conference at the cost of \$190.87.

- **M-APR2016-3: Misti Jenkins made a motion that we purchase the recommended cables for in the amount of \$190.87 to accommodate continued use of our projectors at conference. Seconded by Amy Balducci. Motion carried.**

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Reinstatement of Administrator Task Force

Mindy Nichols

Following discussion at the Mississippi River Region round table, Mindy Nichols will reinstate the Administrator Task Force to meet the continuing need for advocacy among school administrators.

The task force is charged with the following goal:

- Update the existing presentation to focus on how school librarians support and help achieve school and district goals.
- Submit a proposal and, if selected, present at the LEAD Conference in October 2016.
- Develop a plan to visit and present to administrator education/educational leadership cohorts.
- Stephanie Hamm, Director of Library Services for MNPS, will lead the task force and is in the process of adding members.
- This work is expected to continue into Misti Jenkins' presidential term.
- Please send suggestions for venues or other presentation outlets to Mindy Nichols.

Adjournment

M-APR2016-4 Amy Balducci MOVED to “adjourn the meeting”. Cindy Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

ADDENDUM: Electronic Proceedings

Eleven Executive Board members voted electronically to approve the January 30, 2016 minutes. There were two abstentions.

April 2016 Motion Summary

M-APR2016-1: Misti Jenkins made a motion to purchase Sched for Conference 2016. Raina Scoggins seconded. Motion passed.

M-APR2016-2: Lakisha Brinson made a motion to add a TASL Collaborative Award as proposed. Cindy Martin seconded. Motion passed.

M-APR2016-3: Misti Jenkins made a motion that we purchase the recommended cables for in the amount of \$190.87 to accommodate continued use of our projectors at conference. Seconded by Amy Balducci. Motion carried.

M-APR2016-4: Amy Balducci MOVED to “adjourn the meeting.” Cindy Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Lester
TASL Secretary 2016