

TASL Executive Board Meeting Minutes January 30, 2016

Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order: An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held online via GoToMeeting, January 30, 2016. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. with President Mindy Nichols presiding.

Voting Members Present

Mindy Nichols, President
Misti Jenkins, President Elect
Lynn Lilley, Treasurer
Dana Lester, Secretary
Lora Ann Black, Immediate Past President
Cindy Martin, West TN River Region Area Rep
Amy Balducci, Mississippi River
Sherry Copeland, Western Plains Region Area Rep
Lakisha Brinson, Highland Rim Region Area Rep
Shannon Minner, Walking Horse Region Area Rep
Vicki Winstead, Appalachian Region Area Rep
Cristol Kapp, East TN River Region Area Rep

Voting Members Not Present

Raina Scoggins, Volunteer Region Area Rep
Kim Wattenbarger, Cumberland Area Rep

Others Present

Beth Frerking, Web Manager
Cami Townsel, Awards Committee Chair
Judy Bivens, Certification Committee Chair
Krista Grace, Professional Development Co-Chair
Christa Cordrey, Technology Committee Chair
Jennifer Sharp, TLA

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 2015 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 electronically.

Profit & Loss January through December 2015

	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>
Income		
2013 Conference	0.00	1,719.65
2014 Conference	850.00	63,783.00
2014 Membership	0.00	21,925.00
2014 Preconference	0.00	2,275.00
2014 Summer Workshop	0.00	5,190.00
2015 Conference	56,724.00	0.00
2015 Fun Run	137.00	0.00
2015 Membership	21,220.00	30.00
2015 Preconference	1,325.00	0.00
2015 Summer Workshop	5,586.02	0.00
Interest Inc	2.50	3.13
Misc. Income	7.79	48.00
Scholarship-Book Sale	460.00	677.75
Scholarship Income	71.00	0.00
VSBA Stickers	203.60	209.40
Total Income	<u>86,586.91</u>	<u>95,860.93</u>
Gross Profit	86,586.91	95,860.93
Expense		
AASL	0.00	300.00
AASL Conference 2015	2,216.83	0.00
Advocacy	2,163.04	693.55
ALA	406.00	0.00
ALA Conference 2014	0.00	5,272.79
ALA Conference 2015	6,336.83	1,052.70
ALA Conference 2016	1,212.00	0.00
Award-Innovative Library	1,500.00	1,000.00
Awards	152.02	296.92
Bank Charge	15.00	0.00
Board Expense	0.00	20.00
Conference 2014	21.95	65,063.04
Conference 2015	60,564.10	688.86
Conference 2016	519.55	0.00
Freedom to Read Foundation	137.00	100.00
Gifts Given	114.87	50.00
Insurance	1,838.00	1,092.50
Library Legislative Day	0.00	202.56
MemberClicks	5,387.40	5,311.20
Membership	0.00	1,296.42
PayPal Services	1,858.88	2,082.03
PO Box Rental	0.00	68.00
Preconference 2015	238.30	0.00
Refund - 2014 Conference	105.00	1,192.61
Refund - 2014 Summer Workshops	0.00	157.84
Refund - 2015 Conference	1,428.49	0.00

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	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 14
Scholarship	2,000.00	2,000.00
SEYA 2015	1,000.00	0.00
Summer Workshops 2014	0.00	6,041.55
Summer Workshops 2015	2,585.39	290.45
Summer Workshops 2016	317.36	0.00
Tax Preparation	495.00	495.00
TLA	79.02	0.00
TLA Dues	60.00	45.00
Treasurer Expense	233.44	872.00
VSBA	197.10	0.00
VSBA Expenses	0.00	279.29
Total Expense	93,182.57	95,964.31
Net Income	-6,595.66	-103.38

Committee and Task Force Reports

Conference Committee Report- Misti Jenkins

Committee Actions:

1. Selected theme for the 2016 conference, “Operation Excellence: Best Practices for Teaching Librarians”
2. Obtained graphic for conferenceⁱ
3. Established #taslcon16 for social media
4. Secured Conference Committee membersⁱⁱ
5. Secured featured presenters (Lora):
 - Crawl, M. Tara (E,M author)
 - Gratz, Alan (M,H author)
 - Johannes, S.R. (A author)
 - Malespina, Elissa (A librarian)
 - Miller, Shannon (A librarian)
 - Mr. Schu (E librarian)
 - Reynolds, Aaron (E author)
 - Sepetys, Ruta (M,H author)
 - Whitehead, Tiffany (A librarian)
 - Young, Jessica (E author)
6. Obtained quotes^{iii iv} from Embassy Suites (Rich Szczypkowski) regarding cost of wi-fi (email to Gale and Follett for sponsorship on 1/7)
7. Scholastic chosen for Bookstore (Mona in email contact)
8. Create preliminary planner based on Featured Presenters

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Committee Plans:

January: Call for member Presenters

January: Initial conference contracts (Dana and Misti)

February: Obtain event insurance (Mindy)

February: Design conference form (Misti, Dana, Beth)

February: Design vendor form (Jamie and Carrie)

March: Update FAQ and “Make Your Case” forms for website (Misti)

April: Select Member Presenters (Misti)

April: Guidebooks App (Mona)

April: List of authors for Bookstore (Mona)

April: Reserve rooms with Embassy Suites (Misti)

Position	Confirmed	Need
President	Mindy Nichols	
Conference Chair	Misti Jenkins	
Secretary	Dana Lester	
Treasurer	Lynn Lilley	
Featured Speakers	Lora Black	
Bookstore	Mona Batchelor	
Guidebook App	Mona Batchelor	
Registration	Dana Lester Alyssa Littrell	
Exhibit Hall	Jamie Bevins Carrie Gordon	
Session Facilitator		Future President Elect?
Sponsorships and Door Prizes	Dana Lester Ginger Kirchmyer	
Business meeting	Mindy Nichols	
TASL Awards	Cami Townsel	
VSBA Awards	Scot Smith	
Novel Conversations	Becky Jackman Kat Hall	
Photography	Lea Glass	? ?
Social Media Coordinator	Ginger Kirchmyer	
Conference Bags	Brian Seadorf	
TASL Conference Contest	Mindy Nichols Cristol Kapp	
Business Meeting Set-Up	Krista Grace Angelia Haltom Jane Phelps Future President Elect	? ? ?
VSBA Banquet Set-Up		
Technology Support	Christa Cordrey Alyssa Littrell	
Fun Run?		?
Scholarship Book Auction?		TBD in January Raina Scoggins Beth Eades

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Embassy Suites Nashville SE - Murfreesboro
 1200 Conference Center Boulevard
 Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Tennessee Association of School Libraries

	Friday	Saturday		
Start			Start Date	11/3/16
End			End Date	11/5/16
	11/04/16	11/05/16	Total Uses	Daily Price
Equipment				Total
Wireless Internet Access (10Mbps)	400	200	600	\$2.15
				\$1,290.00
			Equipment Total	\$1,290.00
			Total	\$1,290.00

Summary

\$1,290.00 Equipment
 \$283.80 22% Service Charge
 \$1,573.80 Subtotal
 \$153.45 9.75% Tax
 \$1,727.25 Total

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End			End Date	11/5/16
	11/04/16	11/05/16	Total Uses	Daily Price
Equipment				Total
Wireless Internet Access (10Mbps)	400	300	700	\$2.00
				\$1,400.00
			Equipment Total	\$1,400.00
			Total	\$1,400.00

Summary

\$1,400.00 Equipment
 \$308.00 22% Service Charge
 \$1,708.00 Subtotal
 \$166.53 9.75% Tax
 \$1,874.53 Total

Other points Misti Jenkins added:

- One of her high school students designed the conference logo.
- Per conference feedback, attendees indicated they would like Wi-Fi. Quotes were received from Embassy Suites and it is much more affordable than originally thought.

Advocacy Committee Report- Beth Frerking

Beth Frerking reported that there is no legislation currently on the floor for TN Legislation Day, so she is going to work with her committee to do something in April for School Library Month.

Committee Actions:

- Bookmark Contest
 - We have the bookmark contest up and running. This year's theme is "School Libraries Transform Learning" and entries must be postmarked by February 12.

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- Illustrator Mary Uhles, Dr. Cindy Welch of the CCYAL and Dr. Jennifer Snyder Art Education Professor at APSU are serving as judges.
- Winners should be announced at the end of March, in time for School Library Month in April.
- Jennie Randolph and Beth Frerking are working on it.

Committee Plans:

We will follow the bills introduced in the state legislature and keep members informed accordingly. Beth is planning to attend National Library Legislative Day in May.

Awards Committee Report- Cami Townsel

Committee Actions:

- Committee members formed
- I made change to the *2016 TASL Innovative Library Media Award* (re: winners presenting winning entry at conference). Please see the following document (changes are in bold).

2016 TASL Innovative Library Media Award

School librarians have developed outstanding creative programs and should be honored for these dynamic ideas. This TASL award recognizes an innovative program at the elementary, middle, and high school level that has been implemented during the current school year. For the purpose of this award, a *program* is defined as a plan of action designed to meet a specific need while promoting reading or library media services. *Innovative* is defined as being outside the normal practice. Participation in the program should be voluntary and not part of the scheduled library instruction.

The school librarian who developed and implemented the innovative program must submit the award application. All TASL members are eligible. **As part of the criteria for entry, the winning participant agrees to present the idea for his/her entry in a 10-minute presentation during a session at the TASL conference.** Each award recipient will receive \$500 at the annual TASL conference (November 3-5 in Murfreesboro). If there are no applications meeting the criteria, no award will be presented.

All submissions become the property of TASL and will not be returned.

Application deadline: July 29, 2016

Send application via email to:

Cami.Townsel@mnps.org

Committee Plans:

- I am working on guidelines for new award, *Collaborator's Award*.
- All three winners will present their ideas at the conference at which the award is given.
- Submissions will only be taken through email.

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Certification Committee Report- Judy Bivens

Committee Actions:

- The new AASL student information literacy standards will be deployed at the 2017 AASL National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, the new learning standards and program guidelines will launch with implementation resources and professional development sessions.
- The AASL CAEP Coordinating Committee is beginning to work on revising the AASL CAEP SPA standards for the preparation of school librarian programs.

Finance Committee- Lynn Lilley

No additional report. See Treasurer's report above.

Intellectual Freedom Committee- Stephanie Edwards

Committee Actions:

- Stephanie Edwards has formed a committee of five. She have been in contact with all of them via email asking them to supply contact information and relative experience as it relates to past committee participation.
- She has also joined the Intellectual Freedom biweekly newsletter provided by the ALA office for Intellectual Freedom.

Long Range Planning Committee- Lora Ann Black

Committee Actions:

- Committee Chair, Lora Ann Black, has reached out to committee members.
- A complete list of members will be submitted with the April report.
- We are in the process of creating a work timeline.

Committee Plans:

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

Additional Comments:

- Currently have 6-7 members on committee
- Must have members from each area and do currently have one from each region, although not all have an "extreme working knowledge of how the board works".
- Last year there were 4 members.
- Everyone agreed that 7 members were enough.

Membership Committee- Cristol Kapp

Committee Actions:

- 2016 Membership Campaign Planned-Involve, Invite, Invest
- Goal to grow membership by 16%
- Incentive: join by 2/29 and your name goes in a drawing for a conference package.
- Communications sent to remind members to renew membership in December and January
- Special Thanks to Lora Black for joining the membership team

Committee Plans:

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- Continue to follow up by sending regular reminders to renew membership
- Launch Invite Campaign on Feb 1-Invite a colleague who is not already a member of TASL to join by Feb. 29 and receive an additional entry into the conference package for this year.
- Invest Campaign-1 entry for completing the interest survey (if there is a way to easily gather the names of those who complete the survey)

Additional Comments:

- Current receipts for the Membership forms total as of January 22, 2016: 215

Professional Development- Krista Grace and Blake Hopper

Committee Actions:

- Locations and Dates for both PD's have been secured. East will be held at Walters State Community College in Morristown, TN on June 14th. West will be held at University School of Jackson in Jackson, TN on June 16th.
- Door prizes are now coming in. Capstone will provide bags and stuffers from each attendant. JLG has sent prizes for both locations. Other vendors have been contacted.
- TASL will provide each attendant with a mouse pad with the TASL logo on it.
- The Keynote Speaker will be Michelle Cooper.

Bio: Teacher librarian Michelle Cooper is a passionate educator and enthusiastic proponent of school libraries, technology integration, collaboration with educational professionals and helping young people succeed. As an educator with eighteen years experience, she seeks opportunities to partner with teachers on projects that encourage increased student engagement and learning achievement. Michelle is constantly striving to improve her educational practices and create innovative learning opportunities for students and colleagues. She is committed to sharing and modeling the importance of digital citizenship with students. She is a co-founder of #TXLchat on Twitter which provides a forum for Texas librarians (but not limited to Texas librarians) to create collaborative connections, share educational resources, and foster lifelong learning. She is a frequent presenter providing professional development through local, state and national educational conferences.

Committee Plans:

- Working on presenters and food for the event.
- Breakfast will be served at each PD.
- We are talking with Davidson Titles to have them come and set up at the East PD and allow attendants at the West PD to go to the warehouse.
- We will also continue getting door prizes.

Additional Comments:

- Locations have been secured and we will not have to pay for the venues.
- Door prizes are coming in, such as signed books, Capstone items, etc.
- A discussion was held as to whether we need to issue a contract to our two venues for summer PD. The board agreed that we should issue the venues an outline stating what we will need and use.
- Last year we did not have enough high school level presenters so Krista Grace is going to reach out to past HS presenters before the call for presenters to try to boost that number. Board members will email possible presenter names to Krista.
- Lunch will not be catered. Attendees will have time to go out for lunch.
- Krista Grace will send out a list of nearby hotels.

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Technology Committee

Committee Actions:

- Committee Members have been recruited. We have a great group signed up this year!
- Christa Cordrey took over management of the Facebook and Twitter accounts. We have only posted a few things in the last 2 months, including:
 - new membership announcements
 - summer programming with TASL road trip

Committee Plans:

- Christa Cordrey will be researching the cost of VGA cables to use at conference. She will report back at the April committee meeting with a recommendation for purchases.
- Twitter chat is being researched. We will start putting together a framework for this soon.

VSBA – Scot Smith

Committee Actions:

- Members of all three nominating committees for the VSBA have been busy reading books for the 2017-2018. The deadline for nominations is in February. The committees will meet in April to finalize the four lists of nominated titles. Pat Shaffer of Nashville Public Library, Jamie Bevins of Knox County Schools, and Karla Keesecker of Unicoi County Schools are the committee chairs.
- The deadline for the submission of ballots for the 2015-2016 VSBA will be on Monday, May 2. TLA's Jeanine Akers and Amy Dye-Reeves will be charge of voting. The ballots may be submitted online or on paper through the mail. We anticipate a record year for voting and hope that more public libraries and high schools will submit ballots this year. The ballots and links will be placed on the VSBA page of the TASL web site.

Nominating Committee- Lora Ann Black

Committee Actions:

- Mindy Nichols has selected committee members.
- Committee Chair, Lora Ann Black, has contacted these members to share the first steps of the process.
- The committee is in the process of creating a list of potential leaders who might be willing to serve.

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

Regional Actions:

- Recently took position as area rep for the West TN River Region. This will be my first time serving and I look forward to working with everyone.

Regional News:

- I would like to initiate a membership campaign for areas with low or no TASL membership in my area.

Mississippi River Region Area Representative Report- Amy Balducci

Regional Actions:

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- 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

No report.

Highland Rim Region Area Representative Report- Lakisha Brinson

Regional News:

- Member Cami Townsel attended two national conferences and had this to say:
- Here are two tips I received from the BCALA and AASL conferences:
BCALA Conference
Tip: Think of different events to be of service to patrons in the library.
Example: Get tax preparers during tax time (serves working students, parents, and faculty).

AASL Conference

Tip: Use the voice of students.

Example: Record a "how to video" created by students and share with faculty (how to use innovative instructional tools).

Member Marni Bumpus is on her school Literacy Team and they have started making READ posters for their building. They asked students and faculty/staff their favorite book and then a quote from the book. They take their pictures and make posters that are all over the building. You can follow their hashtag #MCMReads.

Walking Horse Region Area Representative Report- Shannon Minner

Regional Actions:

- I have e-mailed members of my region to introduce myself and remind them to renew their membership. I reminded them about the 2-year membership and \$10 savings.

Regional News:

- Elizabeth Shepherd at Cason Lane Academy in Murfreesboro, TN is Teacher of the Year.
- Hobgood Elementary received the James Patterson Scholastic Grant for reviving our nonfiction section in the library. Hobgood was selected from 27,924 applications for funding grants.
- Penny Britton, a middle school librarian in Tullahoma City Schools reported "Ruta Sepetys, author of *Between Shades of Gray*, visited East Middle and West Middle Schools where I serve as librarian. She was a phenomenal speaker and the students and staff were mesmerized by her presentation. Every student at each school was given a copy of *Between Shades of Gray* before her visit and they loved it! The author visit and books were provided by a grant from Humanities Tennessee called Student Reader Day. They can't wait for her next book *Salt to the Sea* to come out on Feb. 2nd! I highly recommend her if you have the opportunity to have an author visit at your school.
- We have students at both schools working on their bookmarks for the 2016 TASL Bookmark Contest.
- In December, we celebrated the holidays with the Twelve Days of Christmas Library Trivia. Each day, literature trivia questions were read on the school announcements and students submitted their entries during the day in the library. We had excellent participation and hopefully increased our circulation as well.

Cumberland Region Area Representative Report- Kim Wattenbarger

No report.

Appalachian Region Area Representative Report- Vicki Winstead

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Regional Actions:

- An email was sent to all Appalachian Region members using the new e-list option through member clicks. The email contained a reminder to renew membership, information about the TASL bookmark contest, and the summer PD date and location. Information regarding a regional meeting was shared as well. I am working with professors Deborah Parrott and Renee Lyons from East Tennessee State University to plan the meeting to be held in early March for the Appalachian Region.
- Appalachian Region members were asked to submit questions, concerns or ideas to me by January 15 to include in the report to the board. No submissions were received.

Regional News:

- An author from the Appalachian Region (Bristol) Kimberly Brubaker Bradley won a 2016 Newbery Honor and Schneider award for her book, *The War That Saved My Life*. Kim is available for school visits during the 2016-17 school year.

Volunteer Region Area Representative Report- Raina Scoggins

Regional Actions:

- I have sent an email reminding everyone that dues are due.

Regional News:

- Superintendent of Knox County schools has resigned effective in July.

East Tennessee Region Area Representative Report- Cristol Kapp

Regional Actions:

- Sent welcome email using the e-list that Beth set up for my region.
 - Reminder to join
 - Bookmark Contest
 - Call for news

Regional News:

- Becky Coleman, K-12 Literacy Director for Hamilton Co. Schools and TASL member, and Corinne Hill, executive director of the Chattanooga Public Library, were invited to go to the White House for the ConnectED Library Challenge. Hamilton County Schools and the Chattanooga Public Library have formed a partnership to make sure every student has a library card. School Librarians in Hamilton County are responsible for distributing these cards.

Reports from Affiliates

AASL/ALA- Mindy Nichols

Affiliate Actions:

- President-Elect, Misti Jenkins, and I traveled to Boston for 2016 ALA MidWinter January 8-11. We attended Affiliate Assembly I & II, where we participated in roundtable discussions centered on how to build capacity for a stronger organization (AASL/TASL). At Affiliate Assembly II, Affiliate Assembly Chair, Lori Donavan, introduced the new Affiliate Assembly annual timeline and Concerns and Commendations process. We also caucused with our Region 4 delegates to discuss those updated timelines, the Concerns and Commendations process, and conference planning.
- 2016 Re-Affiliation Application Submitted– The process included submission of the following:
 - Submission of updated TASL Constitution and Bylaws
 - Link to our conference and meeting information and newsletter.
 - Confirmation of either 10% or 25 members of our affiliate are AASL members.

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- Available Awards: 2016 Sara Jaffarian School Library Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming – (K-8)- \$5,000- Deadline May 6, 2016.

Affiliate Plans:

- 2016 Concerns and Commendations Process
 - Please provide any recommendations for a concern or commendation to be submitted to Affiliate Assembly.
 - Concern Ideas:
 - Commendation Ideas: SE-YA in the 'Boro Book Fest
 - Discuss now or email me with ideas in the next couple of weeks.
 - Submission in April.

TLA – Jennifer May Sharp

Affiliate Actions:

- I attended the December TLA Board meeting. Lora Ann Black also submitted an affiliate report on behalf of TASL, sharing information about the success of TASL's annual conference and providing information on various other TASL happenings.
- Nominations were accepted for the 2016 Louise Meredith Award to honor a school librarian who has gone above and beyond the call of duty. More submissions were received than in past years, so thank you to anyone who shared information about the award to colleagues and administrators. Let's continue to increase the number of submissions for this award in future years! The winner of this year's award will be announced at the annual TLA conference.

Affiliate Plans:

- We will be conducting the annual business meeting for the School Libraries Section of TLA at the TLA annual conference, which will be held April 6-8, 2016 in Kingsport, TN. As always, I encourage any school librarian attending the conference to attend our business meeting. I also would encourage any school librarian who does not typically attend the TLA conference to consider attending this year. I find that it is a very helpful and relevant conference, and I always enjoy networking with librarians from all contexts to improve my practice and better serve my students.
- TLA conference is in April; Jennifer is hosting the business meeting. There may be a casual get together for librarians.

Tenn-Share- Sarah Searles

Tenn-Share is happy to be able to offer a 50% discount off of Movie Licensing USA. Our group's licenses are from February through January, and cover the entire school building. Thus far 66 of Tenn-Share member libraries have joined or renewed.

We also welcome Board members serving from January 2016-December 2017. The representatives for school libraries are below. If any member has a suggestion for Tenn-Share regarding subscriptions or services, please contact one of these Board members.

Sarah Culp Searles, Knox County Public Schools
Stephanie Ham, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Sara Casey, St. Agnes Academy—St. Dominic School, Memphis

The next Tenn-Share Board meeting is Monday, February 29, 2016, at 10:00 am, at the Martin Center, Metro Nashville Public Schools, 2400 Fairfax Ave., 37212.

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TEL

Affiliate Actions:

Gale Resources

- Embedded Google Classroom functionality was added to Gale databases allowing teachers to easily share any type of Gale content instantly with their students.
- Google Drive integration was added to the InfoTrac databases.
- The Kids InfoBits interface was updated in December to include a new Browse Topics View, mobile responsive design, a filter by content level, and Google Classroom & Drive Integration.
- Literature Resource Center, Twayne's Authors Series, and Scribner Writers Series have all been integrated into Artemis Literary Sources, 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

- Appeared before the Fiscal Review Committee for approval of a contract amendment for a vendor name change resulting from the EBSCO acquisition of Learning Express.

ProQuest

- The Tennessean received a new redesigned interface with the following enhancements:
 - Change in banner color from royal blue to teal.
 - Streamlined Advanced search page.
 - Improved mobile access – responsive design resizes to fit any device screen.
 - Streamlined results page with facets and filters moving to the left hand side of the screen.
 - Improve document viewing for a better reading experience – moved to a tabbed display and more prominent placement of tools like download to PDF.
 - Contract renewal for The Tennessean was submitted to ProQuest for signature.

Affiliate Plans:

- Currently working on an encyclopedia RFP.
- In the process of renewing the TEL contract for HeritageQuest.

Additional Comments:

- 32 TEL training sessions were conducted.
- At the ShareFest conference, the TEL Trainer of the Year was awarded to a group of librarians from the University of Memphis, Joyce McKibben, Perveen Rustomfram, Bess Robinson, and Pam Dennis.
- TEL was a [featured resource for December](#) in the kidcentraltn website.

Unfinished Business

Scholarship Silent Auction Evaluation-

- Was on September agenda, but Reina was not present.
- \$460 was raised last year through VSBA silent auction, but the concern is that it is more work than it is worth.
- Misti Jenkins suggested we discontinue the Silent Auction.
- Possible new ideas to raise money- Krista Grace suggested selling t-shirts at conference and through a link on the website.
 - We would not want to be responsible for shipping t-shirts.
 - Selling t-shirts with a generic TASL design at TASL events seems to be an idea liked by everyone and a special 25th anniversary shirt at Conference. Mindy, Misti, and Blake will continue to discuss this idea via email in the coming weeks.
 - This decision does not require a motion, so we will discontinue the Silent Auction and move toward t-shirt sales.

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New Business

Area Representative Round Table-Proposed by Mindy Nichols and Vicki Winstead

- Reps host two meetings (fall and spring) and grade level meetings. Early March and September have been suggested as dates for the Area Rep hosted meetings. Area Reps will plan each meeting.
- Discussion centered around the following:
 - Should we invite librarians outside of TASL and outside of the state? There was discussion on if we open it up to everyone, then why would anyone join. Maybe invite a friend to one meeting in the future.
 - Mindy restated the reason for this idea from the Long Range Planning Committee is to benefit our membership, so in launching this idea, perhaps we should keep it simple and limited to our members to begin.
 - Vicki Winstead is planning for a Saturday morning with refreshments and providing a Google doc for registration.
 - Can Area Reps be reimbursed for the costs associated with the Round Table?
 - **Lora Black made a MOTION that we fund beverages and snacks at \$2 at the Round Table Meeting per person who RSVP in each region. Krista Grace seconded. MOTION PASSED. (M-JAN16-1)**

Wireless Internet Access for Conference Attendees-Misti Jenkins

- Misti Jenkins received 2 quotes from Embassy Suites. (included in the Conference report) The numbers for Friday and Saturday are different because we have less people attend on Saturday. Wifi is not needed on Thursday because it is only preconference. Misti has reached out to Follett and Gale to be sponsors at \$1000 each, but Follett has declined.
 - **Vicki Winstead made the motion that we provide Wi-Fi access to our attendees at the annual conference at \$1874.53 (700 users). Lakisha Brinson seconded. MOTION PASSED. (M-JAN16-2)**
- How will we pay for this if we don't receive sponsorship?
 - An increase of \$5 will just cover the costs and \$10 will cover the cost and possible pay for vendors to have access to Wi-Fi. According to conference feedback, members overwhelmingly indicated that they would support an increase in registration to have Internet access.
 - **Misti Jenkins made a MOTION that we increase the conference registration by \$10 to cover the increasing cost of the conference. Cindy Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED. (M-JAN16-3)**
- **Corporate Membership Benefits- Mindy Nichols**
 - The question was raised by a corporation about the corporate membership benefits. We currently offer the possibility of them presenting at conference. Should we give them a discount off their booth registration at Conference? Misti suggested a \$25 discount for TASL Corporate Members for booth registration. A discount code can possibly be applied online when corporations register.
 - **Lora Ann Black made a MOTION to offer a corporate member vendor registration discount of \$25 at conference. Amy Balducci seconded. MOTION PASSED. (M-JAN16-4)**
- **AASL Concerns and Commendations**
 - This was discussed earlier in Mindy's report and nothing new was added to the conversation at this time. No new business was reported.

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Adjournment

Misti Jenkins MOVED to “adjourn the meeting”. Sherry Copeland seconded. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Before adjournment, Mindy Nichols reminded everyone that April 16 at McGavock High School is next meeting at 10 am.

ADDENDUM: Electronic Proceedings

Twelve TASL Executive Board members voted electronically to approve the September 2015 minutes.

January 2016 Motion Summary

M-JAN16-1: Lora Black made a MOTION that we fund beverages and snacks at \$2 for the Round Table Meeting per person who RSVP in each region. Krista Grace seconded. MOTION PASSED.

M-JAN16-2: Vicki Winstead made the motion that we provide Wi-Fi access to our attendees at the annual conference at \$1874.53 (700 users). Lakisha Brinson seconded. MOTION PASSED.

M-JAN16-3: Misti Jenkins made a MOTION that we increase the conference registration by \$10 to cover the increasing cost of the conference. Cindy Martin seconded. MOTION PASSED

M-JAN16-4: Misti Jenkins MOVED to “adjourn the meeting”. Sherry Copeland seconded. MOTION PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Lester
TASL Secretary 2016
