

TASL Executive Board Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2017

Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order: An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held on April 22, 2017 at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro, TN. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. CST with President Misti Jenkins presiding.

Voting Members Present

Misti Jenkins, *President*
Blake Hopper, *President-Elect*
Lynn Lilley, *Treasurer*
Vicki Winstead, *Secretary*
Mindy Nichols, *Immediate Past President*
Amy Balducci, *Mississippi River Region Area Representative*
Raina Scoggins, *Volunteer Region Area Representative*
Jackie Gregory, *Highland Rim Region Area Representative*

Voting Members Not Present

Julie Stepp, *Cumberland Area Representative*
Shannon Minner, *Walking Horse Area Representative*
Cindy Martin, *West TN River Region Representative*
Sherry Copeland, *Western Plains Area Representative*

Others Present

Jennifer Sharp, *Intellectual Freedom*
Beth Frerking, *WebManager*
Jennifer Grady, *Tenn-Share*
Christa Cordrey, *Technology Committee*
Katie Capshaw, *Professional Development*

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 2017 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

Lynn Lilley

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

12:14 AM
04/14/17
Accrual Basis

Profit & Loss
January 1 through April 14, 2017

	Jan 1 - Apr 14, 17
Income	
2016 Conference Income	175.00
2016 Pre-Conference	50.00
2017 Conference Income	375.00
2017 Membership	10,105.00
Interest Inc	0.40
Invest Inc	0.21
VSBA Stickers	50.00
Total Income	<u>10,755.61</u>
Gross Profit	10,755.61
Expense	
2016 TASL Conference	99.89
AASL	33.33
Advocacy	1,477.20
ALA - Midwinter	1,611.86
ALA Conference 2017	783.90
Insurance	331.00
MemberClicks	1,260.65
Membership Overpayment/Refund	50.00
Misc Expense	69.97
PayPal Services	451.51
SEVA 2017	1,000.00
Tax Preparation	100.00
TLA Dues	60.00
TN Legislative Day	30.00
Total Expense	<u>7,359.31</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,396.30</u></u>

Balances:

Main - Checking	\$69,403.15
Secondary - Web Account	\$5,209.81
Savings	\$25,015.37
PayPal	\$524.68
TOTAL	<u>\$100,153.01</u>

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Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Committee and Task Force Reports

2017 Conference Committee

Blake Hopper

Blake Hopper submitted the Conference Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

All session proposals are in

- Contracts are in
- Mr. Schu is coming again this year
- Scholastic is paying for Mr. Schu
- Bookstore list has been finalized

Committee Plans:

- Start making the schedule
- Order favors
- Order items for photo booth

- Session Facilitators
- Open up registration
- Update Conference Page
- Work on Conference Center details (rooms, food)

Board discussed scheduling apps for use at conference. Sched was used at the 2016 conference and there was general agreement that it worked well.

M-APR17-1: Raina Scoggins made a motion that we continue to use Sched for our TASL conference each year until a new program is determined to be needed. Seconded by Amy Baldacci. Motion passed.

Advocacy Committee

Denise Tabscott

Denise Tabscott submitted the Advocacy Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

We completed the bookmark competition and announced winners. Bookmarks have been printed and are being sent to the winner's schools along with their prizes. The winning bookmarks are on the TASL webpage for members to see. I will be taking sets of bookmarks to the Capitol next week to the representatives and will also bring bookmarks with me to National Library Legislative Day.

Committee Plans:

I will be attending NLLD at the end of the month and will report back on actions taken as well as actions needed for the next meeting. I had a conference call yesterday with Beth Yoke, who is the Executive Director of YALSA, and we spoke about how to engage our members in advocacy during District Days (when our reps are out of session in Washington and at home in their districts). YALSA is looking to ramp up efforts of the members to engage in advocacy year round, especially in the wake of the recent election and budget plans. I am looking forward to bringing our members ideas from YALSA and encouraging action throughout this coming year.

Awards Committee

Alyssa Littrell

Alyssa Littrell submitted the Awards Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

Committee Members established

1. Jamie Bevins (Appalachian)
2. Angelia Haltom (Western Plains)
3. Alyssa Littrell (Chair) (Highland Rim)
4. Carol Nanney
5. Connie Sharp (Highland Rim)
6. Jennifer Sharp (Highland Rim)

7. Denise Tabscott (Highland Rim) (Western Plains)

Committee Plans:

Awards applications have been updated and posted on the TASL website.

Certification Committee

Judy Bivens

Judy Bivens submitted the Certification Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

Task Force Update

The Task Force comprised of Judy Bivens, Misti Jenkins, Stephanie Ham, Sarah Searles, and Karen Reed have met via Zoom for conference calls. Emails were sent to the Educators of School Librarians, AASL Affiliates, and the Public Librarians listservs. We are currently gathering information about job descriptions from other states as well as information about what is available by state. We presented our information at Tennessee Library Association Library Legislative Day in March. State Librarian Chuck Sherrill supports the proposal. Stephanie Ham has talked with Nicole Jimenez at the State Department of Education about the chain of command we need to pursue.

Finance Committee

Lynn Lilley

Lynn Lilley submitted the Financial Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

Nothing new to report.

Committee Plans:

- Suggest to the Board to purchase a new laptop for the TASL Treasurer's Position. The current laptop was purchased in January 2014. (Check # 2498 - \$872.00 – Payment for Laptop and QuickBooks (2014 version). The keyboard on laptop stopped working during the term of the previous treasurer. She tried to have it repaired but was told the problem could not be fixed. In order to type you have to use an external keyboard. (This laptop is now more like a desktop computer than a laptop).
- QuickBooks software currently being used needs to be updated to QuickBooks 2017. The company will no longer support the 2014 version after May 31, 2017.

Lynn Lilley recommended that a new laptop be purchased for use by the treasurer. The current laptop was purchased in 2014, has numerous problems that cannot be repaired, and needs to be replaced. It is also recommended that a new, updated version of QuickBooks be purchased. Our current version will no longer be supported.

M-APR17-2: Mindy Nichols made a motion that the treasurer purchase a new laptop and QuickBooks not to exceed \$800. Motion seconded by Raina Scoggins

Motion Passed.

Additional Comments:

Questions answered from the Board:

Did we make good money on the t-shirts? Do we need to go back for a silent auction?

This was the first year for selling Conference T-shirts. The shirts cost \$862.50 and we collected \$1332.00. Profit earned on the sale of the shirts was \$469.50. During the prior conferences we collected the following amounts from the silent auction: 2013 - \$626.00; 2014 - \$677.75; and in 2015 - \$460.00. The silent auction appeared to be more labor intensive than the sale of conference t-shirts. (Only those involved could really speak to the matter of time involved).

What is the plan for the Area Rep Round Tables?

Financially speaking, two area reps turned in receipts for refreshments served at their Area meetings. (Amy Balducci \$32.42 and LaKisha Brinson \$62.98).

Intellectual Freedom Committee

Jennifer Sharp

Jennifer Sharp submitted the Intellectual Freedom Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

While at TLA Conference 2017, chair Jennifer Sharp attended the Intellectual Freedom Committee business meeting and networked with their committee. We discussed possible collaboration opportunities and current IF issues.

Committee Plans:

- Connect with ALA OIF to get on the national listserv and disseminate information passed along by that office in their periodic updates and quarterly webinars;
- Brainstorm plans for Choose Privacy Week and Banned Books Week, including possibly collaborating with TLA in these efforts; and
- Increase the presence of IF issues in TASL communications so members are well-versed in these issues.

Additional Comments:

Please contact us if you have any concerns or suggestions for our committee's work!

Jennifer Sharp shared a copy of the current wording of the Louise Meredith award description. The award description is being revised. Jennifer asked for everyone to

share ideas for revising the eligibility and criteria of the award. The board discussed the eligibility and criteria for the award and offered suggestions.

Long Range Planning Committee

Mindy Nichols

Mindy Nichols submitted the Long Range Planning Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

- LRP Committee members are currently reviewing the 2017 Long Range Plan.

Committee Plans:

- Committee members will review membership survey from 2016.
- Committee members will share feedback on the 2017 Long Range Plan and current TASL actions.
- Committee members will draft and present the 2018 Long Range Plan at the September TASL Board Meeting.

Membership Committee

Cristol Kapp

Cristol Kapp did not submit a Membership Committee report but did communicate that she has emailed a spreadsheet of inactive TASL members to area reps so they can encourage them to renew. Misti Jenkins stated that this spreadsheet will be shared with other members of the board as well.

Professional Development

Katie Capshaw and Brenda Goins

Katie Capshaw and Brenda Goins submitted the Professional Development report electronically stating,

Committee Actions:

We have been working on finalizing the meeting places, favors, and door prizes. We have also asked for the proposal request to be resent out and that has happened with a few more proposals submitted. We have also been asking colleagues and peers to consider doing proposals. We are hoping to have more submitted, as we do not have many as of now.

Committee Plans:

We will begin working on a schedule for the schedule for the day, planning breakfast, etc. We will need to send out registration information at the beginning of May.

Additional Comments:

Board decided to offer snacks and water throughout the day at summer pd instead of providing breakfast. Summer PD Chairs will seek strong facilitators for the round table

meetings at the end of the day who will keep things positive. Round table participants must bring something to share that they are doing in their library.

Technology Committee

Christa Cordrey

Christa Cordrey submitted the Technology Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

- We have secured members and assigned roles!
 - Ginny Britt - February social media posts
 - Dorothy Ewing - helps as needed
 - Stephanie Edwards - April social media posts
 - Deborah Parrott - March social media posts
 - Emily Havercamp - May social media posts
 - Bobbie Palmer - conference tech support

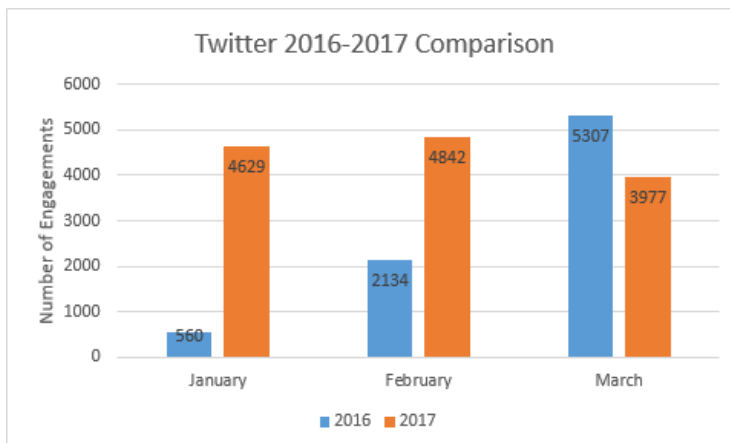
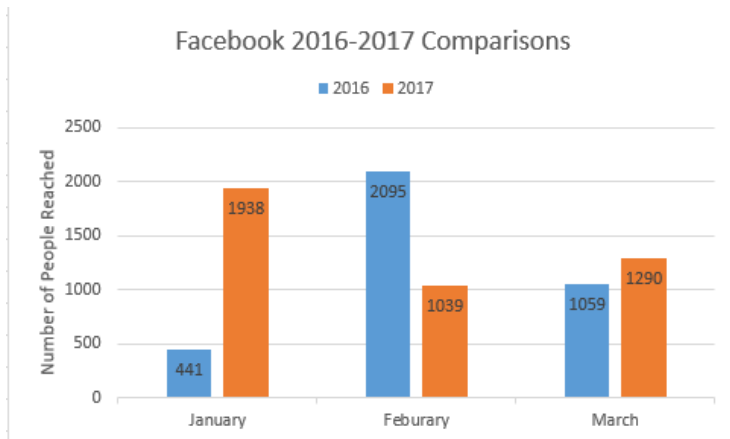
- #TASLChat topics have been chosen for the next TWO YEARS!
 - **Proposed #TASLChat Schedule of Topics**
 - April 2017: Evaluating the Library
 - May 2017: Books, Books and eBooks
 - June 2017: Summer PD Review / Making PD Work for You
 - July 2017: Library Orientations That Work
 - August 2017: Social Media and School Librarians
 - September 2017: Branding Your Library
 - October 2017: Conference Review OR Leadership in the Library
 - November 2017: Tech Tools for Librarians
 - December 2017: Growing a Reader Community
 - January 2018: Library Legislation
 - February 2018: Nontraditional shelving
 - March 2018: Research Instruction at all Levels
 - April 2018: Clubs in the Library
 - May 2018: Intellectual Freedom in K12
 - June 2018: Teaching Digital Citizenship
 - July 2018: Advertising Books
 - August 2018: Collaboration How-To
 - September 2018: Author Visits in the Library
 - October 2018: Teacher PD in the Library
 - November 2018: Skype in the Library
 - December 2018: Building your PLN

Committee Plans:

- #TASLChat will continue
 - **Moderators:** Currently still just Christa Cordrey, but committee members may still volunteer! Looking at how other organizations do guest moderators.

- o **Schedule:** on the THIRD Monday of each month:
- o **Archives:** are made available on the TASL website with the help of Beth Frerking
- Get summer PD tech support. (Cordrey is unavailable for the Road Trip!)
- Create “help” videos or tutorials for any new conferencing software that we purchase.

**Social media statistics are below.



VSBA

Scot Smith

Scot Smith submitted the VSBA Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

Members of the three nominating committees have been reading in preparation for their annual meeting in April or early May. The nomination lists for the 2018-2019 VSBA will be posted in May once the committees have selected the titles. The ballots for the 2016-2017 VSBA have been posted on the TASL web site; the deadline for voting is May 1. After the votes are tallied, we will announce the four winning titles during the second week of May.

Committee Plans:

Pat Bashir, the TLA VSBA co-chair, Molly Moore, and I recently had an online meeting to discuss the goals and objectives of the newly formed VSBA Publicity committee. Molly has agreed to lead this committee. Below is a summary of that meeting.

Objective of the Publicity Committee: To increase participation in the VSBA and to provide support and promotional materials to school and public librarians.

Next Steps: To recruit a diverse committee of librarians--1 primary, 1 intermediate, 1 middle, 1 high school, 2 public librarians and 1 chair will comprise the committee.

Starting Objectives for Committee:

- Contact district level librarians and ask them to promote participation in their schools in August.
- Promote VSBA to other librarians as much as possible
- Target methods to create resources to promote VSBA in libraries and schools

Discussion Points:

- We need to increase awareness of the VSBA in Tennessee. We want it to be commonly known and respected as popular tool to give children **a voice** about literature.
- We need to increase participation in middle and high schools.
- We would like to coordinate with Mrs. Chrissie Haslam and her family reading program to promote winning titles or nominees statewide.
- We need to encourage Knox County Public Library to participate and bring in VSBA authors at the Children's Festival of Reading.
- Battle of the Books is popular in many middle schools and high schools-- Librarians need questions to go with the books. We will ask nominators to write five questions if their book gets chosen.
- To produce marketing packets out to librarians attending a meeting about VSBA
- To give prizes to librarians who participate at high levels in the VSBA.
- To collaborate with ELA teachers to read and study some of the nominated titles. Class sets would be a great incentive.
- To create lesson plans to share and promote VSBA titles.

Nominating Committee

Mindy Nichols

Mindy Nichols submitted the Nominating Committee report electronically, stating,

Committee Actions:

- The committee compiled and ranked a list of candidates for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Mindy Nichols, Committee Chair, has contacted candidates for each position.
- No offices have been accepted at this time.

Committee Plans:

- Continue correspondence with candidates for each position.
- Confirm a 2018 TASL Slate of Officers.

Area Representative Reports**West TN River Region Area Representative Report****Cindy Martin**

No report.

Mississippi River Region Area Representative Report**Amy Balducci**

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

Regional Actions:

- Communicated through email regarding Spring Roundtable
- Spring Roundtable rescheduled for Saturday, May 6

Regional News:

LeAn Inman, Librarian at Arlington High School was selected as High School Teacher of the Year for Arlington Community Schools.

Western Plains Region Area Representative Report**Sherry Copeland**

No report.

Highland Rim Region Area Representative Report**Jackie Gregory**

Jackie Gregory submitted the Highland Rim Region Area Representative Report electronically, stating,

Regional Actions:

- I emailed the Highland Rim region asking for contacts in each school district, and received several responses. They have been added to the Google doc.
- I am planning our round table event. My first plan did not work out, so I am working on an alternative. I plan to have it set up and the information shared by next week.

Regional News:Clarksville-Montgomery County

- The Clarksville-Montgomery County elementary schools held a third-grade community read this year. The downtown Kiwanis Club paid for all the books,

and they had a little distribution celebration. Angie Salamy, Tiffany Norbeck and Rachel Wainwright planned out the program. Angie Salamy planned out the reading schedule for the teachers, and Tiffany and Rachel planned out an agenda and activities for a Family literacy night. Rachel was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club to let them know what the schools were doing with their book gift.

There is a video: <https://cmcssfocus.net/2016/11/04/kiwanis-reading-rodeo/>

- Norman Smith Elementary School had an all third grade Skype session with the elephant sanctuary in Hohenwald, and several library lessons related to our book. Rachel Wainwright is the librarian there.
- Two libraries received Great Ideas Grants to implement programs: Rachel at Norman Smith ES for a family literacy night, and Beth Frerking at Clarksville High received one for their Maker Challenge Project.
- The Clarksville Montgomery High Schools had their annual Battle of the Books. They use the VSBA nominees as the reading list and then compete at the Public library. This year's winner was Northeast High School.

Metro Nashville

- Colleen (Tew) Orend at Margaret Allen Middle Prep is trying to find a couple of other schools to host Roland Smith in the fall. The cost is \$3000.00 per day. He and his wife will be traveling in an RV in IL and MO and will come to TN if we have enough interest.
- Limitless Libraries is sponsoring a School Library Month Challenge and a bookmark decorating contest during the month of April.
- SLJ Leadership Summit: This summit will be here in Nashville, October 7-8, 2017. The summit is over a weekend and completely free. If you are interested be sure to look at their website and [register](#).
- Kwame Alexander is coming to Nashville!
 - Lipscomb University is welcoming award-winning poet Kwame Alexander to a community literacy event on April 19, 2017, in Allen Arena from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.
 - Kids, families, and teachers can register here for the FREE event!

Sumner County

- Sumner County middle schools are preparing for the county-wide Battle of the Books using the Volunteer State Book Award Nominee list as a book base. Four students from participating middle schools will meet at Portland West Middle School in mid-May to have the county-wide battle. The winning school will get to keep the traveling trophy for the next year until they see who wins next year's competition!
- Walton Ferry Elementary will be doing a school-wide Poem in Your Pocket day on April 27.
- Hendersonville High School will be doing a Story Slam with some English classes during the month of May.
- At Portland High School they have been slowly updating the appearance and atmosphere of the library, the adjoining computer lab, and the office. They have had a tree bookshelf made and installed, bought new café tables and chairs for a

gathering place or to play chess or checkers, reupholstered furniture, created displays with discarded books, made a large clock with discarded books, painted, created cute, fun furniture, and more. The attendance in the library has increased and students have an enjoyable experience when they visit and see something new.

Williamson County

- Lindsey Anderson at Woodland Middle School would like to host Steve Sheinkin on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Steve's rep, Kate, asked about the possibility of booking additional visits in the middle TN area during that week. If a school wants to share a day, he will go to 2 schools and do 1 presentation plus a signing at each school. That would cost \$1250 plus travel expenses. Please let her know if you are interested.

Walking Horse Region Area Representative Report

Shannon Minner

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

Regional Actions:

I held a roundtable on Saturday, March 11th at the SE-YA Book Fest. Seven attendees ate lunch together and discussed how we can volunteer for TASL and how we can bring the information we learned at SE-YA back to our schools.

Regional News:

- Seven schools in the Murfreesboro City Schools System had their 2nd Boro Book Battle. Congratulations to John Pittard Elementary on their win!
- Annette Kuykendall of Fairview Middle School is sponsoring a poetry contest. She also just finished a "Guess the Reader" contest. Students had to guess which teacher was reading each book.
- Lindsay Anderson from Woodland Middle School Library enjoyed hosting Mr. Schu during their Scholastic Book Fair. Their Read2Me student volunteers facilitated a virtual visit between Miss Tennessee 2016 and their elementary school reading buddies at Glenn Elementary. For School Library Month, students are sharing how their library empowers them. Their response enters them into our book giveaway. Ms. Anderson is giving away many copies of the school's most popular reads!
- Chassity Burks from West Side School received a Hometown grant from Middle Tennessee Gas for her school wide makerspace program that she heads up. She has the makerspace open every morning from 7:45-8:15, Monday – Thursday. She also received a Donor's Choose grant and a TSIN TVA mini grant, to allow her to acquire a 3d printer, Makey Makey's, and 3 Lego Mindstorm EV3 kits. On Tuesday, April 4th, she helped organize a student lead Maker Fair. She invited parents and relatives to come and experience what their children get to do every day.

- Alysia Pitts, the Librarian at Woodland School, in Cannon County, was District 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

Cumberland Region Area Representative Report

Julie Stepp

Julie Stepp submitted the Cumberland Region Area Representative Report electronically, stating,

Regional News:

On April 27, 2017 @ 4:00 on Tennessee Tech’s campus, we will conduct a mini-workshop: Hands-on with Makerspaces. Librarians will learn about the basics of makerspaces with a hands-on experience. The tools and plans shared will work for any grade level, with diverse learning groups, and in various content areas.

Communicating with the regional school librarians to find district reps – a few maybes, so still working on this.

Appalachian Region Area Representative Report

Vacant

No report.

Volunteer Region Area Representative Report

Raina Scoggins

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

Regional Actions:

The Volunteer Region Roundtable was held on Saturday March 4th at 1:00 at the Powell Public Library. There were 6 in attendance. We began with introductions. I shared an article about time management and we discussed which aspects might work for us and which ones wouldn’t. We shared around the room one task that we felt we were efficient and one task which needed more help. We brainstormed possibilities. We discussed our continuing frustrations and our continuing progress. We shared resources---helpful websites and vendors. Everyone felt that it was time well spent.

East Tennessee Region Area Representative Report

Vacant

No report

Reports from Affiliates

AASL/ALA

Misti Jenkins

Misti Jenkins submitted the AASL/ALA report electronically, stating,

Affiliate Actions:

We did not send any Concerns to AASL. No one from Region 4 sent any concerns.

Affiliate Plans:

I am working on Commendation for AASL.

Blake Hopper and I will attend the Affiliate Assembly Leadership Conference and AA I and II in Chicago on June 23 and 25.

TLA

Jennifer Sharp

Jennifer Sharp submitted the TLA report electronically, stating,

Affiliate Actions:

Since the last board meeting:

- TLA held its annual conference in Knoxville, TN, from April 5-7. While at conference, the School Libraries Section of TLA hosted a business meeting and held several social events specifically for school librarians. Outreach continues to encourage school librarian membership in TLA! Several sessions were offered this year relating directly to school libraries. For the latest, please follow @TNLASchoolLib on Twitter.
- During annual conference, the TLA board discussed the upcoming board restructuring, which will take effect on July 1, 2018 if it passes a vote of the membership. This will not affect TASL's position as an affiliate; we will continue to have non-voting representation on the board at each meeting and a voting representative for school librarians. If you have questions or concerns about this, speak with Jennifer Sharp or Erika Long for more details.

Affiliate Plans:

- The School Libraries Section of TLA is working on updating and revising the description and criteria for the Louise Meredith Award, which is an honor given to a school librarian doing exemplary work in the state of TN each year by TLA. We are currently seeking input on what should be included. Contact Jennifer Sharp with suggestions.
- TLA is proposing a panel session at the 2017 TASL Conference which would bring in public and academic librarians for a group discussion on such issues as college/career readiness, collaboration ideas and barriers, and summer reading. If there are questions you'd like to see addressed in such a panel discussion, please e-mail them to Jennifer.Sharp@mnps.org.

Tenn-Share

Jenifer Grady

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

Affiliate Plans:

K-12 eBook Project

Tenn-Share is investigating funding and formulating a plan to bring a collection of fiction titles that the state's K-12s can share, through Baker & Taylor. We will have a representative at the June 20 Board meeting. All are welcome.

Share Your Thoughts Survey

Tenn-Share appreciates the 57 school librarians who responded. The majority (44) are satisfied with Tenn-Share membership and have positive associations with the Tenn-Share brand. There is middling interest in a statewide library card program, a Z39.50, integrated hybrid state catalog, and a Tenn-Share networking group.

DataFest/School Library Collection Fair/Fall Conference

Both will be held at Nashville Public Library Conference Center. School Library Collection Fair and DataFest are Thursday, October 26, 2017, and free!

The theme of Fall Conference on Friday, October 27, is Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges.

We are accepting proposals that are related to the theme; and 45 minute and 10 minute presentation slots are available. Keynote speaker: Mike Krause, Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC)

Newsletter

Tenn-Share will be sending out an electronic newsletter in April. It's the first in many years.

TEL

Erin Loree

Erin Loree submitted the TEL report electronically, stating,

Affiliate Actions:

Please supply actions by your committee since the last board meeting.

Tennessee Electronic Library Portal

- Added a new icon and link to the right hand navigation menu that connects users to their public library's ebook/media collections (e.g., READS, Overdrive).

Gale

- Academic OneFile expanded the browse-by-discipline feature to include coverage in three key areas of study –Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science. The browse-by-discipline icons were updated resulting in a cleaner

presentation and easier navigation.

Learning Express Library

- AP Environmental Science Practice Test added to the School Center.
- Civics Practice articles and tutorials added to the School Center in response to the new state law requiring all high school seniors take the U.S. Citizenship test.
- Microsoft Office 2016 video tutorials added to the Computer Skills Center.

World Book

- Citations in World Book were upgraded to MLA 8.
- Google Drive integration is expected to be added early in the summer.

Affiliate Plans:

Please supply any future plans of your committee.

TEL Website

Work is beginning on a website redesign for TEL.

Upcoming Webinars

We have scheduled a final spring semester webinar for Books & Authors on Monday, May 1 at 1:00pm Central / 2:00pm Eastern. Notices with registration information have been sent via the TASL listserv.

Build a Better World with Books & Authors!

As you prepare 2017 summer reading programs to help your community Build a Better World, take some time to get to know Books & Authors, a reader's advisory resource available through Tennessee Electronic Library. Books & Authors provides lists, read-a-likes, and more to connect users with their next favorite books-- during summer reading programs, and all year long! As a bonus, this session will also reference Powerspeak, a language learning tool to help your users not only build a better world, but also communicate with more of that world. Join this session and you'll walk away with ideas for using Books & Authors and Powerspeak to make this summer a stand-out for your users.

Unfinished Business

Purchase of an Online Conference Call Format

Blake Hopper

Board members were polled about conferencing software they had tried and the results were shared. After discussing various options, Zoom was selected.

Conference Call Software

Software	Ratings
Google Hangout	4
Go-to-Meeting	5, 5, 4, 4,
Skype	4, 3, 1
Zoom	5, 4, 4, 4

Product	Participants Allowed	Video	Audio	Phone Dial-ins	Screen Sharing	Monthly Cost with 11 Hosts	Yearly Cost with 11 Hosts	Monthly cost with ONE Host	Yearly Cost with ONE Host	
Go-To Meeting	25	YES	YES	YES	YES	\$319	\$3,828	\$29	\$348	
Skype	10	YES	YES	YES	YES	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	
Skype for Business	250	YES	YES	YES	YES	\$55	\$660	\$5	\$60	**Comes with Office 365 Account for each host
Google Hangout	25	YES	YES	NO	YES	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	
Google Hangout for Business	25	YES	YES	YES	YES	\$55	\$660	\$5	\$60	**Comes with a gmail account for each host

M-APR17- 3: Blake Hopper made a motion that TASL purchase a subscription for Zoom to use for virtual meetings for one year. Seconded by Raina Scoggins. Motion passed.

New Business

Purchase of Laptop for Treasurer

Lynn Lilley

See Finance report above.

T-Shirts vs. Silent Book Auction

Lynn Lilly

The board discussed and compared the silent book auction and TASL t-shirt sales as the primary fundraiser for the TASL conference scholarship. The amount of profit made from t-shirt sales last year was essentially the same as profit made from the silent auction in previous years. Raina Scoggins felt that t-shirts are easier to deal with and offer to all TASL members. She stated that gathering books for the silent auction takes more time and it is often difficult to get books from authors. The board decided to offer TASL t-shirts for sale as the scholarship fundraiser instead of the silent book auction.

Round Tables

Misti Jenkins

Raina Scoggins is will be heading up the regional round table meetings. Area reps will be able to use the newly purchased conferencing software Zoom for regional meetings

instead of face-to-face meetings if they choose. Regional round tables will be held twice a year; in March/April and after annual conference in the fall. Area reps will be reimbursed for snacks purchased for meetings.

It was decided to hold regional roundtable gatherings at conference on Thursday night instead of grade band meetings in the exhibit hall. The board also decided to have everyone sit with their region at the business meeting luncheon on Friday. We will use table markers to designate tables for each region. These opportunities will give members of each region a chance to get to know one another better and make connections at conference.

Area Rep/Membership Document

Misti Jenkins

Misti Jenkins shared that membership chair Cristol Kapp has emailed area reps a spreadsheet of members who have not renewed their membership for 2017. Area reps were asked to reach out to these lapsed member and encourage them to join TASL. A spreadsheet containing the names and contacts of all school librarians in Tennessee will also be sent out. Area reps were asked to reach out and make contact with at least one librarian in each district and encourage TASL membership.

Adjournment

M-APR17-4: Mindy Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Amy Balducci. Motion Passed.

Before adjournment, Misti Jenkins reminded everyone that September 28 at Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN is the next board meeting.

April 2017 Motion Summary

M-APR17-1: Raina Scoggins made a motion that we continue to use Sched for our TASL conference each year until a new program is determined to be needed. Seconded by Amy Baldacci. MOTION PASSED.

M-APR17-2: Mindy Nichols made a motion that the treasurer purchase a new laptop and QuickBooks not to exceed \$800. Motion seconded by Raina Scoggins MOTION PASSED.

M-APR17-3: Blake Hopper made a motion that TASL purchase a subscription for Zoom to use for virtual meeting for one year. Seconded by Raina Scoggins. MOTION PASSED.

M-APR17-4: Mindy Nichols made a motion adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Amy Balducci. MOTION PASSED.

Dates to Remember

National Library Legislative Day: May 1-2, Washington DC

TASL Road Trip: June 13 (East) and June 15 (West)
ALA Annual: June 22-27, Chicago, IL
Board Meeting: September 28, Conference
TASL Conference 2017: September 28-30, Murfreesboro, TN
AASL Conference 2017: November 9-11, Phoenix, AZ

Respectfully submitted,

**Vicki Winstead
TASL Secretary 2017**