

## **TASL Annual Business Meeting 2017**

**September 29,**

### **Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order**

**Misti Jenkins**

The annual business meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held in Murfreesboro, TN at Embassy Suites Conference Center September 29, 2017. President Misti Jenkins called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. and welcomed members and special guests.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**Misti Jenkins**

The minutes from the 2016 annual business meeting and the treasurer's report were included in the conference program. The president asked members to review these and then called for additions and corrections. There were none. Becky Jackman made a motion that we accept the minutes of the 2016 annual business meeting as submitted. Mindy Nichols seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

### **Nominating Committee Recommendations**

**Mindy Nichols**

Mindy Nichols, Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, recommended the following slate of officers for 2018:

- President - Blake Hopper
- President Elect - Jennifer Sharp
- Secretary - Amy Balducci
- Treasurer - Elizabeth Shepherd

The slate of officers were invited to the stage, and the president called for nominations from the floor. There were none. Misti Jenkins called for a vote for the slate of officers; the slate of officers was accepted by a two-thirds majority.

### **Membership**

**Ginger Kirchmyer**

The membership report was given by Ginger Kirchmyer. TASL currently has 753 active members. The TASL membership year is Jan 1 to Dec 31. Ginger reminded everyone to renew their membership by January 15 and support TASL by joining a committee.

### **Affiliate Introductions and News**

**TEL**

**Erin Loree**

TEL will be sending an email on the TASL listserv with news and information. TEL completed an RFP for contract with Gale and will continue to offer Gale databases for the next five years. There is some new content, including Lit Finder. Erin encouraged everyone to share this with English teachers. There are also new titles in the reference library, including full text. TEL is also working on two new RFPs, one for Learning Express Library and one for Language Learning. The process for this is just starting.

**TLA****Erika Long**

Erika Long shared information about the partnership between TLA and TASL. She also discussed the Louise Meredith Scholarship. The nomination period for the Louise Meredith School Librarian Scholarship is now open on the TLA website. Erika encouraged TASL members to become a member of TLA and asked that anyone with questions about TLA stop by their booth in the vendor hall.

**TENN-Share****Jenifer Grady**

TENN-Share is a statewide consortium for all types of libraries. There is a reduced price membership available for school librarians who join as a district. Joining TENN-Share provides its' members discounts for several vendors. Jenifer encouraged everyone to stop by the TENN-Share booth for more information. Data Fest will be October 26. Jenifer encouraged school librarians to attend as there will be new sessions offered for them. TENN-Share is also working on a new project that will provide ebooks to TENN-Share members for K-12.

**AASL****Mona Batchelor**

Mona Batchelor shared information on several Tennessee programs that have benefited from the AASL commendation including the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Book 'Em program. Mona spoke about the new AASL standards that will roll out in November 2017. She encouraged everyone to become a member of AASL and take advantage the benefits of membership, including professional development offerings.

**Professional Development****Katie Capshaw and Brenda Goins**

Katie and Brenda encouraged all TASL conference attendees to attend summer professional development. They asked everyone to submit a proposal to present and come and share. Bookmarks were given out to remind everyone of the upcoming dates of the 2018 summer professional development. East PD will be June 11 and West PD will be June 13.

**Call to Conference****Blake Hopper**

Blake Hopper announced next year's conference dates, September 9-11, 2018. The theme will be "The Future is Now." An invitation to conference card and stylus were on tables for everyone to take. Blake invited members interested in helping plan conference to attend the planning meeting later in the day and encouraged everyone to get involved.

**Adjournment**

Blake Hopper thanked outgoing president Misti Jenkins for her service to TASL and presented her with a gift.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50. Mona Batchelor moved to adjourn the meeting. Josie Callahan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Winstead  
TASL Secretary 2017