

## **TASL Annual Business Meeting**

**September 25, 2020**

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

**Vicki Winstead**

The annual business meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held virtually September 25, 2020. President Vicki Winstead called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. CST and welcomed members and special guests.

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

**Elizabeth Shepherd**

The minutes from the 2019 annual business meeting and the treasurer's report were included in a shared Google Drive via the virtual chat. The secretary asked members to review these and the president called for additions and corrections. There were none. Brian Seadorf made a motion to accept and Kelly Shipman seconded. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Ginny Britt**

The Treasurer's Report was included in the shared Google Drive via the virtual chat. The Treasurer asked members to review the report and asked for questions. There were none. Report stands as presented.

### **Voting Measures**

#### **Nominating Committee Recommendations**

**Jennifer Sharp**

Jennifer Sharp, Immediate Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, recommended the following slate of officers for 2021:

President: Lindsey Kimery

President- Elect: Katie Capshaw

Secretary: Brandi Hartsell

Treasurer: Dr. Ginny Britt

President Vicki Winstead, asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept the slate of officers. Becky Jackman made a motion to accept and Katelyn Jernigan seconded. Motion carries.

#### **Amendments to the ByLaws**

**Vicki Winstead**

The Constitution and Bylaws committee, Chaired by Elizabeth Shepherd, has undertaken an extensive revision of TASL's Bylaws. There are five amendments to the Bylaws being proposed that require a vote by our members. Amending the Bylaws requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Amendment #1:

Proposes changing the wording in Constitution Article V, Section 1 which states, *“and one area representative from each of the nine established TASL regions.”*

The updated version should simply drop the word “nine” and state, *“and one area representative from each of the established TASL regions.”*

This change reflects the update in region structure for TASL from nine to thirteen regions while allowing for future changes without the need to continuously update the bylaws.

President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept the first amendment. Martha Harris made a motion to accept and Johnnie Sue Hawley seconded. Motion carries.

#### Amendment #2:

Proposes changing the wording in Bylaws Article III, A, viii which states that the President *“will attend meetings, either live or virtually, of the TLA as TASL’s voting delegate or appoint a representative.”*

The updated version should simply drop the word “voting” and state, *“will attend meetings, either live or virtually, of the TLA as TASL’s delegate or appoint a representative.”*

This change reflects the fact that there is not an official voting delegate from our organization needed on TLA’s end but we feel it is important to have a TASL member attend the meetings.

President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept the second amendment. Johnnie Sue Hawley made a motion to accept and Erika Long seconded. Motion carries.

#### Amendment #3:

Proposes changing the wording in Bylaws Article V, Section 1 which states, *“through publication in the newsletter one name for each office.”*

The updated version should add the phrase as follows, *“through publication in the newsletter or other communication one name for each office.”*

This change reflects the update that we are primarily using our blog to communicate with membership.

President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept the third amendment. Katelyn Jernigan made a motion to accept and Ginny Britt seconded. Motion carries.

#### Amendment #4:

Proposes changing Bylaws Article V, Section 2 for the required members of the Conference Committee. The Section states, “*composed of the current conference chair, the future conference chair, local arrangements chair and other needed members.*”

The updated version should change to state, “*composed of the current conference chair, the Secretary, and any other committee members chosen by the conference chairperson.*”

This change aligns the requirements with what is stated in the Officer and Committee Handbook.

President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept the fourth amendment. Penney Letbetter made a motion to accept and Johnnie Sue Hawley seconded. Motion carries.

#### Amendment #5:

Proposes changing the wording in Bylaws Article V, Section 3 which states, “*and published in the appropriate committee notebook.*”

The updated version should change to state, “*and published in the Officer and Committee Handbook.*”

This change reflects the fact that committee chair duties are covered completely in the Officer and Committee Handbook.

President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept the fifth and final amendment. Johnnie Sue Hawley made a motion to accept and Caroline Mickey seconded. Motion carries.

### **Changes to Dues Structure**

**Vicki Winstead**

The Executive Board recommends changes to the dues structure as follows:

- Eliminate the two year TASL membership option.
- Change the yearly base membership cost to \$50.
- Increase all \$15 membership categories to \$30
- Increase supervisor and professor dues to \$50
- Increase corporate membership to \$100

President Vicki Winstead asked if there was a motion to accept. Elizabeth Shepherd made a motion to accept and Martha Harris seconded. Motion carries.

## **Membership**

**Martha Harris**

The membership report was read on behalf of Martha Harris. TASL currently has 521 active members with membership steadily increasing. The TASL membership year is Jan 1 to Dec 31. Everyone is reminded to renew their membership by January 15 and support TASL by joining a committee.

## **Professional Development**

**Katie Capshaw**

Katie Capshaw reported that the virtual PD this past summer was a huge success with over 300 people registered. Feedback was very positive and we are looking at doing more with virtual PD in the future, possibly some hybrid PD as well. Members will be notified of dates and information via the TASL website, social media, and info sent from area reps.

## **Affiliate Introductions and News**

### **TEL**

**Andrea Zielke**

Andrea Zielke shared several new TEL updates. Kids InfoBits has been updated to Gale In Context: Elementary, the High School Edition has been added, the Literature Resource Center has been discontinued, and Peterson's Career Prep has replaced Career Transitions; the new Tennessee State Library and Archives location opened in April and they are looking forward to class visits and field trips in the future; looking forward we have the Online Encyclopedia RFP, a school and teacher training program, the development of more video tutorials, and documentation to integrate TEL resources with school technology (ILS, LMS, SSO); as always TEL professional development opportunities are available, and Andrea is happy to come to your school to lead professional development sessions.

### **TLA**

**Blake Hopper**

Blake Hopper shared that Angela Fredrick will be taking over as our new TLA representative. As for future plans we are looking at strengthening the efforts between TLA and TASL when advocating for school librarians and a school librarian coordinator at the state level.

### **TENN-SHARE**

**Jenifer Grady**

Tenn-Share is going virtual in 2020! The annual DataFest and Tenn-Share Conference will be held online October 27th through 30th. DataFest session will be held in the mornings and the Changing the Game themed conference will be held in the afternoons. Jenifer also announced a new partnership between Tenn-Share and the Library Discount Network which gives your school access to discounts on resources Tenn-Share does not have such as: Booklist, Children's Literature Comprehensive,

Recorded Books, Tumblebooks, and more. See the Tenn-Share website for details. As always, Jenifer Grady is available to lead professional development at schools.

## **AASL**

**Vicki Winstead**

Vicki Winstead attended **AASL's** Virtual Chapter meetings this summer. The Tennessee Association of School Librarians was selected as the recipient of the 2020 American Association of School Librarians' Chapter of the Year Award. We have received the \$1000 award, and a certificate. Lindsey Kimery and I will attend the Virtual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. The next AASL Annual Conference will be held October 21-23 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Look for more information to come out early next year.

## **Recognition of Past Presidents**

**Jennifer Sharp**

Jennifer Sharp recognized several of TASL's past presidents via a video which included quotes from several of the past presidents. They include: Sherry Ball, Jeneatte Lambert, Nancy Dickinson, Diane Chen, Allison Maynard, Brenda Moriarty, Lynn Caruthers, Becky Jackman, Hannah Little, Beth Frerking, Mona Batchelor, Lora Ann Black, Mindy Nichols, Misti Jenkins, and Blake Hopper.

## **Call to Conference**

**Lindsey Kimery**

Lindsey Kimery announced next year's conference dates. The conference will be September 23-25, 2021, in Murfreesboro. The theme will be announced at a later date.

## **Adjournment**

**Vicki Winstead**

Vicki Winstead thanked President-Elect Lindsey Kimery for her outstanding work in transferring our conference from in-person to virtual.

Lindsey Kimery honored outgoing president Vicki Winstead for her service to TASL and presented her with a gift from the TASL membership.

Vicki Winstead recognized Jennifer Sharp, Past President, for her leadership and service to TASL over the past 3 years.

Vicki Winstead thanked the 2020 TASL Board for their time sacrificed and the energy expended that made TASL a success during this extremely difficult year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M. CST. Caroline Mickey moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie Shaver seconded. Motion carries.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Elizabeth Shepherd, TASL Secretary 2020**