

TASL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES - February 8, 2020

Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order: An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held virtually on February 8, 2020. The meeting convened at 9:00 A.M. CST with President Vicki Winstead presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Lindsey Kimery
Ginny Britt
Jennifer Sharp

Melanie Collins
Sherry Copeland
Emily Squires
Anita Fentress
Katelyn Jernigan
Raina Scoggins
Sandi Walden

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Elizabeth Shepherd
Johnnie Sue Hawley
Martha Harris
Liz Hicks
Lee Houston
Cathy Sanders
Angela Secret
Julie Stepp

OTHERS PRESENT

Katie Capshaw
Julie Caudle
Christa Cordrey
Angela Frederick
Jenifer Grady
Brandi Hartsell
Blake Hopper
Xan Lasko
Erika Long
Kelly Messerly
Elaine Posanka

Scot Smith
Cindy Welch
Andrea Zielke

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-FEB08-01: Raina Scoggins made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Motion seconded by Jennifer Sharp. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2019 meeting were approved electronically prior to this meeting. Minutes for this meeting will be approved electronically. All minutes are posted to the TASL website in an effort to keep the membership informed about TASL business.

Motion not needed to approve the minutes since they were approved electronically.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ginny Britt

Treasurer Actions:

- Current balances in our accounts are:
 - Checking \$6,983.29
 - Savings \$5,021.74
 - PayPal (both) \$11,336.13
- Moved our PO Box - PO Box 2013, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
- Filed our 1099 on time, paid our CPA
- Paid our Insurance
- Reimbursing ALA Midwinter - in process
- Awaiting 14 checks for members who registered/renewed who are sending checks

Treasurer Plans:

Moving money around to make sure we have minimum balances in each bank account

Additional Comments:

MemberClicks annual membership fees went up

Profit & Loss

January 1 through February 6, 2020

Jan 1 - Feb 6, 20	
Income	
2020 Membership	11,881.16
Total Income	<u>11,881.16</u>
Gross Profit	<u>11,881.16</u>
Expense	
Bank Charge	0.00
MemberClicks	385.88
PayPal Services	60.00
Refund - Duplicate Membership	30.00
Total Expense	<u>475.88</u>
Net Income	<u><u>11,405.28</u></u>

Profit & Loss

January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
Income	
2018 Conference	398.70
2018 Conference T-shirt	71.00
2019 Conference	57,212.55
2019 Membership	16,401.97
2019 Summer Road Trip	3,667.18
AASL Standards Book Order	1,861.36
Interest Inc	1.86
VSBA Stickers	231.70
Total Income	<u>79,846.32</u>
Gross Profit	<u>79,846.32</u>
Expense	
Accountant	121.80
Advocacy	1,529.24
ALA Officer Expenses	500.00
Bank Charge	136.00
Board Expense	622.11
Conference 2019	80,665.48
Insurance	903.15
MemberClicks	5,909.28
Membership 2019	29.25
Past president Grant ALA	892.44
PayPal Services	482.08
Post Office Expenses	191.65
President Elect Expenses	2,474.67
President Expenses	5,376.64
Standards Book Order AASL	1,485.00
Summer Road Trip 2019	1,883.28
Tax Preparation	590.00
VSBA	660.17
Website	400.00
Total Expense	<u>104,852.22</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-25,005.90</u></u>

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Lindsey Kimery

Committee Actions:

- TASL Bookmark contest was announced January 17 via TASL memberclicks email and on the website.
- Contest entries should be postmarked no later than February 18.
- Legislative Day plans were announced via TASL memberclicks email and on the website.
- Amanda Smithfield has been added as Co-Chair of the Advocacy Committee.
- Rep. Whitson's assistant and Chairman White's assistant asked for language to help write a bill for the addition of a State Coordinator position to be funded in the Governor's budget. There is a bill filing deadline of February 5th. They want to have a bill ready so if it isn't in the budget they can have the bill ready to go.
 - They filed a bill (HB2321) and Senator Yarbro has filed it in the senate. They filed it as a caption and are working with the Dept. of Education to get everything sorted out.
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- Lindsey Kimery and Amanda Smithfield did a webinar on TN Library Legislative Day.

Committee Plans:

- Partner with an SCBWI illustrator to judge the TASL bookmark contest entries.
- Award the winners.
- Encourage school library participation in TN Library Legislative Day.

Additional Comments:

I'd like to put some of the advocacy budget towards TN Library Legislative Day since we are benefiting from this day, and this day is designed to further public and school libraries, and we continue to try to partner with TNLA and support these advocacy efforts. I feel TASL should contribute in some way to the cost of this event. Tenn-Share made a \$200 donation. I feel between \$300-\$500 would be helpful.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Angela Frederick & Elaine Posanka

Committee Actions:

- Introductions between co-chairs
- Sent emails inviting TASL members to be part of the committee

Committee Plans:

- Publicizing awards to membership and soliciting submissions

CERTIFICATION & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Cindy Welch & Jennifer Sharp

Committee Actions:

Certification: None at this time.

Standards: Jennifer is working on gathering a committee of members to help plan, create, and deliver standards support for members in 2020. She has reached out to several possible members.

Committee Plans:

Certification: None at this time.

Standards: Once a committee has been established, we will meet by Zoom to exchange ideas and make plans for the year. Expect more news at the April meeting!

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Lindsey Kimery

Committee Actions:

- The Conference committee was confirmed and is posted to the TASL website.
- Initial contact with Embassy has been made to confirm costs explore options for vendors in the exhibit hall.

Committee Plans:

- Send the paid-presenter contracts
- Open call for member presenters for TASLCON April 15-May 15, 2020
- Confirm TASLCON member presenters by June 1, 2020

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Elizabeth Shepherd

Nothing to report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ginny Britt

Committee Actions:

None at this time

Committee Plans:

Contact people interested in being on the committee in the next few weeks

Call a meeting to discuss our budget and plans for the year, where we stand financially

Options for raising additional funds

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Xan Lasko

Committee Actions: To prepare presentation for TASL yearly conference with up-to-date information about intellectual freedom issues that affect our membership as well as suggest data and/or strategies that may help members in conflicts that may arise.

Committee Plans: The committee - myself, Doreen Brown, and Jane Phelps, will be meeting in March to gather resources for the TASL presentation.

Additional Comments: If you hear of any issues in the news, please forward to the committee! I got one this week about the possibility of librarians being jailed for inappropriate content in Missouri from a Rutherford County colleague :(

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jennifer Sharp

Committee Actions:

I have invited 4 people to be on the Strategic Planning Committee this year, and have 1 confirmed member - Sandi Walden. (Thanks, Sandi!)

Committee Plans:

I will continue to reach out to potential committee members, and once the committee has been filled, we will have our first meeting to go over last year's strategic plan, discuss our work for the year, and make a tentative timeline.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Martha Harris

Committee Actions:

Membership renewal has been off to a great start! Many have renewed.

The process seems to have been much smoother this year, no doubt in thanks to Christa Cordrey. The website membership page is clear and easily navigated. The only issues people inquired about was forgotten passwords, and those were few.

I emailed the entire listserv to alert them to renewal time at the beginning of January. Mid-January I sent another email to those whose membership is lapsed or expiring. A few requested their email be removed due to retirement or relocation. Those accounts were set to inactive.

Committee Plans:

We plan to further encourage regional reps to reach out to their area, both members and nonmembers. Hopefully they can find schools or districts with no active members and share the good news of TASL.

Also, at the end of the month, those who have already joined or renewed will be eligible for the prizes! Those winners will be selected and notified.

Additional Comments:

Only one or two members voiced discontent with the increased membership cost.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jennifer Sharp

Committee Actions:

I have confirmed 1 member of the Nominating Committee for this year, Elizabeth Shepherd. (Thanks, Elizabeth!)

Committee Plans:

I will continue to reach out to fill the Nominating Committee. Once we have filled the committee, we will schedule our first meeting, where we will discuss our plan for the year.

Additional Comments:

None at this time.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Katie Capshaw

Committee Actions:

- Sent emails asking people who had volunteered at last meeting to verify dates and locations
- Created a timeline

- Finalize dates by end of February
- Call for presenters March
- Send info to hosts by end of March
- Register for conference April (early to mid)

Dates/Locations that have confirmed:

June 16 - Blackman High School in Murfreesboro, TN hosted by Liz Hicks

June 16 - TNT Primary School in Speedwell, TN hosted by Blake Hoopper

June 22 - Vance Middle School in Bristol, TN hosted by Vicki Winstead

July 9 - University School of Jackson in Jackson, TN hosted by Krista Grace

Committee Plans:

- Finalize dates and locations - follow timeline
- Finalize cost for attendees and budget for hosts - budget \$5 per person
- Cost is \$20 per person for members and \$75 for non-members
- Free to attend if you are first time TASL member

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Kelly Messerly

Committee Actions:

- Used all social media platforms to highlight TASL initiatives and endeavors

Committee Plans:

- Ask to be notified when new blog posts are added to TASL Talks so that they can be pushed via social media
- Continue to advertise and celebrate TASL initiatives and endeavors
- Continue to spread news as needed from any other committees
- Continue to grow our online presence and collective PLN

Additional Comments:

- Recommend that conference presenters be *required* to bring their own 'dongle' to attach to their computer (whatever brand/model/style it is) to the projectors at Embassy Suites. Make this evident in the conference proposal language and make presenters aware that (unless Embassy Suites upgrades) the projectors are not wireless. TASL cannot be expected to provide dongles to support the wide variety of devices presenters have and we cannot count on the conference center to have what is needed.

- As always, please continue to notify me if there is something that needs to be shared via any social media avenue.

VSBA

Scot Smith

Affiliate Actions:

Please supply actions by the affiliate since the last board meeting.

Cece Bell, the winner of the Primary Division of the VSBA, will appear at the 2020 Conference. Neal Shusterman and Raina Telgemeier will hopefully send letters of acceptance.

The four selection committees submitted their third round of nominations in November. Piper Nyman of Metro Nashville Public Schools, Jamie Kelly of Knox County Public Schools, and Emily Farmer of Nashville Public Library are the chairs of the selection committees. Emily Farmer is also the chair of the revamped Publicity committee. The committees will meet in April and May to create their addendums of ten titles to add to the 2020-2021 list of nominations.

The deadline for submitting ballots for the 2019-2020 will be during the first week of May.

Julie Caudle of Williamson County Schools will become the VSBA co-chair, effective June 1, 2020.

Affiliate Plans:

The steering committee of the VSBA met at the TASL Conference to initiate major changes to eligibility of the books nominated for the VSBA. Selection committee members from the primary committee and public librarians believe that the books on the VSBA lists are “too old” by the time that voting occurs. We propose this change to the eligibility of nominated titles: “Only titles published during the two years prior to the year of voting are eligible for nomination and selection.”

Scot Smith and Pat Bashir, the two current co-chairs, have edited the policies and procedures for the VSBA to include these changes. Members of the steering committee were also involved in this process. This document--which appears on the next page of this report--will likewise require approval from TLA and TASL.

Guidelines for the Committees of the Volunteer State Book Award

Co-Chairs

- The co-chairs of the Volunteer State Book Award shall be appointed by the President of the Tennessee Library Association and by the President of the Tennessee Association of School.
- Each organization shall appoint one chair. The co-chairs may serve an unlimited number of terms. A co-chair may also serve on a selection committee. TLA dues for the co-chair

appointed by TASL will be paid by TASL during the co-chair's term of office. The co-chairs shall be members of both TLA and TASL for their terms of office.

- The duties of the co-chairs include but are not limited to the following responsibilities:
 - Supervision of the four selection committees and the publicity committee.
 - Maintenance of the VSBA page on the TASL website.
 - Recruitment of new members for the selection committees.
 - Communication to TLA and TASL and their members about the VSBA.
 - Creation and tabulation of the VSBA ballots.
 - Communication to the winning authors and their publishers.
 - Procurement and distribution of the VSBA labels and award stickers.
 - Distribution of review copies to members of the committees.
 - Approval of the final lists of nominations.
 - Communication with TASL regarding events at the annual conference.

Selection Committees

- There are four selection committees--Primary (K-2nd), Intermediate (3rd-5th), Middle School (6th-8th), and High School (9th-12th).
- Each single committee serves under the guidance of a chairperson.
- Each committee shall have twenty members; this number includes the chairperson.

Chair of the Selection Committee

- Each selection committee has a single chairperson. The chairperson may appoint an assistant to help with the logistical issues related to maintaining the booklists, counting votes, and communicating to other members.
- The committee chairperson is responsible for the creation and leadership of the selection committee. Duties of the chairperson are listed below:
 - Creation and maintenance of the selection committee with the goal of having a balance between school and public librarians, the three geographic divisions of Tennessee, and urban, suburban, and rural libraries.
 - Maintenance of the waiting list for the selection committee.
 - Communication between the members of the committees as well as with the TASL and TLA co-chairs.
 - Communication of the selection guidelines and submission dates for nominated titles to the members of the committee.
 - Creation of the list of nominated titles and distribution of that list to the members of the committee and the co-chairs.
 - Determination of the eligibility of nominated titles. Final authority of eligibility rests with the co-chairs.
 - Creation of the ballot for voting within the committee.
 - Organization of the annual meeting, including finding an agreeable time and location for that meeting, leading that meeting, and creating the final list of the selected titles. That list will be shared with the members of selection committee and the VSBA co-chairs.
- Each committee determines the length of service for the committee chair.

- The chairperson recruits and appoints the next chair with guidance from the other members of the selection committee.

Members of the Selection Committees

- Any resident of Tennessee is eligible to serve on the selection committee.
- A person who lives in another state but who is employed in Tennessee is eligible to serve on the committee.
- One does not need to be currently employed as a librarian or in a library to be eligible to serve on a selection committee. Teachers, retired librarians, and advocates for literacy may serve on a committee.
- Committee members must be a member of either the Tennessee Association of School Librarians (TASL) or the Tennessee Library Association (TLA).

Selection Guidelines

- Books may be fiction, poetry, or nonfiction.
- Books must be age appropriate for that division.
- Only one title of any one author will be included on any grade level list.
- It is acceptable to have appropriate titles on multiple lists.
- Only titles published during the two years prior to the year of voting are eligible for nomination and selection.
- Only books by authors who reside in the United States are eligible.
- Textbooks, anthologies, translations, and books from foreign publishers are not eligible.
- Titles from vanity publishers or that have been self-published are not eligible.
- Titles that are available only in digital format are not eligible.
- The award cannot be given posthumously. If the author of a book were to die before or during the year it is on the list, that book would be replaced by another title.
- If a book were to go out of print before or during the voting year, it will be removed from the list and replaced with an alternate title.
- The selection committee must consider the sincerity of the author and respect for the intended audience.
- The selection must consider the book's literary quality and its potential appeal to readers.
- Special consideration should be given to books with a connection to Tennessee (for example, the author resides in Tennessee or the book is set in Tennessee).
- Inclusion on a local school reading list does not prevent a title from being considered for nomination.
- The final list should include 20 titles, plus at least one alternate title, in each division.

Submission Dates and Committee Meetings

Submission dates:

- 📅 September 15
- 📅 November 15
- 📅 February 15

- Chairs of the selection committees should make tentative plans for the spring selection meeting. That meeting may be held during the annual TLA conference or at some other designated time and place on or before May 15.
- After each submission date, the selection committee chair will compile all nominated titles and distribute the list to committee members and the co-chairs. At this time, committee members will also be reminded of the next submission date.
- Selection committee members who do not submit titles for consideration by the second nominations date (November 15) may be dropped from the committee and may be replaced by the selection committee chair.
- After the February 15 submission date, the selection committee chairs will distribute the final compilation of nominated titles to all committee members and the two co-chairs.
- The committee members should be instructed to mark their ballots using the rating criteria outlined by the selection committee chair and bring them to the final selection committee meeting or mail/email/electronically submit them to the chair if unable to attend the meeting.
- Notify the co-chairs of the time and place of the final selection committee meeting.

Conduct the final selection meeting as follows:

Five readers must have read and rated a title for it to be considered for the final list.

Committee members should discuss each of the nominated titles.

Use a predetermined scoring method to arrive at a preliminary list of 20 titles.

Discuss the preliminary list and check for:

- Author eligibility
- Copyright date (preference should be given to the most recently published books)
- Literary merit
- Variety of genres
- Multicultural appeal
- Variety of reading levels
- Appropriateness for age group
- Connection to Tennessee

The committee can adjust final list if necessary by using the next highest rated titles until the majority of members is satisfied with the final list.

📁 Submit copies of list and ballots to each co-chair with the following information about each title in e-mail in a “Word” file within one week after the final selection committee meeting:

- Author
- Title
- Publisher
- Copyright

STATE COORDINATOR TASK FORCE
Kimery

Lindsey

Committee Actions:

- Rep. Whitson's assistant and Chairman White's assistant asked for language to help write a bill for the addition of a State Coordinator position to be funded in the Governor's budget. There is a bill filing deadline of February 5th. They want to have a bill ready so if it isn't in the budget they can have the bill ready to go.
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Committee Plans:

- Share the bill # with TASL members via social media, email along with information about talking with your legislator and asking them to vote for this bill. TASL members will be encouraged to attend TN Library Legislative Day to make this ask in person, or if they cannot attend, they will have wording available to contact their legislators via email to make this ask.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Buffalo Region Area Representative Report

Angela Secrest

Regional Actions:

TASL membership drive in my district. Letting librarians know that they can use B.E.P money to pay for membership; no out of pocket expense.

Trying to see how to be more productive as regional representative. Asking for face to face help I wish that was an option.

Regional Plans:

Maury County wants to do a conference or a large professional PD for librarians to learn from other librarians. The goal is collaborating with other districts.

Additional Comments:

No longer want to media specialist due to all the many other jobs, learning new standards, behaviors, and full schedule.

Social/Emotional help for our youth of today in schools.

Self/Care for teachers.

Clinch River Region Area Representative Report

Cathy Sanders

No report.

Davidson County Region Area Representative Report

Katelyn Jernigan

Regional Actions:

Emailed all MNPS librarians to let them know about joining or renewing

Created a list of all independent school librarians

Emailed all independent school librarians to let them know about joining or renewing

Regional Plans:

Email librarians after each board meeting with updates

Falling Water River Area Representative Report

Lee Houston

Regional Actions:

Please supply actions taken by the area representative since the last board meeting.

I contacted everyone in my area that was listed on TASL website to introduce myself and promote membership.. I then asked them to forward the information to the librarians in their district. I sent an individual email to all the librarians in my own district and met with them last week.

Regional Plans:

Julie Stepp sent me an email saying she wanted to organize a summer workshop. Kim Wattenbarger asked if someone could post a webinar on book repair.

Additional Comments:

I'm new to this so if there is anything else I should be doing, please let me know.

Hamilton County Region Area Representative Report

Melanie Collins

Regional Actions:

HCS Librarians are still working on building modules in the CANVAS learning platform. The past couple of support sessions/afternoon professional developments have been dedicated to building and uploading the documents into these modules.

The middle and high school librarians are in the process of creating an interlibrary loan collection. These supplemental books will be housed throughout the county at different schools. There is a master list of titles that have been shared and teachers or librarians can request for use at their schools.

HCS has a pilot partnership with Audible. Students and faculty members have been given the opportunity to sign up for an Audible account for the 19-20 school year. There are approximately 50 free titles and 6 credits for each student and teacher to have books of choice.

HCS has a pilot partnership with Teaching Books <https://www.teachingbooks.net/> for the 2019-20 school year. This is an amazing resource for libraries and ELA teachers.

Regional Plans:

Continue to build library specific modules in the CANVAS learning system.

We are working to create a list of Non-Negotiable skills that students should have mastered at each of the following grade groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. This is something similar to a curriculum map, but not quite as detailed as some states that we have researched. Does any other county (or region) have a list of library skills that your students are expected to have mastered at each grade level?

We will be planning our Summer Library Institute in the near future.

Hatchie River Region Area Representative Report

Sherry Copeland

Regional Actions:

I have contacted all the regional members to remind them to renew and to encourage them to ask others to join us. I have also recruited volunteers to serve as contacts for several school systems.

Holston River Region Area Representative Report

Johnnie Sue Hawley

No report.

Knox County Region Area Representative Report

Raina Scoggins

No report.

Obion River Region Area Representative Report

Sandi Walden

Regional Actions:

I compiled a list of public school librarians in the region. I emailed the ones not currently members to encourage them to join.

Regional Plans:

I plan to find contact info for private school librarians in the region and include them on the list.

Ocoee River Region Area Representative Report

Martha Harris

Regional Actions:

Please supply actions you have taken as area representative since the last board meeting.

We had a public librarian reach out to us about a grant writing workshop. I think it is great to have public librarians and school librarians collaborating!

Additional Comments:

I will soon be reaching out to the area to make sure they have renewed their hand checked with others in their area. I will also check to see if they have any news to pass on to the whole group.

Red River Region Area Representative Report

Anita Fentress

Regional Actions:

Sent email to Red River Region e-list

Introduced myself

Asked for awards, news and events happening in libraries

Reminded to renew TASL membership

Regional News:

I plan to make additional contacts with librarians in my region to encourage them to share happenings from their libraries and work to connect members on Twitter and other Social platforms.

Shelby County Region Area Representative Report

Emily Squires

Affiliate Actions:

I sent an email introducing myself as the new area representative in the Shelby County Region! I also sent emails reminding members to renew their membership.

Affiliate Plans:

Plan to reach out to region members and find out what we need to do to be a more active group in TASL. Working to help library media specialist with professional development that is meaningful

Additional Comments:

- expectations of my role to the Shelby County Region
- needs of our library media specialists in our region

Stones River Region Area Representative Report

Liz Hicks

No report.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES

AASL/ALA

Vicki Winstead

Affiliate Actions:

- No new statements of concern.
- Submitted initial information for three commendations
- Submitted application for Affiliate of the Year award
- Affiliate regions discussed the change in title from Affiliates to Chapters. Will move forward with this to be in line with ALA.

Affiliate Plans:

- Vicki Winstead and Lindsey Kimery will attend ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, June 25-30, 2020.
- Continue to work on statements of commendation.

Additional Comments:

- AASL will hold "Office Hours", an open forum meeting on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, led by President Mary Keeling. Upcoming dates are February 6 and May 14. More information may be found by visiting <http://www.ala.org/aasl/about/officehours>
- National Library Legislative Day will be May 4 & 5 in Washington, D.C.
- AASL Virtual Membership meeting is June 2, 2020, at 6:00 pm CST
- AASL/ALA elections are coming up. Members can vote between March 9-April 1. We have several TASL members running for election.

TLA

Blake Hopper

Affiliate Actions:

Finalizing Conference 2020 -- March 31-April 2nd Knoxville "Powering Limitless Opportunities"

Working on TNLD

Working on nominations for positions

Giving Lawrence County \$500 to aid with recovery from flooding

Working on some Legislative issues.

Membership numbers are up

PLA will be in Nashville Feb 25th-29th

Affiliate Plans:

Finalize positions

TENN-SHARE

Jenifer Grady

Affiliate Actions:

Nothing to report.

Affiliate Plans: Tenn-Share invites committee members for its 2020 DataFest and School Library Collection Fair.

Tenn-Share invites committee members for its Electronic Resource Committee who would advise on what products and services K-12s need and want.

K-12 libraries saved \$181,126 on products from Ingram Content Services last year.

The Movie Licensing license group serves 95 school libraries, saving 50% off retail, runs from February of one year until January of the next. School librarians have been invited to indicate if their schools need the license and whether they wish to renew.

Other:

The three K-12 reps for Tenn-Share are:

Rebekah Ellis, rebekah.ellis@knoxschools.org, L&N STEM Academy Library

Michelle Kornberger, michellekornberger@att.net, Havenview Middle School

Rachel Rich, rerich@lipscomb.edu, Lipscomb Academy Upper School Library

TEL

Andrea Zielke

No report.

Unfinished Business

Scot Smith discussed the need to change the VSBA book eligibility guidelines from three years to two years.

M-FEB08-02: Katelyn Jernigan moved to accept changes in VSBA book eligibility guidelines from three years to two years. Elaine Posanka seconded. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATION TO TN LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

Lindsey Kimery

Lindsey Kimery proposed using funding from the TASL advocacy budget to make a donation to TLA to help with costs of TN Library Legislative Day. A donation was made by Tenn-Share, and because TASL is also participating and attendees of TNLLD are advocating on TASL's behalf, we should show support of this event and help with the costs. Ideas for cutting costs with the bookmark contest were discussed, such as printing fewer bookmarks, putting copies of the bookmarks in the conference bags to cut down on the number that are available for people to take.

M-FEB08-03: Raina Scoggins moved to make a one-time donation of \$100.00 to TLA for TN Library Legislative Day. Emily Squires seconded. Motion carries.

DISCUSSIONS:

HANDBOOK REVISION TASK FORCE

Vicki Winstead

Vicki Winstead discussed the need for updates to the TASL Handbook. Jennifer Sharp will be leading this project and asked for volunteers to help review the TASL Handbook and update the information.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH THEME

Lindsey Kimery

AASL did not choose a theme for the 2020 School Library Month. Instead, they encourage anyone celebrating SLM to pull from curated SLM resources available on the AASL website. TASL has used AASL's SLM theme annually for the bookmark contest. Going forward, we plan to offer a theme that we pull from AASL's curated resources, and provide an opportunity for TASL members to vote on the theme at conference. The theme will be announced at conference, which will allow for the book mark contest

materials to be made available sooner and for the contest to start sooner than in previous years.

AASL STATE-LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR TASK FORCE

Erika Long

Erika Long is seeking volunteers who'd like to present to administrators.

Committee Actions:

Other than attendance at the first State Level Leader meeting in-person at AASL National Conference and a virtual meeting, no significant actions have taken place.

Committee Plans:

I am currently researching state associations conferences for administrators and superintendents. One of the goals of this AASL group is to submit proposals for these conferences and share with these audiences. I hope to get names of individuals to approach that would be willing to do so.

Additional Comments:

Our next meeting is 2/11/20 and I anticipate having more information to share at that point.

TASL E-LISTS

Christa Cordrey

Christa Cordrey demonstrated how to use TASL E-Lists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Sharp encouraged TASL members to enroll in the webinars, to check out the archived webinars, and to help spread the word that these are available.

Jennifer Sharp promoted the mentor/mentee program and asked for those interested in being a mentor to reach out to her, and if anyone knows of a new librarian, to please connect them with this program. Dr. Welch said that due to a shortage of school librarians, more districts are willing to participate in job embedded programs, which allow librarians to start working prior to finishing their degree. These librarians need a lot of support and can benefit from this program.

Vicki Winstead encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming ALA and AASL elections. We have several from TASL running: Blake Hopper, Erika Long, Hannah Little, Kate Lewallan.

ADJOURNMENT

M-FEB08-04: Raina Scoggins moved to adjourn. Anita Fentress seconded. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:07AM.

FEBRUARY 8, 2020 MOTION SUMMARY

M-FEB08-01: Raina Scoggins made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Motion seconded by Jennifer Sharp. Motion carries.

M-FEB08-02: Katelyn Jernigan moved to accept changes in VSBA book eligibility guidelines from three years to two years. Elaine Posanka seconded. Motion carries.

M-FEB08-03: Raina Scoggins moved to make a one-time donation of \$100.00 to TLA for TN Library Legislative Day. Emily Squires seconded. Motion carries.

M-FEB08-04: Raina Scoggins moved to adjourn. Anita Fentress seconded. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:07AM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 18, 2020: Bookmark Contest Entries Postmarked by this Date
March 10, 2020: Library Legislative Day - Nashville, TN
March 12, 2020: SEYA Book Fest - Murfreesboro, TN
March 31 - April 2, 2020: TLA Conference - Knoxville, TN
June 25-30, 2020: ALA Annual Conference - Chicago, IL
Summer 2020: TASL Summer Road Trip (dates and locations TBD)
September 27-29, 2020: TASL Conference - Murfreesboro, TN

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Shepherd

TASL Secretary 2020