

TASL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES - September 23, 2021

Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order: An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held on September 23, 2021. The meeting convened at 7:58 P.M. CST with President Lindsey Kimery presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Lindsey Kimery
Katie Capshaw
Ginny Britt
Brandi Hartsell
Blake Hopper
Katelyn Jernigan
Laura Dowd
Elizabeth Parnell
Sandi Walden
Heather Alexander
Elizabeth Shepherd

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Vicki Winstead
Angela Secret
Andrea Batson
Johnnie Sue Hawley
Martha Harris
Emily Squires

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelly Messerly
Christa Cordrey
Ari Baker
Andrea Zielke
Xan Lasko
Dustin Hensley
Amanda Smithfield
Kelly Shipman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-SEPT23-01: Katie Capshaw made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Motion seconded by Katelyn Jernigan. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 24th 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's Actions:

- Current balances in our accounts as of 9/22/2021:
 - Checking \$71191.71
 - Secondary \$4,481.37
 - Savings \$22,001.28

 - **Total: \$97,674.36**

- Deposit prepared - \$
- Outstanding Checks from 2020 - \$1175
- Outstanding Checks from 2021 -

- Conference
 - Already paid
 - Sched
 - To be paid
 - Award checks
 - Presenter/Author checks
 - Conference Payment
 - Favors

- Submitted our taxes with our CPA, all finalized and mailed

Treasurer's Plans:

Budget for 2022

Budget for Conference, reviewing past years, etc.

Monitoring accounts, continuing to check the PO Box

Profit & Loss

January 1 through September 19, 2021

	Jan 1 - Sep 19, 21
Income	
2021 Conference	35,952.00
2021 Conference Vendor	6,825.00
2021 Membership	24,992.00
2021 Summer PD	4,270.00
Interest Inc	1.32
VSBA Stickers	68.00
Total Income	72,108.32
Gross Profit	72,108.32
Expense	
2021 TASL Conference	913.50
Bank Charge	36.00
Bookmark Contest	658.77
Gifts Given	54.86
Insurance	331.00
Mailing Supplies	211.50
MemberClicks	3,648.52
PayPal Services	30.00
PayRoc Fees	1,465.33
PO Box Rental	148.00
President Elect Expenses	603.00
Refund - 2021 Conference	595.00
Scholarship	964.00
Summer PD 2021	142.92
Tax Preparation	545.00
TLA	90.00
Treasurer Expense	60.57
Total Expense	10,497.97
Net Income	61,610.35

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

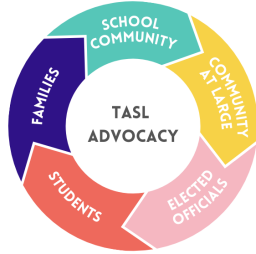
ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Amanda Smithfield

Committee Actions:

- microcredential is starting!

- graphic for website organization thanks to Tyler Santiano



- outline of changes to website page

Committee Plans:

- finish website
- support and promote new microcredential
- continue to think of new ideas to promote TASL

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Katelyn Jernigan

Committee Actions:

Winners selected and will be awarded at the VSBA Banquet

2021 TASL Award Winners

Distinguished School Administrator Award

Riley Brewer, Assistant Principal
Halls High School, Knox County Schools

Distinguished Administrator Honor Roll

Dr. Janetta Davenport, Assistant Principal
Liberty Elementary School, Franklin Special School District

Donna Gillum, Principal
Stewart County Middle School, Stewart County Schools

Dr. Kyle Nix, Principal

Christiana Middle School, Rutherford County Schools

Innovative Library Media Award - Elementary School

Betsy Wolf, Librarian

Sevierville Intermediate School, Sevier County Schools

Innovative Library Media Award - Middle School

Emily Haendel, Librarian & Renee Bailey, ELA Teacher

Halls Middle School, Knox County Schools

Innovative Library Media Award - High School

Britni Sauceman, Librarian

Tennessee High School, Bristol TN City Schools

Teacher Collaboration Award

Brandi Hartsell, Librarian & Rebecca Smith, Social Studies Teacher

Halls High School, Knox County Schools

School Library Media Scholarship

Brigid Day

University of Tennessee Knoxville

Diversity in School Librarianship Scholarship

Thippavanh Souksanh

Middle Tennessee State University

Clara Hasbrouck Award

Raina Scoggins

Committee Plans:

No plans

Additional Comments:

Need to get checks to winners

CERTIFICATION & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Suzanne Sherman

No report submitted.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Katie Capshaw

Committee Actions:

April

- Began receiving vendor session proposals.
- Began receiving member presenter proposals.
- Received final featured presenter contracts.
- Reviewed 2019 Conference Evaluations.
- Continued work on conference schedule in view of conference evaluation comments.
- Began drafting Advance Schedules for featured presenters.
- Began pushing out conference information via TASL social media by Kelly Messerly
- Worked with Christa Cordrey to get forms updated on conference website.
- Met with Conference Committee for the first time.

May

- Launched Early Bird Registration for conference.
- Selected member presenter sessions and notified them by email.
- Received confirmations from member presenters.
- Reminded TASL members of Early Bird registration deadlines and conference hotel discount code.
- Met with Embassy Suites Events Manager Chuck (by ZOOM) to discuss contracts and menu options, etc. They were beginning to return to normal operations. Menu options would not be available for a few months.
- Vendor registration and information updated and ready on the conference website.
- T-shirts were designed and offered for pre-conference sale.

June

- Selected TASL Conference Contest winners at Summer PD sessions.
- Finalized concurrent session schedule
- Finalized General Conference Schedule for back of COA
- Continued to work on conference schedule

July

- Emailed draft presentation schedule to featured presenters for approval.
- Requested travel information from featured presenters.
- Emailed membership an early bird registration deadline reminder.
- Emailed member presenters a draft schedule.

- Continued making adjustments to schedule as featured presenters began changing plans.

August

- Created a digital member evaluation with google forms and a QR code. Included the link to the evaluation form in Sched.
- Completed menu selections for Vendor Reception, Business Luncheon and VSBA Banquet with Embassy Suites
- VSBA Award details were coordinated with Awards Committee and VSBA Chair Julie Caudle.
- Finalized conference app Sched and shared with membership
- Sponsorships and donations: secured by Blake Hopper.
- Requested materials from AASL, for conference bags - never received

September:

- Ordered favors from 4imprint
- Vendor booth numbers assigned by Ginny Britt and Blake Hopper
- Finalized VSBA Banquet Awards Presentation
- Printed place cards for special guest for VSBA Banquet and Reserved signed for luncheon and banquet.
- Purchased gifts for featured presenters from various places.
- Emailed detailed schedule to all featured presenters, including transportation logistics, hotel information, contact numbers, map and schedule-at-a-glance.
- Liz Hicks is assigning facilitators for author signings at conference.
- Krista Grace is assigning facilitators for breakout sessions.
- Printed name tents, gift labels, schedule at a glance, thank you gift tags, certificates of attendance, VSBA programs and tickets.
- Received Profit & Loss statement. Included in conference program.
- Shared final schedule with Embassy Suites
- Vendor co-chairs emailed information, instructions and a copy of the conference program to vendors.
- Confirmed A/V needs with Embassy Suites
- Confirmed Exhibit Hall set up with Embassy Suites
- Confirmed plans for social media, photography and technology assistance with Kelly Messerly.
- All details were finalized with Embassy Suites for food, rooms, and audiovisual.
- BEOs and Banquet checks were signed and returned to Embassy Suites
- Preconference meeting with Embassy Suites events services manager and others on September 22, 2021
- Confirmed number of guests and dietary needs for Luncheon and Banquet with Embassy Suites
- Gathered supplies for registration desk and author signings
- Ordered t-shirts from the Worx Group in Murfreesboro
- Conference registration numbers as of 9/23/2019

- Attendees: 253 (1 child)
- Administrators: 1
- Saturday Only: 3
- Vendors: 19

Committee Plans:

- Write thank-you notes for featured presenters, sponsors, etc.
- Read and analyze trends from member and vendor evaluations.
- Share documents, notes and Google Drive folder with incoming President-Elect.
- Meet with the incoming President-Elect to evaluate and possibly revamp the Conference Committee to help with the load of planning.

Additional Comments:

- Our attendance was down this year due to COVID, however we were very pleased with 250+ in attendance all things considered.
- Several authors/speakers switched to virtual at the last minute.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Brandi Hartsell

Committee Actions: We will vote to accept TEL as an official affiliate in the business meeting tomorrow.

Committee Plans: None

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Vicki Winstead

Committee Actions:

This summer, the EDI committee partnered with the University of Tennessee's Center for Childrens and Young Adult Literature to offer the first Freedom to Read book study project. The Freedom To Read Project focused on the book Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. The project was offered free of charge to interested librarians and teachers. The group met twice, once in June and once in July to discuss this important book. Both sessions were well attended. It is the hopes of this committee that this will be an annual event and continuing partnership.

The EDI committee is pleased to award the first Diversity in School Librarianship award at TASL conference 2021. This joint award between TASL, Capstone, and TLA will be awarded to Thipphavanh Souksanh, a graduate student at MTSU.

Committee Plans:

The committee will meet soon to plan our next steps as we go forward into 2022.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ginny Britt

Committee Actions:

None at this time

Committee Plans:

Forming Budget for 2022

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Xan Lasko

Committee Actions:

Xan attended the State of States Intellectual Freedom meetings in June and September (last week). Some information related from these meetings included current legal challenges happening nationally. In a nutshell, we are one of the more conservative legislative states that are challenging what is being taught in schools. This does not extend to choice materials, however, librarians do need to be careful when recommending titles, websites, etc., that involve any of the subjects named (from TN State Code):

- (1) The following concepts are prohibited concepts that shall not be included or promoted in a course of instruction, curriculum, instructional program, or in supplemental instructional materials:
 - a. One (1) race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex;
 - b. An individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex, is inherently privileged, racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously;
 - c. An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of the individual's race or sex;
 - d. An individual's moral character is determined by the individual's race or sex;
 - e. An individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex;
 - f. An individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or another form of psychological distress solely because of the individual's race or sex;
 - g. A meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist, or designed by a particular race or sex to oppress members of another race or sex;
 - h. This state or the United States is fundamentally or irredeemably racist or sexist;
 - i. Promoting or advocating the violent overthrow of the United States government;

- j. Promoting division between, or resentment of, a race, sex, religion, creed, nonviolent political affiliation, social class, or class of people;
 - k. Ascribing character traits, values, moral or ethical codes, privileges, or beliefs to a race or sex, or to an individual because of the individual's race or sex;
 - l. The rule of law does not exist, but instead is series of power relationships and struggles among racial or other groups;
 - m. All Americans are not created equal and are not endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; or
 - n. Governments should deny to any person within the government's jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection .03(1), LEAs and public charter schools are not prohibited from including or promoting concepts as part of a course of instruction, in a curriculum or instructional program, or through the use of supplemental instructional materials if those concepts involve:
- a. The history of an ethnic group, as described in textbooks and instructional materials adopted in accordance Tennessee Code Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22;
 - b. The impartial discussion of controversial aspects of history;
 - c. The impartial instruction on the historical oppression of a particular group of people based on race, ethnicity, class, nationality, religion, or geographic region; or
 - d. Historical documents relevant to subdivisions .03(2)(a)-(c) that are permitted under Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1011.

Committee Plans:

We are presenting at conference on current Intellectual Freedom on the state of our state and others. We will be highlighting resources for librarians to use to help during challenges as well. We will also be sharing about banned books week.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vicki Winstead

Committee Actions:

The strategic planning committee met in May 2021 to begin reviewing and revising the strategic plan and the five year plan.

Suggestions and revisions were discussed and added to the plan.

Committee Plans:

The committee will meet in October to finalize the plan and submit to the board for approval at the November board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Martha Harris

Committee Actions:

Monitor new membership/renewals and assist as needed.

Welcomed many renewals in anticipation of the conference.

Committee Plans:

Continue to help members as needed.

Additional Comments:

Total Active **658**

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

Kelly Shipman and Susan Oldham

Committee Actions:

We have run flyers in August and September newsletters and through these links have successfully matched 4 new mentees with mentor volunteers!

Committee Plans:

We will continue to promote this opportunity in the monthly newsletter and will also be following up with the mentor/mentee matches to see how things are going.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vicki Winstead

Committee Actions:

Committee members Jennifer Shapr, Elizabeth Miller, Christa Cordrey and Vicki Winstead met throughout the spring and early summer to discuss and recommend TASL members for officer positions. The committee also shared a nomination form with all TASL members to solicit external nominations.

After much discussion, the committee selected a slate of officers for 2022. This was communicated to President Lindsey Kimery in an email sent on July 5, 2021.

Committee Plans:

The committee recommends the following slate of officers for 2022.

President: Katie Capshaw

President Elect/Conference Chair: Katelyn Jernigan

Secretary: Becca Chen
Treasurer: Ginny Britt

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Blake Hopper and Katelyn Jernigan

Committee Actions:

- We had 4 successful Summer PD days: 2 in person and 2 virtual.
- Over 200 attended virtual and around 50 attended in person

Committee Plans:

- Plan to have only 1 virtual day next year, with a few in person locations
- Planning for next summer will start in January

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Kelly Messerly

Committee Actions:

- Promote TASL Initiatives and Conference
- Nicole Saslofsky (Burt Elementary in Clarksville-Montgomery County School System) helped create graphics to promote #TASLCon21
- Scheduled as many posts as possible prior to the conference

Committee Plans:

- Several librarians have volunteered to help presenters w/ tech problems (hoping they've all brought their own toggles for easy connection to the projectors)

Additional Comments:

- Invite all those present at the board meeting to take pictures of conference sessions, groups of librarians from your district, etc. to share on social media. Use the #TASLCon21 hashtag or tag @tasltn

VSBA

Julie Caudle

Committee Actions: Nominations for the 22-23 list has begun. The first deadline was September 15th with the next one on November 15th. Committee chairs, along with Julie Caudle, Pat Bashir and Cassandra Welch will meet at TASLCon briefly to discuss some items and committee members will present the current lists at sessions at TASLCon. Co-chair Julie Caudle has been working on a VSBA Google Site that she is prepared to preview at TASLCon and launch shortly thereafter that will allow faster

updates to VSBA information and streamline things, as well as allow people across the state to submit and share promotional ideas to raise VSBA's profile.

Committee Plans: Level committees will continue to submit their nominations until the final deadline of February 15th. Committee plans to launch the new website with TASL approval. Committee chairs, and the publicity committee plan to work on creating and submitting a new VSBA logo within the year.

STATE COORDINATOR TASK FORCE

Lindsey Kimery

Committee Actions:

- Shared our State Coordinator legislative efforts with the Junior League of Nashville and asked them to contact their legislators in support of this.

Committee Plans:

- Attend the ALA virtual Legislative Summit on Saturday, October 16, 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. central.
- Meet with Rep. Whitson to discuss a plan for the 2022 General Assembly

AASL STATE-LEVEL LEADER TASK FORCE

Erika Long

No report submitted.

TASL MICROCREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

**Dustin Hensley, Carmia Milloway,
& Heather Alexander**

Committee Actions:

- The committee developed a process for TASL members to earn a TASL All-Stars micro-credential badge by participating in TASL activities and events throughout the year.
- Actions steps for earning a digital badge were created with the idea to evaluate and update next year, as needed.
- The 2021-2022 badge was designed by a student at Elizabethton High School.



- More information can be found at <https://www.tasltn.org/tasl-all-stars>.

Committee Plans:

- Information about the micro-credential process will be shared during the luncheon at the TASL Conference.
- A poster will be displayed with a QR code to the TASL website with information about the micro-credential and a link to a form to submit evidence of completing activities.

The committee will continue work after the conference through reviewing submissions and evaluating the process to make any needed changes or improvements for next year.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Buffalo Region Area Representative Report

OPEN

No report submitted.

Clinch River Region Area Representative Report

Blake Hopper

Regional Actions:

Emailed the region last month and this month. Asked for news and reminded them about conference.

Regional News:

Campbell County paid for all school librarians to attend TASL Conference this year.

Davidson County Region Area Representative Report

Katelyn Jernigan

Regional Actions:

- Sending monthly emails about updates
- Asking members to submit topics for discussion at the board meetings
- Inform members of topics discussed at the meetings

Regional News:

- We will need a new area rep to take over when I become President-Elect

Falling Water River Area Representative Report

Andrea Baston

Regional Actions:

Remained available to help as needed. Reminded members of the TASL conference.

Regional News:

None.

Hamilton County Region Area Representative Report**Laura Dowd****Regional Actions:**

HCS library leadership updated and revised our librarian handbook.

The HCS Innovation office invited librarians to lead/participate/build a new innovation cohort. Currently in the brainstorming stage.

HCS Librarians have started a Librarian Book Club for the librarians to read and discuss quarterly. The first book is Ban this Book by Alan Gratz.

The Chattanooga Public Library and HCS librarian collaboration on providing library cards for all HCS students are in full force.

The SORA e-book initiative is still gaining ground for further funding.

Regional News:

Two librarians were mentioned during a school board meeting for providing what was deemed inappropriate books. This act of naming professionals and challenging books was against board policy, but the speaker had their 5 full minutes to complain about library books.

The board was sent the challenge policy after the meeting for review. The policy is very clear. Parents are welcome to choose what their own child reads, but they cannot decide for others. Libraries are to provide optional, diverse reading choices for students.

Additional Comments:

I've rebranded VSBA books as the "state book club" as a marketing tool & students seem to have responded positively to the slight semantic change.

Hatchie River Region Area Representative Report**Elizaebeth Parnell****Regional Actions:**

Emails were sent August and September, plus a reminder/encouragement to attend TASL conference via email.

Regional News:

No news was reported.

Holston River Region Area Representative Report**Johnnie Sue Hawley****Regional Actions:**

Emailed the region and reminded/encouraged them to sign up for TASL Conference.

Regional News:

Tennessee Teacher of the Year is from our region. (my school!) Not library related, but YAY!

Mrs. Morgan Rankin, 2nd grade at South Side School

Knox County Region Area Representative Report

Brandi Hartsell

Regional Actions:

- New to the position
- Will email region to introduce myself within the next week

Regional News:

- Brandi Hartsell won the TASL Teacher Collaboration Award along with her colleague Rebecca Smith.
- Riley Brewer, an administrator at Brandi Hartsell's school won the Distinguished School Administrator Award.
- The Knox County Schools Library Media Services department is hosting a Banned Books Week social media challenge using the hashtag #KCSLMSBannedBooks.

Obion River Region Area Representative Report

Sandi Walden

Regional Actions: Messaged group reminding them about the conference & asked for updates from the area.

Regional News: Nothing to report

Ocoee River Region Area Representative Report

Martha Harris

Regional Actions:

Remained available for help as needed.

Regional News:

None.

Red River Region Area Representative Report

Heather Alexander

Regional Actions:

Shared TASL PD information.

Regional News:

Some school districts in the region have plans to assist with supplies and donations for areas impacted by the recent floods.

Robertson County has moved from LibraryWorld to Follett Destiny.

Christa Cordrey has shared information with regional librarians about starting Battle-of-the-Books for the Red River Region.

Shelby County Region Area Representative Report

Emily Squires

Regional Actions:

Several middle school libraries in the area are back competing in the “Battle of the Books.” This will be an in-person competition.

Regional News:

- Germantown Municipal School District has changed automation systems from Alexandria to Follett Destiny
- Librarians from Arlington, Bartlett Schools, Collierville, Germantown, and Shelby County school will be attending TASL Conference
- Emily Squires (Houston Middle) and Jennifer Mock (Forest Hill) will be attending the AASL Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah

Stones River Region Area Representative Report

Elizabeth Shepherd

Regional Actions:

Emailed the region and reminded/encouraged them to sign up for TASL Conference.

Regional News:

N/A

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES

AASL/ALA

Lindsey Kimery

Affiliate Actions:

- AASL Chapter Delegates voted on commendations and officers for 2021-2022

- Lindsey Kimery is Chair of AASL Chapter Delegates.
- TASL nominated 2 commendations, Audrey Hamblen of Wilson County for her program Read to Succeed, and WATE (ABC) Knoxville, for their broadcast on National School Library Month. Both commendations were accepted by AASL. Both will also receive the TASL Presidential Award.
- Affinity groups may be called by any AASL member, and the purpose is to address an issue or work towards submitting a formal concern.

Affiliate Plans:

- Lindsey is thinking about starting an affinity group about 1:1 initiatives and the impact on school librarians.
- Many TASL members are attending the AASL National Conference in Salt Lake City.
- ALA will host a virtual Legislative Summit on Saturday, October 16, 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. central.
- ALA's LibLearnX replaces Mid-Winter. It is January 21-24, 2022, and it will be a virtual conference. Registration opens October 15.

TLA

Angela Frederick

Affiliate Actions:

The School Libraries Roundtable has started working on a google doc to create a one pager to share information for school coworkers- current topics include a librarian chair at the state board of ed and the current legislation surrounding LGBTQ+ and textbooks. If anyone is interested in working on this project- they can email Melissa at daragold3@gmail.com.

Tennessee Libraries seeks articles on all types of libraries and library activities and particularly invites the participation of Tennessee and regional librarians and writers who are new to the field of library science. <https://www.tnla.org/page/33>

Affiliate Plans:

The TLA Conference is scheduled for April 12-April 14, 2022 (Tuesday – Thursday) in Knoxville, TN and they will be seeking program proposals soon.

TENN-SHARE

Ari Baker

Affiliate Actions:

- Tenn-Share hired new Executive Director (Ari Baker) and Business Manager (Teresa Kline).
- The Tenn-Share board held a strategic planning session in July 2021 and outlined three strategic work areas for Tenn-Share over the next two years: 1)

Organizational Infrastructure 2) Librarian Engagement and 3) Financial Sustainability.

Affiliate Plans:

- Tenn-Share will hold the second virtual DataFest and Fall Conference on October 27th and 28th. Registration is free and will showcase how library work has pivoted in this past year across the state through all library types. [Registration](#) is now open!
- This Fall/Winter Tenn-Share will launch Consortia Manager, a new subscription and membership management platform for Tenn-Share members which will make access benefits and managing subscriptions easier and more accessible.
- Tenn-Share's current school library representatives are 1) West Tennessee - Leah Allison from St. George's Independent School - Collierville 2) East Tennessee - Charles Elmore from Wartburg Central High School in Morgan County. We are in need of a representative from Middle Tennessee. If you are a school librarian in Middle Tennessee interested in guiding the work of Tenn-Share to benefit school libraries, reach out to Ari at execdir@tenn-share.org.

TEL

Andrea Zielke

Affiliate Actions:

- New TN State Library and Archives opened in April 2021.
- World Book encyclopedia won the RFP for online encyclopedias until 2026.
- Have hosted school librarian groups for professional development days - Metro Nashville, Wilson County.
- Conference space is available for library related groups. Developing field trip programming.
- Currently reviewing Digital Readiness ebooks with some TASL members to be made available via TEL.
- Responsively designed and more accessible TEL4.org website will be launched on October 1, 2021.

Affiliate Plans:

In October, will start reviewing large middle/high school reference collections to be added to TEL based on feedback from TASL members who are weeding or getting rid of their print reference collections.

Have open TEL positions for an Instructional Designer and Training Assistant for the next year to create an Online TEL Academy and to provide additional training options for TEL users including improving communication and training opportunities for non TASL member school librarians.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Policy for children of members attending conference
- Change name of the VSBA banquet to TASL Awards Banquet starting 2022
- Review of area rep qualifications based on interest and willingness from a public librarian in being the Buffalo Region Rep: Practicing school librarian, school library supervisor, educator of school librarians or retired school librarian.
- We must vote to approve Brandi Hartsell as Knox County Region Representative.
- We must vote to approve Susan Earl as Buffalo River Region Representative.

DISCUSSIONS:

Katie Capshaw shared that a member requested to bring her child with her to the conference. After discussing with past-presidents, Katie suggested that we develop a policy that states if the parent is a member of TASL, the child may attend conference events at half price. Lindsey contacted AASL to find out their policy which requires exhibitor passes for children. Xan Lasko mentioned that it might be an issue for authors who are not expecting children to be attending. A suggestion was made to include wording regarding a behavior clause. Christa mentioned that we would need to use a discount code for registration. This policy will not be publicly shared but will be in place for such instances when members make requests.

M-SEPT23-02 Blake Hopper made a motion to develop a policy for children of TASL members to attend conference events at half price with consent to a behavior clause. Ginny Britt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Lindsey Kimery suggested changing the name of the VSBA Awards Banquet to the TASL Awards Banquet beginning in 2021. Katelyn Jernigan questioned if TLA needs to be consulted.

M-SEPT23-03 Katie Capshaw made a motion to change the name of the VSBA Awards Banquet to the TASL Awards Banquet beginning in 2022. Katelyn Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Two area representative positions were open. A public librarian volunteered to fill one of the positions. The constitution and bylaws stipulate that area representatives and members of the executive board should be a practicing school librarian, school library supervisor, educator of school librarians, or retired school librarian. Membership in TASL is open to other types of librarians. Blake Hopper shared that this motion was made several years ago and was not accepted by the executive board. Brandi Hartsell

suggested changing the qualification to certified school librarian or school librarian in training. Suggested to add practicing public librarian or public librarian in training. Katie Capshaw suggested changing the wording to librarian, librarian in training, former librarian, or library assistant.

M-SEPT23-04 Blake Hopper made a motion to change the qualification for all TASL leadership positions to librarian, librarian in training, former librarian, or library assistant. Elizabeth Shepherd seconded the motion. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-05 Katelyn Jernigan made a motion to approve Brandi Hartsell as Knox County Region Representative and Susan Earl as Buffalo River Region Representative. Elizabeth Parnell seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Policy on refunding conference registration fee required members to cancel by September 15. Need a policy on handling members who had to make last minute cancellations due to illness or death. Ginny Britt recommended that we refund half of the registration fee for Vicki Winstead and Carmen Kittinger.

M-SEPT23-06 Katie Capshaw made a motion to refund half of the conference registration fee to Vicki Winstead and Carmen Kittinger due to extenuating circumstances. Katelyn Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandi Hartsell begged members to present webinars for TASL. For November, add to the agenda to discuss webinar expectations (i.e. number of webinars offered each month and providing certificates to members who do not attend live).

ADJOURNMENT

M-SEPT23-07: Katelyn Jernigan moved to adjourn. Xan Lasko seconded. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM CST.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 MOTION SUMMARY

M-SEPT23-01: Katie Capshaw made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Motion seconded by Katelyn Jernigan. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-02 Blake Hopper made a motion to develop a policy for children of TASL members to attend conference events at half price with consent to a behavior clause. Ginny Britt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-03 Katie Capshaw made a motion to change the name of the VSBA Awards Banquet to the TASL Awards Banquet beginning in 2022. Katelyn Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-04 Blake Hopper made a motion to change the qualification for all TASL leadership positions to librarian, librarian in training, former librarian, or library assistant. Elizabeth Shepherd seconded the motion. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-05 Katelyn Jernigan made a motion to approve Brandi Hartsell as Knox County Region Representative and Susan Earl as Buffalo River Region Representative. Elizabeth Parnell seconded the motion. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-06 Katie Capshaw made a motion to refund half of the conference registration fee to Vicki Winstead and Carmen Kittinger due to extenuating circumstances. Katelyn Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

M-SEPT23-07: Katelyn Jernigan moved to adjourn. Xan Lasko seconded. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM CST.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 21-23, 2021: AASL National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
November 6, 2021: TASL Board Meeting
January 21-14, 2022: ALA LibLearnX (virtual)

Respectfully submitted,

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TASL Secretary 2021