

TASL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES - February 6, 2021

Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order: An executive board meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians was held virtually on February 6, 2021. The meeting convened at 9:05 A.M. CST with President Lindsey Kimery presiding.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Lindsey Kimery
Katie Capshaw
Ginny Britt
Brandi Hartsell
Vicki Winstead

Andrea Batson
Angela Secret
Blake Hopper
Katelyn Jernigan
Laura Dowd
Elizabeth Parnell
Sandi Walden
Heather Alexander
Elizabeth Shepherd
Sandi Walden
Martha Harris

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Johnnie Sue Hawley
Raina Scoggins
Emily Squires

OTHERS PRESENT

Julie Caudle
Angela Frederick
Erika Long
Jennifer Sharp
Kelly Shipman
Amanda Smithfield
Andrea Zielke
Stephanie Garrett
Xan Lasko

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-FEB7-01: Katelyn Jernigan made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Motion seconded by Blake Hopper. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 7th 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 are:
 - Checking \$16,234.23
 - Secondary \$8,216.99
 - Savings \$22,000.00

 - **Total: \$46,451.22**

- Deposit prepared - \$850
- Checks to be mailed - Jennifer Sharp, Lindsey Kimery, Sara Knight, CPA
- Outstanding Checks from 2020 - \$1175
- Fees to PayRoc have not been withdrawn from our account

- All money received since January 1 has been for Membership Dues
- Conference - working on reviewing 2019 bill and preparing for 2021 conference
- Submitted 1099s with CPA, all finalized and mailed
- Cancelled PayPal account

Treasurer's Plans:

Budget

- Budget for Conference, reviewing past years, etc.
- Monitoring accounts, continuing to check the PO Box
- We are up to date on all taxes, CPA
- I will initiate 2020 taxes in February.

Profit & Loss

January 1 through February 5, 2021

	Jan 1 - Feb 5, 21
Income	
2020 Membership	50.00
2021 Membership	13,110.00
Interest Inc	0.04
VSBA Stickers	11.00
Total Income	13,171.04
Gross Profit	13,171.04
Expense	
ALA - Midwinter	130.00
ALA Dues	174.00
MemberClicks	407.16
PayPal Services	30.00
PayRoc Adjustment	18.81
PO Box Rental	148.00
TLA	90.00
Treasurer Expense	60.57
Total Expense	1,058.54
Net Income	12,112.50

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Amanda Smithfield

Committee Actions:

1. arrange bookmark contest including judging
2. met with committee (notes-
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RcJjgKxWqxBmlgZug_Nesz8FErqux2qUh_IBSivcTSQ/edit?usp=sharing) committee members include Tyler Sainato, Brigid Day, and Mary Davis

3. brainstorm of ideas

Committee Plans:

1. participate in library legislative day
2. redo the advocacy page on the website (we are analyzing several by other state school library associations!)
3. idea for a microcredential (this is big, y'all!) info:
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/reflecting-on-our-practice-through-micro-credentials/>

Additional Comments: follow-up meeting with committee in mid February

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Katelyn Jernigan

Committee Actions:

All awards will continue this year

- The Innovative Library Media Program Award - \$500 and plaque
- The Distinguished School Administrator Honor Roll - plaque
- The Clara Hasbrouck Award - plaque
- The School Library Media Specialist Scholarship (2) - \$1,000 and plaque(?)
- Teacher Collaboration Award - \$500 and plaque for each member of the team

Awards will be given at Conference Banquet

Committee Plans:

Discuss possible Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award

Advertise on social media, blog, website

- Call for applicants - early May
- Due Date - September 1

Additional Comments:

Clara Hasbrouck

- She will no longer evaluate applications
- Hoping to discuss what she looks for in winners
- Award will continue in her name

CERTIFICATION & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Jennifer Sharp

Committee Actions:

- Finalized committee work from 2020, including the beginning stages of [a crosswalk to the TEAM rubric](#).
- Organized digital materials for Standards committee from the past several years to prepare for Chair transition.
- Met with a potential Chair to discuss recommendations for future work of this committee.

Committee Plans:

- This committee is seeking a Chair, as I have stepped down to focus on other commitments; if you know someone who might be interested, have them reach out to Lindsey!
- **UPDATE: We have a new Chair, Suzanne Sherman.**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Katie Capshaw

Committee Actions:

Planning for the 2021 TASL Conference has begun

- Dates: September 23-25, 2021 Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro
- Theme: Writing the Next Chapter: The Future of School Libraries is in our Hands



Writing the Next Chapter

THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES IS IN OUR HANDS

- Made initial contacts with Embassy Suites and Scholastic
- Vicki Winstead is working on speakers and authors
- Finalizing Committee (see attached list)

- Set tentative prices and dates for registration
 - Members
 - Early Bird - \$130 through July 15th
 - Regular - \$155 through August 31st
 - Late - \$180 through September 17th
 - Non-Members
 - Early bird \$230 through July 15th
 - Regular - \$255 through August 31st
 - Late - \$280 through September 17th

Committee Plans:

- Begin registration
- Call to present in April after summer PD
- Would like to have a few “tracks” or recommended sessions ex. New Librarian Track, Elementary Track, etc. (ideas...???)
- Continue with contracts and planning details

Additional Comments:

The plan is currently to meet in person, but we understand that this a fluid situation and could be changed to virtual at any time. At this time, as numbers decrease and the vaccine is distributed, it looks promising to have an in person conference.

2021 Conference Committee

2021 TASL President and Business Meeting	Lindsey Kimery	Lindsey.Kimery.tasl@gmail.com
President-Elect and Conference Chair	Katie Capshaw	
Secretary	Brandi Hartsell	brandi.hartsell@knoxschools.org
Treasurer	Dr. Ginny Britt	ginny.britt@rcstn.net
2021 Immediate Past President and Featured Speakers	Vicki Winstead	
Bookstore	Eric Matthews	matthewsj@rcschools.net

Registration	Brandi Hartsell	brandi.hartsell@knoxschools.org
Sponsorships and Door Prizes	TBD	
Exhibit Hall	Blake Hopper Hannah Little	blake.hopper.tasl@gmail.com hlittle@webbschool.com
VSBA	Julie Caudle	juliec1@wcs.edu
Business Meeting Setup	Brian Seadorf Martha Harris	seadorfb@rcschools.net mbharris1218@gmail.com
Novel Conversation	Julie Caudle Tyler Sainato Julie Shaver	juliec1@wcs.edu tyler.sainato@mnps.org julie.shaver@comcast.net
TASL Conference Contest	Lindsey Kimery Martha Harris	Lindsey.Kimery.tasl@gmail.com mbharris1218@gmail.com
VSBA Banquet Setup	Tracy Parker	tracy.parker@sumnerschools.org
TASL Awards	Katelyn Jernigan	katelyn.jernigan@mnps.org
Technology	Kelly Messerly	messerlyk@rcschools.net
Shirts	Sandi Walden	sandi.walden@gmail.com
Conference Bags	Misti Jenkins Brian Seadorf	misti.jenkins.tasl@gmail.com seadorfb@rcschools.net

Author Facilitators	Lisa Graham	lisag2@wcs.edu
Session Facilitators	2022 President Elect	TBD
Social Media and Conference App	Kelly Messerly	messerlyk@rcschools.net

Purple indicates the person has not responded yet or the position needs to be filled.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Brandi Hartsell

Committee Actions: None at this time.

Committee Plans: Will review changes and updates made to the constitution and bylaws last year and review the current version for any needed updates.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Vicki Winstead

Committee Actions:

Members of the committee have planned and presented a webinar called Building Diverse Collections.

The committee has reached out to several vendors seeking sponsorship for a newly created joint award with TLA.

Committee Plans:

Continue to work on creation of the award that would assist a BIPOC student enrolled in a school library preparatory program of study.

Continue to explore how we can make TASL a more diverse and inclusive organization.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ginny Britt

Committee Actions:

Find committee members

- Elizabeth Shepherd
- Nancy Dickenson

Budget for 2021
Areas of Income and Expenses

Income:

Membership
Conference
Summer PD

Expenses:

Conference

Embassy

Presenters

Awards

Favors/Printing

TShirts

Reimb/Misc

Pres/Pres Elect Expenses

Memberclicks & PayRoc

Summer PD

Advocacy

Insurance/Tax Prep

Executive Board Expenses

SEYA Sponsorship

Committee Plans:

Working on a Budget for 2021

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

Xan Lasko

Committee Actions:

- Attended the OIF meeting in November
- Reached out to TLA to connect with their OIF committee twice – no response

Committee Plans:

- Follow and attend the OIF meeting of ALA for all states this month.
- Share challenge information periodically on the TASL Twitter page.

- Take a poll of “unofficial” banned books within the state. This will be done in a Google form sent out to membership so that anonymity may be protected. We plan to have results from this at the next board meeting.
- We will also communicate “Did You Know” information from the OIF meeting to membership.
- Share statistics on under reported censorship - not just in TN.
- Monitor the OIF weekly newsletter

Additional Comments:

- Gained a new member, Michelle Caldwell, through recruitment of volunteers. Yeah!
- Jane Phelps is our other TASL member on this committee.
- Please report any censorship that you know of or experience. Without proper statistics, we really don’t know how much censorship is happening. This hurts all libraries!

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vicki Winstead

Committee Actions:

I have recruited three area reps to serve on the committee. Thanks to Sandi Walden, Johnnie Sue Hawley, and Elizabeth Shepherd. I have four members-at-large, but need one more to serve, if anyone is interested.

Committee Plans:

I will continue to find an additional committee member, 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:

This is one of the busiest times of the year for the membership committee. The new registration system seems to be working flawlessly. Christa Cordrey had automated emails ready for members to remind them of the renewal time. Invoices were attached to the email as well as the registration link. The only issues people experienced were if

a bookkeeper needed an invoice for multiple people or if a member tried to renew but their membership had not expired yet (no action needed).

Region	Total Members
Bufalo River	55
Clinch River	20
Davidson County	32
Falling Water	13
Hamilton County	11
Hatchie River	16
Holston River	40
Knox County	19
Obion River	17
Ocoee River	23
Red river	41
Shelby County	31
Stones River	54

Member Type	Total
Corporate	2
Friend of the Library	8
Librarian / School Librarian	333
Librarian on Leave	6
Library Assistant	5
Retired Librarian	13
Student	17
Supervisor	5

Committee Plans:

I plan to ask regional representatives to encourage their members to seek out other area librarians who are not members of TASL.

Additional Comments: Thanks to Christa Cordrey for all her help and expertise!

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

Susan Oldham and Kelly Shipman

Committee Actions: Susan Oldham has updated the forms in the folder and written the newsletter article.

Committee Plans: We will be sending out the blast soon for mentors and mentees. After they start coming in, the process will begin to pair up mentors and mentees for the rest of this year and next year.

Additional Comments: Thanks Jennifer Sharp for leaving us in such great shape!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vicki Winstead

Committee Actions:

I have three confirmed members of the nominating committee.

Committee Plans:

We will schedule our first meeting, where we will discuss our plans for the year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Katelyn Jernigan and Blake Hopper

Committee Actions:

Meet to discuss plan

Options

- In Person Sites
- One Online in June and One Online in July
 - June 22nd 8 CST 9 EST - 2 CST 3 EST
 - July 8th 8 CST 9 EST - 2 CST 3 EST
- We may have to go strictly online.

Put the call out for proposals in March.

Announce Dates and Places

Keynote, If we can find one good, if not it is okay

Sent emails about locations

Committee Plans:

Follow up with emails

Send out call for proposals

Explore possible collab with Brentwood Library

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Kelly Messerly

Committee Actions:

- Used all social media platforms to highlight TASL initiatives, webinars, and professional development opportunities, celebrate awards and accomplishments, engage members/not-yet members, etc.
- Added MNPS Librarian Tyler Sainato to the committee to help with graphics, Instagram stories, etc. (Yay!)
- Created a shared Google calendar to help keep up with upcoming initiatives, celebrations, and happenings that need to be shared via social media

Committee Plans:

- Continue to advertise and celebrate TASL endeavors, spreading news as needed from committees/regions, and growing our online presence and collective PLN
- Consider leaning towards branding of social media graphics when possible - utilizing colors of the TASL logo or those requested by the board
- Encourage school librarians throughout the state to use social media as an advocacy tool, tagging TASL in posts sharing the happenings of their library (both in person and virtual) so that we can retweet/repost and get our stories in the public eye

Additional Comments:

- We encourage board members, regional reps, etc. to participate in any social media campaigns initiated by TASL such as #TNBestforAll, #SchoolLibraryMonth, #VSBACHallenge, #tnlld21, random “share a favorite book” posts, etc.
- As always, please notify me if there is something that needs to be shared via any social media avenue or of anything that needs to be initiated. Include graphics or just let us know what info needs to be shared.

VSBA

Julie Caudle

Committee Actions: All grade level committees are making their final nominations. Most are due by February 15th. A VSBA Reading Challenge was formed and sent out via social media and other channels to promote the VSBA's. Cassandra Welch and Pat Bashir have created and shared with Julie Caudle the Google Forms that will be used for voting later this spring, which will end in early May. Julie Caudle has been working with Vicki Winstead on securing speakers for the VSBA banquet at TASLCon. Alan Gratz is confirmed, both in person or virtual; Dusti Bowling is a probable for virtual; Drew Dywalt is confirmed for virtual, and a possible for in-person depending on COVID safety; and Angie Thomas is a maybe!

Committee Plans: Committees will make their final nominations and then meet at different times in the spring to discuss and vote on the titles that make the lists for 21-22. Winners of the 20-21 VSBA's will be announced after the voting deadline and Julie Caudle plans to push out the new VSBA website.

STATE COORDINATOR TASK FORCE

Lindsey Kimery

Committee Actions:

- Met with Representative Whitson in December to discuss strategy for the 2021 Legislative Assembly
- Amanda sent all legislators an email either welcoming them back or congratulating them and asking for their support of the state coordinator bill in 2021. She has started a spreadsheet with their responses. She's received some promising support!
- We created a draft for a letter to Dunn and sent it to Rep. Whitson so he can edit it and send it to Bill Dunn, advisor to Commissioner Schwinn.
- Whitson said if Dunn can get this position in the DOE budget for the governor, it has a 90% chance of getting passed, whereas if it's not in the budget and Whitson is trying to pass the legislation, it's more of a 10% chance of happening.
- We met with Rep. Whitson in January.
- We sent him language for the bill for a state coordinator.
- We drafted a job description which has been shared with the state coordinator task force.
- Rep. Whitson provided an update- Caption bills filed: HB0219/SB0347. While the legislative process is working, I'm still working to get it on the governor's budget. I had an opportunity to talk briefly to the commissioner for the need but I continue to work closely with Bill Dunn.

Committee Plans:

- Finalize the bill language with Rep. Whitson.
- Send the job description for his review.
- Testify in committee when called to do so.

AASL STATE-LEVEL LEADER TASK FORCE

Erika Long

Committee Actions: Nothing to report.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Buffalo Region Area Representative Report

Angela Secret

Regional Actions:

I have tried to ask questions about how everyone (librarians) are handling new technology purchases for elementary students. We have hotspots and new hard drives (Cd and DVD). I have a few responses of being overwhelmed and in survival mode.

Many librarians wear too many hats for a full schedule. Also, creating lesson plans for hybrid learning. We are looking forward to creating pacing guides and lesson plans for Middle Tennessee librarians.

This past year has been so stressful that weekend time is a must to relax and regroup.

Self care. When?

Regional News:

None.

Additional Comments:

None.

Clinch River Region Area Representative Report

Blake Hopper

Regional Actions:

Emailed Region

Regional News:

N/A

Additional Comments:

Working to try and communicate more.

Davidson County Region Area Representative Report

Katelyn Jernigan

Regional Actions:

Sent initial email introducing myself and ask for questions, comments, or news

Planning to send monthly emails to inform members about upcoming events.

Regional News:

None

Falling Water River Area Representative Report

Andrea Batson

No report submitted

Hamilton County Region Area Representative Report

Laura Dowd

Regional Actions:

- I am the new representative, Laura Dowd. I made a loom video with reasons to join that I shared with all of Hamilton's Librarians.
https://www.loom.com/share/1088634a14a3469e8376bf76a11bc4be?sharedAppSource=personal_library
- Cares Act via READ 20 supplied 1 free book to all elementary students.

Regional News:

- HCS libraries now have access to the public library's overdrive resources through the SORA app on classlink.
- We have partnered with Read 20 & the public library to make the Read 20 reading log digital with [Make, Play Read, & Learn](#)
- Ongoing Advocacy for a district wide Overdrive collection in collaboration with the Teaching and Learning EL funds.

Additional Comments:

IDEAS:

- Hosting a Volunteer State Book Awards Battle with Kahoot for schools across the state??
- Advocate that the Governor/state supply all of the Volunteer State Award books yearly to the schools. Maybe TEL provides digitally as well?

Hatchie River Region Area Representative Report

Elizabeth Parnell

Regional Actions:

This is my first meeting as Hatchie River Area Representative, so no updates to report.

Regional News:

I sent an email to the distribution list introducing myself and sharing state news, simple recapping news that was sent to all members at the first of the year and asking for news from area members. Two members reached out welcoming me to the position but offered no news or insight. It is my plan and goal to reach out to the regional members on the 10th of every month.

Additional Comments:

I have no further comments this quarter regarding TASL business.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the board for the opportunity to serve TASL in this manner and I look forward to working with each of you.

Holston River Region Area Representative Report

Johnnie Sue Hawley

Regional Actions:

Although not new to the area as representative I will send an initial email introducing myself and ask for questions, comments, or news

Planning to send monthly emails to inform members about upcoming events.

Regional News:

No new regional news since the last board meeting.

Knox County Region Area Representative Report

Raina Scoggins

No report submitted.

Obion River Region Area Representative Report

Sandi Walden

Regional Actions:

I sent out an email to the teachers in my region introducing myself and asking for any questions, news, cool things from the area.

Regional News:

One person has asked about the VSBA nominees.

Jill Renfro from Mckenzie is coordinating a reading fair project at her school. This year, instead of the projects on tri-fold boards, the students in grades 6-8 are doing a Google Slides presentation.

Ocoee River Region Area Representative Report

Martha Harris

Regional Actions:

N/A

Regional News:

N/A

Additional Comments:

I plan to reach out to my area soon to introduce myself. I would also like the members to introduce themselves and share ideas for our region. Perhaps we will meet as a group (virtually and hopefully, someday, in person.)

Red River Region Area Representative Report**Heather Alexander****Regional Actions:**

For the month of January, I shared a newsletter with the regional librarians (<https://www.smores.com/t379f>). I introduced myself, encouraged everyone to renew their membership, and asked for any news they wanted to share. I created a form that members can use to share things that are happening in their library / area throughout the year.

Regional News:

I had one response to my form. KeAnna Kilpatrick, from Minglewood Elementary School in Clarksville, shared the following: I was nominated 3rd-5th grade Teacher of the Year at my school. It's only my 2nd year as a librarian, and I feel honored that my colleagues would nominate me. It goes to show that what we as librarians do for our school community does not go unnoticed.

Additional Comments:

None at this time.

Shelby County Region Area Representative Report**Emily Squires****Regional Actions:**

Within my school district, I have set up library automation (Atrium) vendor meetings. Our district is looking for a new library automation system. We have been using Alexandria and have looked at Destiny and Atrium. I sent out a mass email to our librarians but was not given any feedback.

Regional News:

Our largest school district in Memphis (Shelby County Schools) has not been in-person all year. The district just announced that they would not be going to in-person until teachers were given the vaccine.

Stones River Region Area Representative Report**Elizabeth Shepherd****Regional Actions:**

This is my first term as the Stones River Rep so I have no updates to report yet.

Regional News:

I sent an email out to the region last month introducing myself and asking for any news. I did not receive any responses but I plan on taking stock of how many members vs. nonmembers my region has currently and continuing to promote membership. I also plan to touch base with my region once a month for news and updates.

REPORTS FROM AFFILIATES

AASL/ALA

Lindsey Kimery

Affiliate Actions:

- Signed AASL letter on behalf of TASL to Joe Biden's transition team
- Attended ALA Midwinter Virtual
- Attended AASL Chapter Delegate meeting

Affiliate Plans:

Share important upcoming AASL dates:

- February 11, 6:00 p.m. - [AASL Town Hall: Black History Month Reimagined](#)
- February 25 - [Jazz & Friends National Day of School & Community Readings](#)
(AASL co-sponsor)

Attend upcoming chapters assembly

- April 7, 6:00 p.m. Central - [AASL Chapters Assembly](#)

Recognize the One Book Blitz program for their ALA Commendation.

Additional Comments:

ALA Annual is virtual.

TLA

Angela Frederick

Affiliate Actions:

- The EDI committee offers a new LibGuide: Resources for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: General Resources
<https://library.chattanoogaastate.edu/edi/generalresources>
- TLA will support TASL in the creation of a scholarship for BIPOC school librarian students.
- TLA Children & Young Adult Roundtable will start virtual book club

Affiliate Plans:

- TLA Annual Conference is virtual this year. The theme is Tell Your Story: Shifting Perceptions. It will run from April 6-8.



TASL Affiliate Report
for February 2021



NEW LEADERSHIP

January 1, 2021, Stephanie Garrett, MSIS took over the reigns at Tenn-Share as Acting Executive Director.



MOVIE LICENSING USA

Coverage has been extended until 11/30/22. It's not too late to get 22 months of coverage for the price of 12 months.



STATISTA FOR K12 SCHOOLS

High Schools and School Districts receive a 10% discount on one or two year options for Expert Accounts.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 25th, 2021
Tenn-Share is holding an inaugural Spring Virtual Event.

10 FOR TASL TN

For more information email execdir@Tenn-Share.org

TENN-SHARE NEEDS YOU!

Tenn-Share is looking for someone to serve as the West TN School Library Representative for 2021-2022.

COMING SOON: LIBRARY FURNISHING DISCOUNTS FROM KI

Need Test Prep Help?

MOMETRIX is offering 60-day free trials for of their test prep tools for Tenn-Share Members.

Oxford World's Classics & What Everyone Needs to Know

These two popular print products are now available electronically.

Tenn-Share Members can now receive a 25% discount.



LIBRARY DISCOUNT NETWORK

Through a partnership with Library Discount Network, Tenn-Share Members have access to even more discounts and services!



FALL CONFERENCES

Thank you for making Tenn-Share's inaugural virtual event a great success. Through the online platform, a record number of school librarians were able to attend the 2020 conferences.

The 2021 Tenn-Share Fall Virtual Events will be held the week of October 25th-29th, 2021.

Visit www.Tenn-Share.org for more information.



Affiliate Actions:

The move to the new Tennessee State Library and Archives has begun, ribbon cutting in April 2021.

New address:

Tennessee State Library and Archives
1001 Rep John Lewis Way N.
Nashville, TN 37219

- Testing and Education Reference Center is now Peterson's Test and Career Prep
- Gale in Context: College is available
- Gale K12 Ebooks will be available starting Monday.

Affiliate Plans:

At this time, TEL funding has not returned to pre-pandemic levels so no additional resources are being explored

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to change the TASL School Library Media Scholarship from two awards, to one.

M-FEB6-02: Katie Capshaw moved to change from two to one. Blake Hopper seconded. Motion carries.

Establish a new scholarship award to be given to a BIPOC student enrolled in a school library program of study. This award would replace one of the two awards previously given. Name of the award, and complete criteria, have not been finalized.

M-FEB6-03: Ginny Britt moved to establish the new scholarship. Angela Frederick seconded. Motion carries.

DISCUSSIONS**Microcredential Offering****Amanda Smithfield**

The Advocacy committee has proposed the idea to offer a microcredential through TASL to encourage members to participate in activities. The microcredential could be

associated with a cost for members. Katie Capshaw suggested that offering the credential for free would be a great incentive for membership. Amanda Smithfield suggested that this endeavor would require an extensive amount of work and would need buy-in and effort from more than just the advocacy committee.

AASL Chapter Members Discounted Rates for TASL Con

Katie Capshaw

Katie suggested offering the member discounted rate for members of other AASL chapters. A vote is not required to offer this discounted rate. Vicki Winstead also mentioned offering reciprocal conference registration for leaders in other AASL chapters.

TASL Award Publicizing

Brandi Hartsell

Proposed making the award-winning applications public via TASL Talks or other means.

Conference Tracks

Katie Capshaw

Katie proposed creating new tracks for conference attendees including a track for new librarians. These tracks would be in addition to the Elementary, Middle, and High designations for sessions.

Summer PD Options

Brandi Hartsell

Brandi questioned why the committee was pursuing in-person summer PD events when the virtual events were so successful last year. Attendance at in-person summer Road Trips has been quite low in the past. Jennifer Sharp expressed that the committee previously mapped out a plan to offer small, in-person workshops in areas across the state to reach school librarians who do not have access to in-person professional development in their area. The committee will move forward with this plan, keeping in mind concerns over COVID-19. Katelyn also suggested exploring an “Ed Camp” or “unconference” option. Blake and Katelyn will further explore price options to make attendance a great incentive for membership.

VSBA Logo

Brandi Hartsell

Brandi commented that several TASL members have expressed a desire for an updated VSBA logo. Julie reported that a redesign is currently underway.

Sharing News

Lindsey Kimery

Lindsey expressed that all TASL leadership should share any news they have with Kelly Messerly, Christa Cordrey, and Brandi Hartsell.

Censorship Legislation Concern from TEL

Andrea Zielke

A representative from Murray County requested that someone attend a meeting of one of the subcommittees on education and instruction. The meeting will be Monday, February 8 at 3 PM. There is potential that a group will proposing blocking Gale from minors online due to allegations made by an organization in California that these databases contain pornography. Andrea may be calling upon school librarians to advocate for the Tennessee Electronic Library.

Review Vision and Mission**Lindsey Kimery**

Erika Long proposed reevaluating the mission and vision. The President has the authority to convene a task force to do so. Lindsey plans to establish a task force and is looking for volunteers.

Conference Price**Erika Long**

We have increased conference price by \$25.00 and increased VSBA Banquet to \$55.00. These changes were made because the organization was losing money. Erika expressed concern about price increases across the board. Proposed looking at possible alternatives for conference. Currently under contract through 2022. Vicki Winstead proposed making changes to cut costs. One alternative would be to create an alternative to the VSBA Banquet, which is quite expensive. Jennifer Sharp previously researched alternative conference spaces in Middle TN and found that most places did not meet our needs. Dr. Ginny Britt reported that we have lost money from hosting conference for the past several years (with the exception of 2020 which was virtual).

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Website Calendar****Lindsey Kimery**

Stressed the importance of keeping the calendar up to date and complete.

Oasis Center LGTBQ+ Training**Brandi Hartsell**

The Oasis Center in Nashville previously created an LGBTQ+ Equity and Inclusion Specialist certification for school-based mental-health workers. The organization is now developing a similar training for school librarians. Several TASL members are assisting with this endeavor (Brandi, Vicki Winstead, Lindsey Kimery). We hope to partner with Oasis to deliver this training FREE to school librarians across the state.

ADJOURNMENT

M-FEB6-04: Xan Lasko moved to adjourn. Vicki Winstead seconded. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:24PM CST.

FEBRUARY 6, 2021 MOTION SUMMARY

M-FEB7-01: Katelyn Jernigan made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Motion seconded by Blake Hopper. Motion carries.

M-FEB6-02: Katie Capshaw moved to change from two to one. Blake Hopper seconded. Motion carries.

M-FEB6-03: Ginny Britt moved to establish the new scholarship. Angela Frederick seconded. Motion carries.

M-FEB6-04: Xan Lasko moved to adjourn. Vicki Winstead seconded. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 11:24PM CST.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12, 2021: TN Library Legislative Day

February 19, 2021: Bookmark entries due

April 24, 2021: TASL Board Meeting

May 7, 2020: TASL Webinar: 2019-2020 in the Rearview and 2020-2021 on the Horizon

June 24-29, 2021: ALA Annual Conference - Virtual

Summer 2021: TASL Summer Road Trip (dates and locations TBD)

September 23-25, 2021: TASL Conference - Murfreesboro, TN

September 23, 2021: TASL Board Meeting

October 21-23, 2021: AASL National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

November 6, 2021: TASL Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Hartsell

TASL Secretary 2021