



Annual Meeting 2006
 New Orleans, Louisiana
 June 22-28, 2006

AASL Board of Directors
 Agenda Item # 4

**American Association of School Librarians
 Board of Directors**

**AGENDA
 Board I & II**

Exploration – Mega Issues

- How does the profession remain viable in the future? Item # 1
 - a. Relevance Mega Issue from Midwinter 2006
 - b. Affiliate Assembly Discussion from Midwinter 2006

- How do we structure AASL to best benefit the organization and its members? (staff, board, committees, members, etc)? Item # 2
 - a. Structure Report from Midwinter
 - b. Report from Strategic Plan Review of Committees Task Force
 - c. Subcommittee Report on Alternative Methods of Participation
 - d. History of 1996 Reorganization

- How do we find money and resources to implement the strategic plan? Item # 3
 - a. Structure Report from Midwinter
 - b. Financial Data

Information/Consent

- Agenda Item # 4
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- AASL Board Meeting Minutes from Midwinter 2006 Item # 7
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- Committee Reports (*Annual Report to Membership*) Item # 9 **
- Position Paper on Instructional Classification Item # 10
- Section Candidates for ALA Elections Item # 11
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Discussion/Decision

- Annual Briefing Item # 13
- Digitized Content and Issues for Libraries Report Item # 14
- Resolution on Balanced Representation Item # 15
- Get Out the Vote Campaign Item # 16
- Online Communities Guidelines Item # 17
- Distinguished School Administrator Award Item # 18
- Report from the Affiliate Assembly Chair Item # 19 *
- Report from Standards and Guidelines Review Task Force Item # 20 **
- Adoption of FY 06 Budget Item # 21 **
- Recognition of Outgoing Board Members (Board II) Item # 22 *
- NCATE Board of Examiners (BOE) Appointment (Closed) Item # 23 **
- ALA Representative to NCATE Appointment (Closed) Item # 24 **
- IFLA Appointments (Closed) Item # 25 **

* No Document
 ** Provided on site





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Topic: Ground Rules

Action Required: Information

I. Context Constitution and Bylaws, Article VII, Section 2 "The AASL Board of Directors shall set annually the AASL priorities, goals and budget."

II. Implications

1. The Board builds trust with open, honest communication.
2. The Board develops a knowledge based operational philosophy by conducting a style of decision making that emphasizes informed intuition and employs dialogue before deliberation.
3. The Board sets a budget to enable implementation of the mission.

III. Ground Rules

AGENDA

1. We will direct requests for agenda items to the President, who will set the agenda in consultation with the Executive Director and the Executive Committee.
2. We will make greater use of the consent agenda for information, consensus and non-controversial items.
3. We will focus on intended outcomes rather than specific details of achievement; we will not engage in undue "wordsmithing."
4. We will have a ten-minute open forum for members before each meeting that will be recorded in the minutes. Each speaker will have three-minutes to address the President as chair of the meeting. Requests to address the Chair must be made in advance of the meeting.

PROCEDURES

1. We will attend all Board meetings.
2. We will arrive on time and honor stated finishing times.
3. We will address questions to the chair who may direct the question to another board or staff member.
4. We direct the chair to conclude each item with a consensus statement and intended action for confirmation.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. We will request clarification and additional information for consent agenda items in advance of the meeting from a named contact for the item.
2. We reserve the individual right to pull any item from the consent agenda for discussion.
3. We will arrive informed and prepared or so inform the chair before the beginning of the meeting.
4. We will take the initiative to ask questions and pose solutions.
5. We will make no assumption of motivation or "hidden agenda" on the part of a colleague.



6. We acknowledge the responsibility, and accountability to us, of the Executive Committee and Executive Director for policy implementation and goal attainment.
7. We acknowledge silence is consent.
8. We will discuss ideas and issues without taking things personally.
9. We understand that it is the responsibility of each Board Member to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, advising the President if you will be absent.
10. We will be liaisons to at least one AASL committee and assume responsibility for attending the AASL All-committee meeting as well as assume responsibility for regular two-way communication between meetings, thus assuring committees attain their goals.
11. We will be willing to compromise.
12. We will keep the best interest of the association in mind.

IV. Necessary Support for Implementation

1. An annual orientation will be held for new Board members.
2. A list of association and affiliate leaders, with contact information and regular update will be provided.
3. An outline of the AASL structure will be provided.
4. An outline of staff responsibilities and contact information will be provided.
5. The agenda and supporting documentation for each meeting will be available electronically at least ten days in advance of the first board session. If requested, paper documents will be mailed.
6. Regular and sustained communication will be achieved through the appropriate electronic discussion lists and through mail.



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Topic: Parliamentary Procedures

Action Required: Information

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RULES OF ORDER By Eli Mina CPP-T, PRP 12/02

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE (RULES OF ORDER)

Parliamentary Procedure is the combination of rules and customs that govern the conduct of business meetings. The information provided here is consistent with Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

Hierarchy of governing documents (Sturgis page 203):

1. Laws of the Land (applicable statutes)
2. Constitution and Bylaws
3. Rule book (e.g.: Sturgis) and Special Rules of Order

Purposes of the rules:

- To create the necessary structure and appropriate level of formality for a meeting
- To facilitate progress
- To include individual members in discussion and shared decision-making on a "level playing field".
- To protect the rights of the majority, minority, individuals, absentees, and the organization

Voting outcomes:

- Most decisions require a majority vote to adopt
- Under Sturgis (page 135) abstentions do not count
- A tie vote means that a motion is defeated (Sturgis page 136).
- The presiding officer customarily does not vote, but may do so when the vote is ballot, or when his or her vote would change the outcome, e.g.: make or break a tie (Sturgis p. 137).

UNANIMOUS (GENERAL) CONSENT (Sturgis page 142)

Unanimous/General Consent is an informal method of taking a vote, used for routine and non-controversial decisions. For example:

- "The minutes have been circulated. Are there any corrections to the minutes? (PAUSE)? If not, the minutes are approved as circulated".
- "Is there any objection to changing the agenda to consider item 7 now? (Pause)? There being no objection, we will proceed now with item 7, and then return to item 3". **OR:** "There is an objection and we will take a show of hands. Those in favor of changing the agenda raise your hands. Thank you. Those opposed raise your hands, etc."
- "Is there any objection to amending the motion by adding the words `including all taxes'? (Pause). There is no objection and the motion has been amended to read: _____".



NOTE: Unanimous Consent is not appropriate when voting on main motions, since they do not qualify as “routine and non-controversial decisions”. Members must be given the full opportunity to express their sentiment by a formal show of hands.

FREQUENTLY USED SECONDARY MOTIONS

S = Requires a second. M = Majority adopts I = Can interrupt a person who is speaking
D = Debatable 2/3 = A 2/3 vote adopts

The motion	The use	Pertinent points
Point of Order (I) Sturgis page 87	Point to a violation of a rule, policy, or bylaw.	The Chair makes a ruling: The point is well taken or not well taken. Or the Chair can invite the members to decide
Appeal (S, D, Majority in the negative) Sturgis page 82	Two members who disagree with the chair’s ruling can appeal it.	The Chair explains the ruling, opens it to debate, and puts it to a vote: <i>“Shall the chair’s ruling be sustained?”</i>
Amend (S, D, M) Sturgis page 47	A motion to change the wording of another motion before voting on it.	See page 8 in this package.
Suspend the rules (S, 2/3 or general consent) Sturgis page 84	A motion to allow the assembly to waive a rule of order for a specific purpose. This motion cannot be used to suspend Bylaws and rules protecting fundamental rights (e.g.: minority and absentee rights).	This motion can be very helpful when the rules of order are proving too restrictive and wasteful and a more flexible approach is needed. For example: <i>“I move to suspend the rules and allow more than one primary amendment at a time”.</i>
Postpone to a certain time (S, D, M) Sturgis page 58	A motion to postpone the pending motion to a certain time.	Should specify the time to which the motion is to be postponed
Refer (S, D, M) Sturgis page 56	A motion to send the pending motion to a committee or staff	Should include instructions to the committee, e.g.: What questions will be addressed? When will the committee report? What is the Mandate (advisory? Implementation powers?)
Table (S, M or 2/3) Sturgis page 68	If used to postpone temporarily, the motion to table requires only a majority vote. If used to “kill” a pending motion, it requires a 2/3 vote.	Most times the motion to table is used incorrectly. The correct motions are usually to postpone to a certain time, refer or withdraw.
Withdraw Sturgis page 94	Before debate begins, a motion can be withdrawn by the mover. Once debate begins, only the assembly – by a majority vote or general consent – can withdraw it.	
Limit Debate (S, 2/3 or general consent) Sturgis page 62	A motion to limit or extend debate on a motion, e.g.: <i>“I move to extend debate by 5 minutes”.</i> Or: <i>“I move to end debate at 10:30”.</i> This motion is not debatable.	



Close debate (S, 2/3) Sturgis page 65	A motion to close debate and vote immediately: " <i>I move we close debate</i> ". This motion is not debatable.	When the motion is made, the Chair can check if there is general consent to closing debate. If not, she or he takes a vote on whether debate will be closed (2/3 needed).
Consider informally (S, M) Sturgis page 128	A motion to allow informal consideration of a topic without a motion on the floor.	This motion helps when the premature introduction of a motion would be constraining and counter-productive.
Question of Privilege (Sturgis page 72)	Enables a member to present an urgent request or motion concerning comfort, convenience, rights or privileges of the assembly or an individual member.	Examples: Noise, cold room, requesting permission to leave a meeting, etc.



AASL Board of Directors – Session II*

2006 ALA Midwinter Meeting

San Antonio, Texas

January 20 – 25, 2006



Board Members Present:	J. Linda Williams, Cynthia A. Phillip, Dennis J. LeLoup, Dawn Vaughn, Cassandra G. Barnett, Dolores Gwaltney, Terri G. Kirk, Kathleen V. Ellis, Eloise M. Long, A. Elaine Twogood, Alison E. Almquist, Mary Ann Harlan, Sara Kelly Johns, Irene Kwidzinski, Floyd Pentlin, Joanne Proctor, Virginia Wallace, M. Jan Weber
Board Members Absent:	Melissa Johnston
Staff Present:	Julie A. Walker, Beverley Becker, Kathy Agarwal, Jennifer Habley
Directors-Elect Present:	Patricia Bauer, Nancy Dickinson, Marilyn Joyce, Robbie Nickel, Janice Ostrom, Barbara Ray, Hilda K. Weisburg
Directors-Elect Absent:	Jim Hayden, Karen Lemmons
Guests and Observers:	Carolyn Cain

Call to Order

Session two of the AASL Board of Directors Meeting was called to order on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at 8:05 a.m. in room 202A of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas, by J. Linda Williams, President. A quorum was present.

Board Address

Loriene Roy, ALA Presidential Candidate, addressed the board.

Changes to the Agenda

- Agenda items 30: AASL Innovative Reading Grant and 31: Proposal for AASL/ALSC/YALSA Joint Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation were added to the consent agenda.
- A correction was made to agenda item 18: Analysis of Division Membership; background should read "fall of 2005."
- Agenda item 13: Longitudinal Survey was moved to the discussion agenda.

Motion #1

Consent Agenda

Sara Kelly Johns moved to accept the consent agenda with changes made. A. Elaine Twogood seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion

Agenda Item 13:
Longitudinal Survey

Board members inquired if comments about the questions could still be submitted for inclusion in the survey. Feedback will be solicited via email after Midwinter.

Motion #2

Longitudinal Survey

Cassandra G. Barnett moved to accept the report on the Longitudinal Survey. Denis J. LeLoup seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion

Agenda Item 23:
Affiliate Assembly
Statements of Concern

J. Linda Williams presented the Executive Committee's responses to the Affiliate Assembly Statements of Concern submitted at Annual Meeting in June 2005. Concerns included: the currency of national standards, the impact of library center program on student learning, and apathy.

Discussion
Agenda Item 24:
Proposed Council
Resolutions

Two resolutions were brought before the Board for possible introduction to ALA Council.

The first resolution addressed the classification of the school library media specialist and the potential threat posed by the "65% solution" being promoted by the organization First Class Education. The resolution highlighted the importance of classifying school librarians as instructional staff and the detrimental effects of any legislation that would cut resources to school libraries. The resolution asked for ALA action of letters to state and national legislators as well as a request to the National Center for Education Statistics to recognize the teaching role of school librarians.

Motion #3
Resolution on Instructional
Classification

A. Elaine Twogood moved that the AASL Board endorse the ALA Resolution on the Instructional Classification of School Librarians. Dawn Vaughn seconded. Motion passed.

An instructional classification task force charged with developing a position statement and materials was proposed. (Onsite document 24a.) The position statement deadline was set as March 31st and the statement will be approved via email in time for Legislative Day. The materials/toolkit will be an ongoing project.

Motion #4
Instructional Classification
Task Force

Cassandra G. Barnett moved to approve the formation and charges of the Task Force on Instructional Classification. M. Jan Weber seconded. Motion passed.

Board Address

Discussion on the proposed resolutions was tabled in order for Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director, to address the Board regarding the proposed ALA dues increase.

Discussion
Agenda Item 27:
ALA Proposal for Dues
Increase

The Board discussed the information presented by Keith Michael Fiels and how AASL will present the information to the membership. Through discussion, the Board subcommittee on "Get out the Vote" was also charged with the dues campaign. Sara Kelly Johns, Cassandra G. Barnett, and Floyd Pentlin volunteered to serve on the vote subgroup.

Motion #5
ALA Proposal for Dues
Increase

A. Elaine Twogood moved that AASL support the ALA dues increase and that the "Get out the Vote" subcommittee encourage membership to vote for it. Alison E. Almquist seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion
Agenda Item 25:
Budget Priorities

Julie Walker, Executive Director, discussed the 2007 fiscal year budget priorities which include: funding for a longitudinal survey, supporting an active membership in the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and building a long term investment fund.

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Discussion resumed regarding the two resolutions for possible introduction to ALA Council.

The second proposal is in response to a strategy in the current AASL Strategic Plan calling for more balanced representation on key ALA committees. (Goal Area: Influence within ALA, Objective One, Strategy Two.) The resolution calls for the President-Elect to be directed to ensure that appointments to key ALA committees include a balance representation of the types of libraries represented within the membership of ALA.

Motion #6 Resolution on Balanced Representation	Cassandra G. Barnett moved to approve the resolution on balanced representation on ALA committees. Dennis J. LeLoup seconded. Motion passed.
Discussion Roundtable Representation on Council	Terri G. Kirk, AASL Councilor, approached the Board for guidance on a resolution before Council regarding the Council representation of round tables. The five largest round tables have representation, leaving eleven without. The resolution proposes that those round tables with 1% of ALA membership be given representation. The Board advised Terri to use her best judgment.
Discussion Agenda Item 26: AASL Blog Report and Proposal	The Board discussed the establishment of an AASL blog. ALA has available blogging software, though contracting with an external source is a possibility. The moderators of the blog would be volunteers, with a staff member responsible for the initial set-up. The main difference between the AASL blog and the new ALA member communities would be access. The blog would be viewable by all, while online communities are a member benefit and require a password. A new committee or task force need not be formed. The blog advisory group could be considered a part of an already established committee.
Motion #7 Establish AASL Blog	Irene Kwidzinski moved to establish a blog as a part of the association's ongoing promotion endeavors. The blog advisory group to be formed under the auspices of the standing Web Advisory Committee. Floyd Pentlin seconded. Motion passed.
Discussion Agenda Item 28: Guidelines Regarding Pricing of AASL Publications	Based on a request from the 2004-2005 Publications Committee, the Executive Committee requested that staff prepare a draft set of guidelines regarding the pricing of AASL publications.
Motion #8 Guidelines Regarding Pricing of AASL Publications	Mary Ann Harlan moved to accept the publication guidelines. Kathleen V. Ellis seconded. Motion passed.
Discussion Agenda Item 32: Standards and Guidelines Review Task Force	A standards and guidelines review task force charged with reviewing the current standards/guidelines for school library media programs and determining the need for new, revised, or updated standards/guidelines was proposed. (Onsite document 32.) The goal of the committee will be to ensure that the guidelines and standards are relevant and to determine if they need to be revised as a whole, in segments, or not at all. The task force will report at Annual Conference 2006 or before. If additional time is needed, the term can be extended to Midwinter 2007.
Motion #9 Standards and Guidelines Review Task Force	Irene Kwidzinski moved to establish a task force to review the current standards and guidelines. Mary Ann Harlan seconded. Motion passed.
Discussion Agenda Item 33: Strategic Plan Review of Committees Task Force	Based on recommendations from the Board Workshop on Friday, January 20 th , a task force charged with evaluating all existing committees in relation to the Strategic Plan and making recommendations concerning future committees was proposed. (Onsite document 33.)

Motion #10
Strategic Plan Review of
Committees Task Force

Joanne Proctor moved to establish a task force to evaluate the existing AASL committees and make recommendations concerning future committees under the Strategic Plan. The task force will begin working immediately. Sara Kelly Johns seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion
Agenda Item 29:
Mega Issue

The Board broke into small groups to discuss the Strategic Plan Mega Issue – How does the profession remain viable in the future? The Board explored the issue using the four knowledge bases. The results were noted and collected for future discussion and action. An online community will be established for the Board to facilitate further exploration of the topic.

Motion #11
Adjournment

Sara Kelly Johns moved to adjourn Board of Directors Meeting - Session II at 12:28 p.m. Motion passed.

* Note: Board of Directors Meeting – Session I was an all day workshop on “Association Structure” held Friday, January 20th, 2006.



AASL Board of Directors – Motions

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Topic: Section/Region Reports

Section Educators of Library Media Specialist Section

Representative Eloise M. Long

Summary of Activities

Continued work on 2007 annual session (curriculum/program assessment tools). Review of bylaws in progress. Implementation of ELMSS listserv.

Action Needed

- None
- Staff Follow-up
- Board Motion

Section Independent School Section

Representative Kathleen V. Ellis

Summary of Activities

COMMITTEES:

Our *web presence committee* will have two new members, as all other previous members will be going off the committee. We are considering making this an appointed position of co-webmasters.

Member outreach committee – This newly established committee will be chaired by Marion Wells who has been actively soliciting members to become involved in ISS.

Data Committee – results of our recent survey is still being tabulated. We hope to have a report by past ISS Chair, Susan Williamson, who has been working on it.

Annual Program:

Presentation of "Online Assessment & Tutorials for the Independent School Library." Program will be followed by a networking activity – tea – "southern style."

TWO ISSUES OF CONCERN:

1. We were concerned with the way the programs and pre-conferences were accepted for ALA Annual. We received no notification indicating whether the program was accepted or denied. Since we heard nothing, we assumed that the program was accepted. It was not until Midwinter that we discovered that there was no mention of our proposed pre-conference program. We had to cancel arrangements we had made with a guest speaker. It would be helpful to put in place some notification system to alert people who submit proposals if they are NOT ACCEPTED.
2. We have requested that Independent Schools be included in the Longitudinal Study on School Libraries that is being planned. The last response we have had from Beverly Becker is that the researcher hasn't yet decided. We urge Beverly to follow up with researcher as she has promised to do. As active and valued members of AASL, we think it's important that this constituent be included.

Action Needed

- None
- Staff Follow-up
- Board Motion

Region Region I (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT & New England EMA)

Director Irene Kwidzinski

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

I participated in the New England Educational Media Association meetings with representatives from each state. I attended NEEMA's regional conference "Making School Libraries Part of School Reform" in Boston on March 3, 2006. I represented AASL at the monthly meetings of the CEMA board of directors. I contributed articles to the CEMA and NEEMA board of directors for inclusion in their state newsletters.

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives?

Regional: NEEMA had a successful Leadership Conference "Making School Libraries Part of School Reform" in Boston, March 3rd with keynote speakers Dr. Ross Todd, Dr. Carol Gordon, Dr. Steven Arnoff. Board members have been assigned to committees to further NEEMA goals. The FOSL-CISSL committee will be more proactive with information standards by connecting with CISSL under Carol Gordon's leadership and focus on the future of school libraries. Carolyn Markuson will be the liaison to NEASC. The other committee chairs will work on by-laws, conference, web site, membership and the newsletter. Plans have begun for the 2007 Leadership Conference in March on the topic of collaboration with a pre-conference on facilities for the 21st century with Rolf Erikson. www.neema.org Congratulations go to Dr. Carol Gordon who will join Dr. Ross Todd and Dr. Carol Kuhlthau at Rutgers University.

CT: The Connecticut DOE adopted a new Information and Technology Literacy Frameworks in January. In January, the association held a workshop "Data-Driven Food Chain: Evidence-Based Budget Development" presented by Susan Ballard of Londonderry, NH. In April, they provided a workshop on Copyright with Carrie Russell. The association is planning its annual conference "What's happening @ YOUR library?" at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell on Nov. 5-6 (www.ctcema.org). They are planning a joint conference with CECA (CT Educators Computer Association) in Hartford on Nov. 4-5. In order to increase participation, CEMA's annual fall festival in the Hartford area will become regional festivals. Following AASL's strategic plan model, CEMA has reorganized its board into 3 working groups in order to achieve specific goals: advocacy, professional development and management.

ME: MASL has provided a spring workshop called the Spring Fling. The association sent a representative to the National Legislative Day on May 2. The association is working on its fall conference in Augusta September 17-19 (<http://www.maslibraries.org/index.html>). Sylvia Norton, the state coordinator, discussed the Maine Learning Results and the positive influence that librarians have had in the revision process. The University of Maine will offer a Summer Technology Institute.

MA: Like NEEMA, MSLMA held two virtual meetings using Chatzy.com in order to make participation in board meetings easier on its board of directors. On March 22, lobbying day at the State House, exhibits focused on the ways school libraries add value to their communities. Many MSLMA members testified in favor of the MSLMA bill to include school libraries in the Education Reform law. Recently, they learned that school libraries will be included in the law. The association's media forum online focused on literacy and student achievement. The Boston Area directors hosted the region's first legislative breakfast at the Boston Arts Academy/Fenway High School in March. MSLMA wrote a letter to legislators supporting amendments from B.E.S.T. (Business and Education for Schools and Technology) to the Governor's wireless technology bill which would bring wireless devices to 15 middle schools around the state. MSLMA is planning its fall conference "The Many Hats We Wear" in Sturbridge October 29-30 (<http://www.mslma.org/>).

NH: In April, the association presented a one-day workshop to inform teachers, public librarians, school library assistants, public library assistants and other interested individuals in the responsibilities of being a school librarian. NHEMA is in the final preparations for its annual conference "Learn @ Your Library" at Plymouth State University on May 24. The conference features a Best Practices Workshop http://www.nhcuc.org/library_bestpractices.pdf. The governing board has been working on how to develop awareness of the school libraries in the state and how they compare to other states. To that end, they have been gathering information on library standards in other states via the web and have conducted a survey via SurveyMonkey.com. The results will be posted to their online newsletter or via postcards to members (<http://www.nhema.net/>).

RI: RIEMA recently had its annual conference "School Libraries: A Class Act" in Warwick with keynote speaker Dr. Ross Todd (<http://www.ri.net/RIEMA/>). In March, the association had a workshop to help develop effective, fun and manageable reading lists; they also had a booth at the NEA Read Across America event at the Warwick Mall. RIEMA partially sponsored "Under the Spell of Books" an author celebration at RI College in June. A big issue for the association this year was their involvement with the RI DOE who is overseeing the Commissioner's decision regarding the staffing of school library media specialists in the Providence Schools. The Superintendent had requested a waiver to RI law regarding staffing due to budget woes and the Commissioner denied the waiver. The commissioner has given Providence and RIEMA a year to demonstrate improved services. All of RIEMAS's energies have been put into this effort.

VT: The VEMA board was issue-oriented this year. They concentrated on professional development and mentoring offering six possibilities: integrating information literacy skills into the curriculum; book clubs and book discussion groups; school and public library programs; school community and curriculum review/update; integrating technology into your library; and media literacy. VEMA has met with the Commissioner of Education, Richard Cate, to discuss the reinstatement of the DOE's consultant. The professional concerns committee has been busy planning and organizing workshops for the fall and keeps job opportunities posted via the listserv. The membership committee is working on a new membership brochure and has encouraged its members to reach out to new librarians. The association is finalizing its preparations for its spring conference "Shifting Gears, Changing Lanes" in Burlington, VT May 16-17 (<http://homepage.mac.com/crowleyvt/vema/index.html>).

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

Issues/Concerns:

- Lack of state coordinators (ME is the only state with a state coordinator)
- The future of School Library Media Programs
- Information literacy standards
- Budget
- Recruitment

Accomplishments:

- Strategic Planning: Each association worked on their goals and action plans for the year.
- Communications: Associations are working on their communication tools, i.e. websites and newsletters.
- Professional Development: Each association held or is planning relevant conferences and workshops.

Region Region II (DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA)

Director Sara Kelly Johns

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

- Director was active on the Region II listserv, communicating with all states' representatives, posting information about AASL initiatives and concerns along with Director-elect Hilda Weisberg
- Director and Director-elect communicated regularly, especially in the planning for the Region II meeting in Philadelphia, April 22-23 at which each affiliate was represented and AASL concerns were discussed.
- Attended the New York Library Association Conference in Buffalo (which was unfortunately the same weekend as the New Jersey affiliate's (NJASL) conference that I would have attended) the SLMS/NYLA in Rochester, NY and the Pennsylvania School Library Conference in Hershey, PA
- Director attended Affiliate Assembly at Midwinter.
- Director, along with Director-Elect, encouraged affiliates to get out the vote in the recent ALA election though use of the Region II listserv and the message crafted by the AASL GOTV committee.

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives?

PA: PSLA Brochure – developed as a PR piece to be distributed to new members and other professional organizations

NY: SLMS Conference 2006 was held April 27-29, 2006 at the Hyatt Hotel and Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, NY. The theme was Building Influence @ Your Library and the keynote speaker was Dr. Gary Hartzell.

The Carol A. Kearney Leadership Retreat will be held Aug. 8-9, 2006 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. This summer's program is "Information Fluency: An Inquiry-Based Collaborative Curriculum," presented by Barbara Stripling and Pam Berger. More information will be forthcoming on the SLMS website at <<http://www.nyla.org/slms>> Chair: Sara Kelly Johns <johns@northnet.org> Registrar: Sally Daniels <sallydaniels@twcny.rr.com>

Past-President Pat Shanley and Treasurer Rebecca Gerard spearheaded a Get out the Vote campaign by designing and mailing more than 500 postcards encouraging SLMS members to vote and to support NYS candidates.

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

- DC :**
- 1) Loss of librarians at all levels and the move to make librarians either part time or hourly wages at earned.
 - 2) How the superintendent's Master education plan will impact librarians in DC Public Schools.
 - 3) Search for a new library director, where will it be advertised, will the new person be a librarian.

PA: Continued concerns about PRAXIS certification. KSRA, Keystone State Reading Association, has been successful in changing the use of the PRAXIS in Reading certification. PSLA is hoping to follow their example and make changes in using only the PRAXIS to obtain library certification.

Highly successful 2006 Annual Conference – May 4-6, 2006, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Speakers included Stephen Krashen, AASL President Linda Williams, Joyce Valenza, Laurie Halse Anderson and programs were packed.

Developed professional development workshop for members on collaborative programming with emphasis on literacy.

DE: The Delaware School Library Media Association was once again successful in securing legislation for \$1million dollars for public school libraries. This money was divided evenly among approximately

150 public schools in the state to provide funding for library materials. This is the second year in a row that the "Million Dollars for School Libraries" has passed. Also, the DSLMA secured funding for the inclusion of all public elementary school libraries in access to the 15 state supported databases. These databases are provided in a joint cooperative project between the state education department and the University of Delaware. This is the first year that all the elementary schools have had access to online encyclopedias and periodical indexes. Legislation will again be introduced in May for \$1 million dollars for school libraries and the continuation of the UDLIBSearch databases.

DSLMA has sponsored a state cluster on Collaboration. School librarians register with a classroom teacher for a 1 year course of meetings, instruction and portfolios. Completion of the course results in a 2% raise on the state portion of the salary

Delaware has more than doubled the number of National Board Certified Librarians. There are now 12 librarians who have achieved this status – approximately 10% of the librarians eligible for the certification.

Delaware reads about... online reading program tabulating reading activities throughout the state. Winners at each level were announced in March 2006.

MD: Maryland Library Community Adopts Mississippi Library (Katrina Project) - The Maryland Library Association (MLA) spearheaded an effort along with other library groups across the state, including MEMO, to raise funds to provide library service and to restock the shelves of the Pearlington Public Library, devastated by floodwaters in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Part of the Hancock County Library System which also had two other branches severely damaged, the Pearlington Branch served both the local community and the Charles B. Murphy Elementary School (K-5) which is part of the same building complex. Sandy Bicksler, MEMO Treasurer, helped in the planning of the project with MLA. MEMO donated \$1,000 to the effort and we received reports from media specialists from other counties that they have raised over \$600 at recent Library Media Meetings. The first phase of the donation to Pearlington took place right before Christmas when a bookmobile generously given by the Allegheny County Public Library System housing 5,000 books and computer technology was delivered to become their temporary home. Four drivers, including MEMO Past-President, Jay Bansbach took turns driving both the bookmobile and a follow van almost 1,100 miles through six states to reach the Gulf Coast. The second phase of the project will be to continue fundraising to restock the library shelves after they are able to move back into their building. To date, over \$11,000 has been raised with an initial check of \$4,000 sent to Hancock County to purchase Accelerated Readers for the children of the elementary school to reinstitute their reading program and another \$4,000 delivered to the Director of Hancock County Library System. Corporate donations of computer technology were made by SIRSI/Dynix, books donated by Scholastic, and audio CD's donated by Books on Tape.

Legislative Day - May 1-2, 2006. Schedules have been set-up for an entire delegation of librarians of every ilk to visit both Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes and then they will split up for visits to Congressional offices.

Black-Eyed Susan Awards - The third annual BES Cruise on the paddleboat "Black-Eyed Susan" will take place on Saturday April 29, 2006. The cruise will feature the announcement of the winners of the Black-Eyed Susan Awards (<http://mdedmedia.org/besall.html>) voted on by students across Maryland. In addition, the audience will hear from local author / illustrator, Kevin O'Malley (*Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10*), enjoy a great luncheon, be able to purchase BES shirts / books / stickers, and enjoy the sites of the Baltimore Harborfront. A the nominees' poster for the 2006-07 BES Award was printed by Follett.

MLA Conference – MEMO will once again have an informational display at the Maryland Library Association Conference scheduled for May 3-5, 2006 in Ocean City, Maryland.

SoMIRAC Conference – MEMO had an informational display on the Black-Eyed Susan Children's Book Award program at the SoMIRAC (Maryland's International Reading Association Affiliate) Conference, March 29-31, 2006 at the Hunt Valley Marriott Inn and Conference Center.

Maryland Library Leadership Institute - MEMO was a financial contributor and once again was involved in the planning of this past summer's (2005) Maryland Library Leadership Institute held at the Donaldson Brown Conference Center in Port Deposit, MD. We were pleased to have had school library

media specialists selected to attend and J. Linda Williams, past MEMO President and current AASL President serving as a facilitator.

NJ : Presented a commendation to OceanFirst for establishing the OceanFirst Foundation School Library Enhancement Grant program. Through this grant, school libraries in the OceanFirst service area have been able to enhance the quality of school libraries and to foster the love of reading and learning for their students.

IMLS National Leadership Grants-Partnership w/Gil St. Bernard's

Proposal to Governor Jon Corzine re: NJASL collaborating w/state to join the Partnership for 21 Century Learning

New Jersey State Board of Education Presentation Proposal: The Impact of School Libraries on Student Achievement

NJEA Classroom Close-up featured school librarian Ceil Freda

NJASL put together a paper: "School Libraries and Classroom Reading Collections, Both Essential to Promote Literacy: Common Purposes and Goals."

President LaDawna Harrington presented at the Techspo Conference held by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, a first for NJ. The title of the presentation was: "The Internet is Not a Library. She also met with the President and Vice President of the New Jersey School Boards and followed up with advocacy materials (pens, bags, school libraries to be distributed at their fall retreat and has also prepared a proposal to present at a School Boards working session.

NJASL, after several meetings with the DOE and letters, was successful in having the mandate for P-3 school librarians reinstated into the Abbott regulations (schools in urban areas below the poverty level) and wording changed to regulations which more accurately reflect our role (their success was reported in Nov.'s SLJ, p. 16).

Concerns:

- Funding.
- Lack of school library media specialist mandates except in Urban school districts.
- Lack of understanding by decision makers (administrators, principals, school boards) of the Impact of a good school library program on student learning.
- Use of wording "classroom libraries" by publishers, classroom teachers, principals

NY: We recommend expediting the revision of Information Power II. The changing role of technology has a serious impact on our role as instructional specialist. We need to reaffirm our role as reading instructor.

3 Apples Award-Both SLMS and the Youth Services Section (YSS) of NYLA are working together for a truly children-chosen book award. The purpose is to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books. This is the first collaboration of this kind between two sections of NYLA. The initial list of 15 titles was chosen and students will vote for their favorite titles in the fall. For more information see <<http://www.3applesbookaward.org>>.

Lobbying: SLMS participated in our state Library Lobby Day, Mar. 14th in Albany and in a Virtual Library Lobby Day as well (SLMS members who couldn't come contacted their legislators via fax or e-mail with their concerns. The results were outstanding with \$19 million in new money for New York's libraries including grants for every school library system (which haven't had new money since 1990).

Last summer's Leadership Retreat at Cornell had its highest number in attendance ever with almost 100 participants. The retreat, *Ban those Bird Units*, was led by David Loertscher and featured a bonus workshop session with his co-authors Carol Koechlin and Sandi Zwaan.

Region Region III (IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI)

Director Floyd Pentlin

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

- Corresponded with Region III Director-Elect about setting up Region III meeting
- Attended Region III Meeting in Indianapolis
- Participated in the Region III discussion list for updating and expanding information
- Sent out several messages on the Missouri Association of School Librarians discussion list updating and expanding information

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

CONCERNS

- 65% solution which results in the attack on school LMCs
- Budget cuts and funding
- No Child Left Behind

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education in Ohio is picking up full steam for developing collaboration between teachers and SLMs
- The Alliance Library System (a multi-type regional library group in Illinois) is responsible for the blue bracelet program to advocate for, and create public awareness of, the importance of libraries.
- The Library Book Selection Service recently closed its doors and the Board of Directors donated its investments, inventory, and other assets to the Illinois School Library Media Association to continue the mission of providing quality literature for youth.

Region Region IV (KY, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)

Director Virginia Wallace

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

I have stayed in touch with the Director-elect as she communicated with the affiliates.

I attended the Virginia conference and also spoke with attendees of the SC conference. At VEMA, I had a concurrent session where I was able to speak with participants about concerns and issues.

At the University of SC in an internship class, I talked about AASL membership and had necessary forms. (In the Professional Development Plan, most indicated that they would join their national organization.)

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives?

1. Kentucky is having a "Reading on the River" Summer Refresher.
2. The NC School Library Media Association will hold its fall conference October 4-6. The theme is "Framework for the Future." Bernie Dodge will present a preconference on webquests.
3. The NC Association of School Librarians = part of the NCLA Impressive license plate!



4. TASL, Tennessee Association of School Librarians, will hold their conference November 2-4, "Get on Board the Reading Express @ Your Library."
5. SCASL Summer Leadership Institute 2006 : Legislative Advocacy = South Carolina Association of School Librarians
6. The VEMA conference will be October 26 – 28, "Reading Is the Key to the Future." It will be held at the new Hampton Roads Convention Center.

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

1. West Virginia is no longer an affiliate. They do not have enough members at this time.
2. The concerns covered at the Region IV affiliate retreat will be covered by Nancy Dickinson, Region IV Director-elect, in her report.

Region V (AL, GA, FL, LA, MS)

Director Melissa P. Johnston

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

1. Kept in contact with the state presidents within the region. Provided updates from AASL and asked for feedback to bring to the next AA meeting.
2. Distributed AASL Hotlinks to each state through listservs.
3. Maintained Region V Listserv as a communication tool.
4. Written articles for state's newsletters.
5. Spoken at various conferences.
6. Promoted the benefits of AASL membership and the new strategic plan.

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives?

1. Alabama: Lisa Hathcock, President of the Alabama Instructional Media Association (AASL affiliate), and Ann Marie Pipkin were interviewed by PAX television about libraries. The shows focus on the top ten topics of interest to their audience in the Birmingham area. One of those topics is budget cuts to schools and PAX wanted to focus on the positive side of that. They talked about the efforts that AIMA has made in impacting funding of school libraries in the state of Alabama and what a well-funded library program looks like. Alabama also held the AASL Leadership Institute: Leading Through Collaboration as a pre-conference workshop and a workshop on advocacy. The Alabama Instructional Media Association will have its yearly day-long workshop on June 26, 2006 at Spain Park High School in Hoover, Alabama. The title of the conference is "Moving Forward: The Ever Changing Role of the Library Media Specialist".

2. Florida: FAME had a successful legislative session because of advocacy efforts. The DOE announced that it would be holding hearings on a rule development that would intend to end with a rule that would end the add-on certification by exam-only for library media specialists. Just weeks later, the Department of Education and the Department of State had a joint announcement that the Florida Electronic Library would be expanded to include school students during school hours. In addition, library media materials were funded, and the continuation of the SUNLINK project was provided. The 2006 FAME annual conference will be held at Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando this November 1-3.

3. Georgia: GLMA is assisting in the "Georgia Library Impact Study" which is a state-wide study to document the positive impact of active school library media centers on student achievement. GLMA participated in Library Day at the Capital January 24. GLMA had a very successful legislative session this year. Efforts through the advocacy campaign "Student Achievement is the Bottom Line" resulted in an increase in funding to \$13.03 per FTE with 100% expenditure control at the system level. Even though the 65% solution did pass in Georgia, our funding remains intact. media allotments. GLMA will host its annual Summer Institute June 6 & 7 in at Macon State College in Macon, Georgia. The annual COMO Conference will be held September 20-22, 2006 in Athens, Georgia.

4. Louisiana: Louisiana continues to deal with the devastation from the hurricanes and the rebuilding. The LLA Disaster Relief Fund (<http://www.laonline.org/index.php>) is now accepting monetary donations to assist school, public, and academic library restoration efforts in southern Louisiana. There has been an outpouring of support from other states.

5. Mississippi: Mississippi has also suffered tremendous loss because of the hurricanes. Due to the devastation to many libraries MLA decided to cancel their annual conference. No fewer than twelve of libraries on the coast have been damaged beyond use or have been wiped off the face of the earth due to hurricane Katrina. There has been an outpouring of support from other states. Mississippi Libraries' Disaster Relief Fund is at the MLA web site at <http://www.misslib.org>.

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

1. Building level media specialists feel that having the AASL conference in October during the school year prevents many of them from attending. Should focus on our members who are School Librarians and choose a time of year that they could attend – not during the school year.
2. Members feel that the cost of joining AASL prevents many from joining.
3. Lack of knowledge among pre-service, practicing teachers, and administration of the role of the school media specialist and the impact on student achievement
4. Title – media specialist is not indicative of what we do – the word teacher needs to be in our title.

Region Region VI (AR, OK, NM, TX)

Director Alison E. Almquist

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

- Director-Elect represented AASL at OASLMS.
- Director attended NMLA annual conference and spoke to attendees.
- Director/Director-Elect encouraged members in Region VI to vote.
- Director and Director-Elect communicated via email.
- Director and Director-Elect participated in all AA caucuses at annual and Midwinter.
- Director and Director-Elect participated in all AASL Board meetings at annual and Midwinter.

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives?

- An AASL Regional Institute, "Leading through Collaboration" is being planned for the summer of 2007 in OK.
- TexShare has been reinstated for school libraries.
- OASLMS has established guidelines to help explain the role of school librarians to administrators and school board members.
- OASLMS donated to the Hurricane Relief Effort

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

- Arkansas has not completed their affiliation paper work.
- Censorship
- The 65% solution
- TABOR
- School librarians are included as part of the 65% solution in Texas.
- HB2 provided 3 million for the School Library Material Fund in NM. Funds will be distributed based on enrollment.
- In NM the 2006 GO Bond will provide a \$3000 base per school library and plus an additional amount of approximately \$2.00 per student to be distributed over 2 years.

Region Region VII (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

Director Mary Ann Harlan

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

I have approached leadership about improving state involvement in AASL in states with less involvement.

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives?

1. Arizona: We continue to work with Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) then-President GladysAnn Wells (Arizona State Librarian) to discuss the 65-cent solution, the classification of T-L's and HQ status in NCLB.
2. Nevada: Discussions about hosting AASL in 2007
3. California: CSLA Board will be discussing changing roles to ensure a Affiliate Assembly representative at all Affiliate Assemblies
4. Nevada and California completed re-affiliation

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

3. Utah's affiliation
4. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) classification of T-L's as instructional staff support staff.
5. Correct or universal term for Teacher-Librarians
6. There should be increased coordination between the leadership of ALA, ALA Washington Office, AASL, COSLA, and IMLS. Currently there is NO coordination between these three entities regarding #1 and #2.
5. California – Standards for school libraries recognized by Dept. of Ed. At state level.

Region Region VIII (AK, ID, OR, WA)

Director Jan Weber

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

- Maintained membership in AkASL, OEMA and WLMA, reviewed their publications and participated in electronic communications about activities, issues and concerns.
- Corresponded with AkASL, OEMA, and WLMA affiliate presidents about AASL resources, activities and initiatives.
- Represented school libraries as a member of the Library Council of Washington.
- Wrote an article for the WLMA *Medium* to promote AASL and encourage AASL membership.
- Presented AASL information and promoted AASL membership at the WLMA Spring Full Board Meeting, March 17 – 18, 2006.

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives

- AkASL had a successful 2006 conference, "Learning Through Libraries", in Anchorage, AK, Feb. 22 – 26, in collaboration with the Alaska Library Association. A Summer School Librarian's Institute will take place at the UAA Consortium Library in Anchorage on July 31 – Aug. 4, with Alice Yucht as the main instructor.
- OEMA, along with OLA and ORA, will also host "The Oregon Literacy Conference" at Linfield College in McMinnville, OR on August 3 – 4, 2006. The 2006 OEMA fall conference, "CAPITAL IDEAS for the 21st Century School Library" will be held at the Salem Convention Center in Salem, OR on Oct. 13 – 14.
- WLMA will invite attendees to "Stretch Yourself @ WLMA 2006" with the fall conference at the Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac Airport, Oct. 12 – 14.

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

- Major priorities: advocacy for school library programs; legislative lobbying for funding for school library staffing, expanded print resources, and increased access to digital information; promotion of the instructional leadership role of school library media specialists; ongoing professional development opportunities for school library staff.
- Major concern: The 65% Solution.
- Major concern in Alaska: certification changes for school librarians with teaching certificates will not reflect experience, qualifications and daily practice.
- Accomplishments: The Washington State Library's K-12 Library Initiative, funded by LSTA, was recognized by IMLIS in the February 2006 newsletter as "the farthest reaching training program ever offered to the state's school librarians." WSL has submitted a proposal for a National Leadership Grant to replicate this project in the Northwest, in partnership with Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon.

Region Region IX (CO, KS, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY)

Director Joanne Proctor

What have you done to represent AASL in each state your region?

1. At various times used the Regional e-mail discussion list to disseminate AASL information and activities.
2. Addressed members at the KASL TriConference Luncheon in Wichita concerning AASL issues and activities.
3. Monitored the state association websites for information.
4. Attended Midwinter Affiliate Assembly meetings
5. Attended AASL Midwinter Board Meetings

What AASL regional or state activities have occurred to advance AASL initiatives

- Kansas is continuing to expand its advocacy initiative.
- Colorado had posted a 21st Century Learning Action plan template on its website.

What are major issues, concerns, or accomplishments in your region?

Budgets, loss of jobs/positions



American Association of School Librarians
Annual Meeting 2006
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 22-28, 2006

Topic: Position Paper on Instructional Classification

Background: At the 2006 Midwinter Meeting President Linda Williams appointed a Task Force on Instructional Classification. One of their tasks was to author a position paper for the association. The document was vetted by the Executive Committee and placed on the website in March. The Executive Committee recommends adoption of the position paper.

Action Required: Adoption by consent

AASL supports the inclusion of certified school library media specialists as part of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) "Instruction" classification.

School library media centers are classrooms in which school library media specialists teach and students and teachers learn. In school library media centers, students read, utilize print, non-print, and technology resources, and learn to evaluate and use information for projects and reports efficiently, effectively, and ethically, with the goal of developing lifelong learning and literacy skills and strategies. In school library media programs, classroom teachers and school library media specialists collaborate for instruction and support the development of each other's teaching skills. Multiple research studies, more than 60 since 1965, have affirmed that there is a clear link between school library media programs staffed by state-certified school library media specialists and increased student achievement (Library Research Services Web site at <http://www.lrs.org/impact.asp>).

School library media specialists are recognized by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) as teachers whose teaching can be measured to meet standards for professional teaching excellence and by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) as teachers who are critically important for student achievement (<http://www.nclis.gov/info/schoollibraryactivities.html>). School library media specialists are teachers who serve as crucial partners in ensuring that states and school districts meet the reading requirements that are part of No Child Left Behind (P.L. 107-110). In Part B, Subpart 1, Section 1208 of No Child Left Behind (P.L. 107-110), Instructional Staff is defined as "principals, teachers, supervisors of instruction, librarians, and school library media specialists".

Despite the vital role school library media specialists play as teachers and collaborators with classroom teachers, NCES classifies school library media specialists as "Support Staff-- Instruction" rather than "Instruction" along with classroom teachers. School library media specialists were placed in the instructional support category by NCES in the 1950s and, despite the evolution of school library media specialists' work from book warehouse managers to instructional leaders and partners, school library media specialists remain in this support staff classification. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and NCES conflict in their classification of school library media specialists.

Failure to classify school library media specialists as instructional staff and to recognize the impact of state-certified school library media specialists on student achievement, especially in reading, may result in a critical loss of funding for library positions and resources and a dangerous deterioration of library services for our nation's children. AASL will take a lead role over the next several years to communicate with state and national government leaders as well as the leadership of educational organizations about the importance of, and the role played by, school library media specialists in student achievement.

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- Topic:** Section Candidates for AASL Elections
- Background:** Each section is responsible for putting forth candidates both for their section offices and for their representative to the AASL Board.
- Action Required:** Information



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June 9, 2006

Patricia Moser, ISS Chair Elect

Dear Patt,

According to the Independent School Section Bylaws, the ISS Nominating Committee is responsible for providing ISS section candidates for each yearly ALA election. The Bylaws state:

Elections shall be conducted in accordance with Election Procedures of the American Library Association.

The Nominating Committee shall submit names of two candidates for each office to the AASL Office by the annual deadline date.

A plurality of all legal votes cast shall be necessary to elect a candidate. In the case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot by the Election Committee of the American Library Association.

Please be advised that the open positions for the 2007 election are: ISS Chair Elect (three-year term includes one year as Chair Elect, one year as Chair, and one year as Past Chair) and ISS Secretary (two-year term).

The AASL Executive Committee will approve the slate of candidates at the Fall Executive Meeting in October of 2006. Names can be sent to the 2007 AASL Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Kay Biagini, at mbiagini@mail.sis.pitt.edu. Please contact Mary Kay or me if you have any questions about procedures or timeline.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Habley
AASL Program Coordinator, Governance

CC: Linell Ela, ISS Chair
Kathleen Ellis, ISS Representative to the AASL Board 2003-2006
Ann Petersen, ISS Representative to the AASL Board 2006-2009
Mary Kay Biagini, 2007 Nominating Committee Chair
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June 9, 2006

Daniel Fuller, ELMS Chair Elect

Dear Daniel,

According to the Educators of Library Media Specialist Section Bylaws, the ELMS Section is responsible for providing ELMS candidates for each yearly ALA election. The Bylaws state:

Elections shall be conducted as a component of the ALA/AASL election ballot.

At least two candidates shall be nominated for each office and that slate shall be submitted in accordance with AASL election procedures.

Candidates may be nominated by a petition bearing at least fifteen signatures of members of ELMS. A signed consent document of the candidate must be filed with the AASL office at least three months prior to the annual membership meeting.

A plurality of legal votes cast will determine a candidate's selection. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot by the Election Committee of ALA.

Please be advised that the open positions for the 2007 election are: ELMS Chair Elect (three-year term includes one year as Chair Elect, one year as Chair, and one year as Past Chair) and ELMS Secretary (one-year term).

The AASL Executive Committee will approve the slate of candidates at the Fall Executive Meeting in October of 2006. Names can be sent to the 2007 AASL Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Kay Biagini, at mbiagini@mail.sis.pitt.edu. Please contact Mary Kay or me if you have any questions about procedures or timeline.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Habley
AASL Program Coordinator, Governance

CC: Lesley S.J. Farmer, ELMS Chair
Eloise M. Long, ELMS Representative to the AASL Board
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June 9, 2006

Linda Kay Corey, SPVS Chair Elect

Dear Linda,

According to the Supervisors Section Bylaws, the SPVS Section Nominating Committee is responsible for providing ELMS candidates for each yearly ALA election. The Bylaws state:

Election

Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the ALA and AASL election procedures.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominations Committee shall consist of three members. The Immediate past-chair of the Section shall serve as chair of the committee and two other members shall be appointed by the Section Chair.

The duties of the Nominations Committee are to nominate two candidates for each office to be filled and to present the slate to the Executive Committee at the Midwinter meeting preceding the election.

Please be advised that the open positions for the 2007 election are SPVS Representative to the AASL Board of Directors (three-year term), SPVS Chair Elect (three-year term includes one year as Chair Elect, one year as Chair, and one year as Past Chair), and SPVS Secretary (two-year term).

The AASL Executive Committee will approve the slate of candidates at the Fall Executive Meeting in October of 2006. Names can be sent to the 2007 AASL Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Kay Biagini, at mbiagini@mail.sis.pitt.edu. Please contact Mary Kay or me if you have any questions about procedures or timeline.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Habley
AASL Program Coordinator, Governance

CC: Sylvia K. Norton, SPVS Chair
A. Elaine Twogood, SPVS Representative to the AASL Board
Mary Kay Biagini, 2007 Nominating Committee Chair
AASL Board of Directors
Julie A. Walker, Executive Director



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- Topic:** ALA Skeleton Schedules
- Background:** These schedules are provided for your planning purposes.
- Action Required:** Information

**American Library Association
Annual Conference Skeleton Schedule
June 21-27, 2007
Washington, DC**

Day/Date	8:00am	8:30am	9:00am	9:30am	10:00am	10:30am	11:00am	11:30am	12:00pm	12:30pm	1:00pm	1:30pm	2:00pm	2:30pm	3:00pm	3:30pm	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	Evening
Thursday 6/21/2007	Registration Open to 7:00pm																					
Friday 6/22/2007	Registration Open to 8:00pm																					
	ALA Executive Board I																					
Saturday 6/23/2007	7:30am - 5:00pm Registration Open																			Opening General Session until 7:00pm		
	8:45am Ribbon Cutting; 9:00am Exhibits Open																					
	Track Programs				Track Programs/Tk. 1				Track Programs/Track 2 Exhibits				Track Programs				Scholarship Bash					
	Meeting Session 1				Meeting Session 2				Meeting Session 3				Meeting Session		MEMBERSHIP I							
Sunday 6/24/2007	7:30am - 5:00pm Registration Open																					
	Exhibits Open																					
	Track Programs				Track Progs/Tks. 3&4				Track Programs/Tracks 5&6 Exts.				Track Programs									
	Meeting Session 5				Meeting Session 6				Meeting Session 7				Meeting Session 8									
	ALA Council Ex. Bd.				ALA Council 11:12:45am-12:15				PBA				BARC/Div				ALA President's Program					
Monday 6/25/2007	7:30am - 5:00pm Registration Open																					
	Exhibits Open																					
	Track Programs				Track Programs/Tks. 7&8 Exhib. Only				Track Programs/Tracks 9&10 Exhib. Only				Track Programs									
	Meeting Session 9				Meeting Session 10				Meeting Session 11				Meeting Session 12									
					10:15-11:15am ALA-APA Council				Membership II				ALA Executive Board II									
Tuesday 6/26/2007	Registration Open																					
	Closing Session Speaker																					
	Exhibits Open																					
	ALA Council II 9:15am - 12:45pm																					
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Wednesday 6/27/2007	ALA Council III																					
																				ALA Executive Board III		

