



Annual Meeting 2007
Washington, DC
June 21-27, 2007

AASL Board of Directors
BOARD III Agenda Item 1

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

**AGENDA
Board III**

12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 2:00	BOARD ORIENTATION
12:30 – 12:45	Board Photograph Introduction of the Board Introduction of Staff Recognition of Regional Directors-Elect
12:45 – 1:00	ALA/AASL Relationship & Operating Agreement
1:00 – 2:00	Board Primer 2007 - 2008
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:00	Regular Session

Regular Session Agenda

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Prioritization of Mega Issues.....	Item # 2
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Topic: Prioritization of Mega Issues

Background: As part of the strategic planning process in 2006, the Board of Directors, Directors-elect and staff identified and prioritized a number of "Mega Issues" facing the association and the profession. Over the past two years, a number of these issues have been discussed (see chart). At the 2007 Midwinter Meeting, Board members were given the opportunity to add/update these issues. Board members are being asked to prioritize these issues for discussion during the current presidential year.

Action Required: Discussion/Decision

Mega Issues Previously Discussed		Mega Issues Identified as High Priority at Midwinter 2007	Mega Issues Identified as Low Priority at Midwinter 2007
How does the profession remain viable in the future?	Board discussions at Midwinter 2006 and Annual Conference 2006.	<p>How do we communicate effectively with our various audiences?</p> <p>How do we maximize our influence/ collaboration with the educational/ professional community?</p> <p>How does AASL close the gap between professionals and paraprofessionals?</p> <p>What is the role of AASL in providing services to paraprofessionals?</p>	How do we get a large percentage of our members to be involved in the organization?
How do we make AASL membership more attractive and increase membership significantly?	Discussed by Affiliate Assembly at Midwinter 2007. Board discussion at Annual Conference 2007.		How do we improve the image of the SLMS?
How do we structure AASL to best benefit the organization and its members (staff, board, committees, members, etc.)?	Board discussion at Midwinter 2006		How do we get the SLMS community to join the organization?
How do we define a successful library media program?	Board discussion at Midwinter 2007.		How do we influence higher education, teacher education, and administration programs?
How do we find money and resources to implement the strategic plan?	Board discussion at Midwinter 2006.		How does AASL participate in recruitment and retention to the profession?
How is advocacy defined?	Defined by the Advocacy Special committee at Annual Conference 2006.		How do we get written into the evaluation of NCATE programs?
How do we stop the erosions of SLMS positions and SLM programs?	Board discussions at Midwinter 2006, Annual Conference 2006, and Midwinter 2007.		How do we get written into NCLB?
		How can we promote/ disseminate services of AASL?	
		How do we make AASL relevant to 85% of certified LMSs?	
		How do we make ALA recognize our value in the organization?	
		How do we get legislators to support us?	
		How do we get other associations to work with us?	
		How do we effectively revise the guidelines?	
		How does AASL effectively advocate for our profession?	
		How do the SLMS become dynamic and essential to schools, programs, and the education culture?	
		How should AASL assist in recruiting new professionals?	



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- Topic:** Approval of Standing Committees, Special Committees, and/or Task Forces
- Background:** The Board must approve new committees of any kind. At this time, there are no pending approvals. This document provides a placeholder for any requests that may emerge from actions at this conference.
- Action Required:** Discussion/Decision



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- Topic:** Assignment of Board Liaisons to Committees
- Background:** Each AASL Board member is required to serve as a Board liaison to one or more AASL committees. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.
- Action Required:** Discussion/Decision



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Topic: Election of At-Large Member to the AASL Executive Committee

Background: The AASL Bylaws provide for the election of an at-large member of the AASL Executive Committee. This election takes place annually at the third Board meeting.

"Article VIII. Executive Committee

Section 1. Members and responsibilities

The Executive Committee of the AASL Board of Directors shall consist of the president, the president-elect, the treasurer, the immediate past president, the AASL division councilor, and one member elected on an annual basis by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director serves as ex-officio and is a non-voting member. Its role shall be restricted to acting on policy and fiscal issues requiring action between meetings of the Board."

Responsibilities of the At-Large member include:

- Attendance at the AASL Fall 2005 Executive Committee Meeting (to be held in Chicago, October 19 – 21, 2007).
- Attendance at the AASL Spring 2008 Executive Committee Meeting (TBD).
- Attendance at the Joint Executive Committee (AASL, ALSC and YALSA) and AASL Executive Committee meetings held during ALA Midwinter 2008 and Annual Conference 2008. These meetings require arriving at the conference on Thursday by midday.
- Approximately one hour of additional email correspondence per week; conference calls on occasion.

AASL will pay for travel expenses for each Executive Committee member to attend the Fall and Spring meetings.

Action Required: Discussion/Decision