

ALA Executive Board Conference Call (9/22/15) - Vote Tally

**EBD #1.3
2015-2016**

On the September 22, 2015, conference call, the Executive Board took the following actions:

Voted to approve the nomination of AASL/ALA member Susan Horton Polos for appointment to the United States Board on Books for Young People (USSBY) Board of Directors as one of ALA's two designated Board positions with this organization, as outlined in CBD #5, 2015-2016.

Voted to approve Salt Lake City, Utah, as the official location for the AASL 2021 National Conference & Exhibition on the dates of October 17-24, 2021, as outlined in EBD #12.2, 2015-2016 (see attached.)

	Feldman	Todaro	Young	Gonzalez	Banks	Garcia-Febo	Hepburn	Jefferson	Johns	Marlin	Neal	Persichini
AASL Nomination to USSBY	P	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y
AASL 2021 Site Recommendation	P	Y	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	NP	Y	Y	Y	Y

Y = Yes, N = No, P = Presiding Officer (does not vote), A = Abstain, NP = Not Present

TO: ALA Executive Board

RE: AASL 2021 Conference Site Recommendation – Salt Lake City, UT

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:

At the ALA 2015 Annual Conference in San Francisco, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Board of Directors unanimously approved Salt Lake City, Utah as the official location of the AASL 2021 National Conference & Exhibition.

Per the ALA Policy Manual section A.4.3.4.9 Policies of the American Library Association in Relation to its Membership Divisions the AASL Executive Director and President are submitting these decisions to the ALA Executive Board.

Policy A.4.3.4.9 Division National Conferences, Pre-conferences, and Related Activities [VIII]

Proposals for Division National Conferences should be made to the ALA Executive Board at least two years in advance of the anticipated meeting date following a prescribed proposal outline. ALA state and regional chapters in the geographical area of a proposed conference shall be notified in writing of a desired conference prior to submitting the request to the Executive Board. Such notice shall seek the cooperation of the chapters with respect to scheduling and programming to the extent feasible. The Division shall contact the host Chapter prior to determining date availability with the host city. The Division shall contact the chapters in the geographical area immediately after determining date availability with the host city. In the event of a conflict with the ALA state or regional chapters and the proposed divisional conference, the ALA Executive Board shall make the decision in consultation with the chapters.

ACTION REQUESTED BY:

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DRAFT OF MOTION:

The ALA Executive Board approves Salt Lake City, Utah, as the official location for the AASL 2021 National Conference & Exhibition on the dates of October 17-24, 2021.

DATE: September 24, 2015

BACKGROUND:

The AASL National Conference & Exhibition is the primary continuing education activity of the division. Starting in 1980 in Louisville, Kentucky, the AASL National Conference has provided quality professional development and networking opportunities for school librarian professionals. When asked the reasons for attending AASL Conference, the top 3 reasons given

were Programming, Networking Opportunities, and Exhibits. Requests for proposals to host the AASL 2021 National Conference & Exhibition were issued in January 2015. Per AASL’s policy on site selection criteria, AASL is committed to a geographic rotation of its conference location to afford more members the opportunity to attend. For 2021, staff looked at cities in the Western U.S. Staff researched sites that had the appropriate meeting and exhibit space, adequate hotel rooms within walking distance of the convention center, easy accessibility for air and ground transportation, reasonable rates for meeting space and hotel rooms, and date availability.

After identifying suitable sites based on the above criteria, AASL also looked at ALA and other division conferences and meetings to avoid scheduling too closely to those conference locations. Because ALA will be in San Francisco in 2021, AASL did not look at coastal destinations to the West. The schedule of locations for ALA and its divisional conferences is below.

Locations of ALA and Division Conference, 2017-2021

	ALA	AASL	ACRL	PLA
2017	Midwinter: Atlanta Annual: Chicago	Phoenix	Baltimore	
2018	Midwinter: Denver Annual: New Orleans			Philadelphia
2019	Midwinter: Seattle Annual: DC	Louisville	Minneapolis	
2020	Midwinter: Philadelphia Annual: Chicago			Nashville
2021	Midwinter: Indianapolis Annual: San Francisco		Seattle	

Based on each city’s proposal, site visits by AASL staff, availability, and costs, as well as a substantial signing bonus, Salt Lake City, Utah was recommended to the AASL Board of Directors as the official location for the AASL 2021 National Conference & Exhibition.

In accordance with the ALA’s “Organizational and Operational Practices,” Policy A.4.3.4.9, AASL will contact in writing ALA state and regional chapters, as well as AASL affiliate organizations, in the geographical areas of the proposed conference and seek the cooperation of these chapters in respect to programming and scheduling.

AASL asks the ALA Board to approve the location without these letters in hand in order to reach an agreement with Salt Lake City within a timely manner. The AASL Board approved the Salt Lake City site at the end of June at Annual. Communications to school library affiliates within the state and surrounding areas are more difficult during the summer months. Their boards often do not meet so are unable to respond to the request. At this time, AASL is able to receive a considerable signing bonus from Salt Lake City. With approval from the ALA Board, AASL may move forward on the financial considerations while continuing to seek letters of support from affiliates. Letters of support will be submitted to the ALA Executive Board once they are received.