

**AASL Affiliates Assembly II**  
**June 29, 2008**  
**8:00am – 12:00 noon**  
**Anaheim Convention Center, room 201 A/B**

The meeting was Called to Order by Chair Jay Bansbach at 8:10am. Chair Bansbach thanked the affiliates for their attendance. He then introduced himself; Irene Kwidzinski, AA Chair Elect; Leslie Forsman, Recording Secretary; Carl Harvey, AA Past Chair; Dee Griffith, AA Past Recording Secretary. He also introduced the following Regional Director Elects: Marilyn Joyce, Region I; Rosina Alaimo, Region II; Cara Cavin, Region III; Dian Chen, Region IV; Lou Greco, Region V Director; Maribel Garza-Castro, Region VI; Debra LaPlante, Region VII; Linda Collins, Region VIII; and Gail Formanack, Region IX. Chair Bansbach then introduced the following AASL/ALA staff: Jen Habley ALA/AASL liaison (who was not in attendance); Jonathan West, AASL Communications Manager; Allison Cline, AASL's new Deputy Director; Brenda Dryer, and Melissa Jones, AASL's new Communications Specialist. Chair Bansbach thanked The Library Company (TLC) for providing breakfast for the affiliates and welcomed Kelvin Watson, Garr Cidner, and Annette Murphy from TLC. Chair Bansbach mentioned that he had two DVD copies (provided by Sandy Saint Louis) of the PBS Frontline series "Growing Up Online" which will be given away toward the end of this morning's meeting.

Chair Bansbach then called for committee reports.

1). **Intellectual Freedom Committee**—Marianne Fues. The committee is involved in many projects, and will so-sponsor "Ethics in a 2.0 World" this afternoon. They have created a new Intellectual Freedom brochure, "Access Denied: What is Intellectual Freedom?" which may be downloaded from [www.ala.org/oif/basics/intellectual.cfm](http://www.ala.org/oif/basics/intellectual.cfm). The committee plans to do further development and will bring updates to the ALA MidWinter meeting in Denver Co, January, 2009.

2). **Standards and Guidelines Implementation Task Force**—Susan D. Ballard. The committee is creating a roll out plan for the implementation of the new standards. They will report to the AASL Board on Monday June 30, 2008.

3). **Legislative Committee**—Doc Roth. The committee is working with the communications methods currently in place and is also looking into other possible methods. The affiliates were encouraged to forward AASL listserv posting to their local listservs as appropriate. YALSA, ALA, and AASL have formed a Joint Committee to promote issues regarding youth. The Skills Act will be brought forward in the 2009 Congressional sessions. HR 3021 passed Congress on June 14, 2008 and includes \$6.4 Billion for school construction, including libraries. The bill is now in the Senate. Doc reminded everyone of the "Virtual Library On The Hill" session Tuesday morning, July 1, 2008. Legislators can be contacted using the "CapWiz" program. Users need only insert their zip code to access a listing of their representatives and senators. The affiliates

were also reminded that a stack of faxes might receive more attention than a list of emails. Also it is better to send to their local in state offices rather than to their Washington D.C. offices.

4). **AASL Nominating Committee**—Dee Gwaltney. The 2009 Nominating slate is still open. The committee is looking for candidates for the following offices: President Elect (a 3 year term); AASL Board Member-At-Large (a 2 year term); Division Counselor (a 3 year term); Regional Director Elects for Regions I, III, IV, VI, VII (4 year terms). There are also openings for various section leaders. Names may be submitted to Dee Gwaltney at [deegwaltney@comcast.net](mailto:deegwaltney@comcast.net).

5). **ALA Nominations**—Hilda Weisburg. This nominating committee is looking for people to represent AASL on the ALA Council. There are looking for 1 or 2 candidates per region. In response to the concern about the length of time at the ALA conference, the ALA Board is considering finishing on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, beginning in 2010.

6). **AASL Advocacy Institute**—Deb Lebitov. Deb will present this information later in the meeting as she presents information about all of the AASL Institutes.

7). **Standards Indicators and Assessment Task Force**—Kathy Lowe. This Task Force has the task of putting “the meat on the standards”. They presented their first draft on the AASL website and left the opportunity for public comment. They want the documents to be useful, functional tools. They are working on revisions to make the tools more “user friendly”. A survey/comments sheet was available during the meeting. The second draft should be available on the AASL website by September 2008 for public comment. An announcement will be placed on the AASL listservs and on LM\_Net when the draft is available. Comments may be sent to [standardsinaction@ala.org](mailto:standardsinaction@ala.org).

8). **Knowledge Quest Topics for 2008**—Debbie Abilock. The “Knowledge Quest Media Kit 2008-2009” was placed on the tables prior to the start of the meeting. The media kit outlines the “Editorial Calendar” for this year’s issues. Debbie is accepting article topic ideas for the 2008-09 issues. She is also looking for examples of Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs) for Web 2.0 usage. Topic suggestions and Web 2.0 AUPs may be emailed to [kq@abilock.net](mailto:kq@abilock.net).

9). **AASL/ACRL Joint Committee on Information Literacy**—Judi Repman. This committee is working to create a seamless flow of Information Literacy Skills for PreK through college. They are compiling examples for a best practices toolkit and are looking for examples to include.

10). **AASL/ALSC/YALSA School and Public Library Cooperation Interdivisional Committee**—Gail Bush. This is a new that committee was created from a Task Force from the ALSC division. They work to promote collaboration between school and public libraries. The committee is looking for new members. The chair

position rotates from AASL to ALSC to YALSA. AASL will provide the chair for this group again in 2010.

11). **Teacher Librarian Video Network**—Lesley Farmer. Informational sheets were available during the meeting. The group is working to promote \$0 cost distance-learning opportunities; to help connect teacher-librarians across the country. They help promote “Read Across America” and will promote the Information Literacy Standards. They are also helping to support the Tuesday (July 1) morning session connecting attendees of ALA with attendees of NECC.

12). **Quantitative Measures Task Force**—Julie Walker. The task Force was created several years ago in response an Affiliates Assembly concern regarding what the states are doing, how the state boards of education are responding. Each Regional Director packet had the results that the task force had been able to access for each state. The Affiliates were asked to verify the information for their state before leaving today’s meeting.

13). **2009 AASL Conference Committee**—Jay Bansbach. Promotional materials (pens, note pads, postcards) for the conference were distributed. The conference will be held November 5-8, 2009 in Charlotte North Carolina. The conference theme is “Rev Up @ your library”. The RFP for pre-conference sessions is available at [www.ala.org/aasl](http://www.ala.org/aasl) and the RFP for concurrent sessions will be available soon and is due to the committee by December 1, 2008.

14). **AASL Blog**—Mary Ann Harlan. The editorial board is looking for information from and bloggers at the state level. More information can be obtained by contacting [aaslblog@gmail.com](mailto:aaslblog@gmail.com)

J. Linda Williams spoke to the Affiliates and thanked them for their support of her campaign for ALA President Elect. She encouraged others to take an active role in AASL and also in ALA.

**AASL President Sara Kelly Johns** addressed the Affiliates regarding several issues. The Statements of Commendation and the Statements of Concern that are sent forth from this assembly will be acted on at the ALA MidWinter meetings in Denver in January 2009. Some task Forces and Committees are still in need of members. Affiliate delegates that are interested in serving on committees and task forces are encouraged to complete and submit volunteer forms. Incoming AASL President Ann Martin will continue to work to fill these positions. Volunteer forms for 2009-10 will be available on the Online Communities homepage from August to November. AASL in undergoing a Communications Audit at this time, members might receive phone calls/emails surveying their opinion of the communications with AASL. The teacher-Librarian Network was mentioned, as was the connected session between AASL and NECC. Members are encouraged to begin working with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Standards, to reflect on them, and to help create the supporting documents for them. A committee has revised the language of the Intellectual Freedom information. Prior to this revision, the documents

had not been revised since the 1990's. AASL will host the Fall Forum October 17-19, 2008 at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort in Oak Brook Illinois; members are encouraged to register soon. Jim Rettig, ALA President is advocating for libraries at all levels, and especially at the school libraries level. ALA is working with AASL to support school libraries. It was commented that "school libraries are a dominant feature in the ecology of the library system", and that without school libraries the system is likely to crumble.

**AASL President Elect Ann M. Martin** thanked the Affiliates for their leadership and participation. AnnaLisa Crews was asked to speak about the Emerging Leadership program since she is just completing the program. Ann Martin has developed four key goals for her Presidential year: to increase state associations' memberships by at least 10% and AASL membership by 10% also; to encourage members to vote in state association, AASL and ALA elections; to promote the AASL Awards and encourage members at the state level to nominate others and apply on their own; and to challenge the status quo, to demonstrate our value through actions not words. Her theme for the year will be "Discover Leadership @AASL"—she will focus on professional integrity, collaboration, and innovation.

Irene Kwidzinski introduced the candidates for the offices of Chair Elect and Recording Secretary. Each candidate was asked to speak for 2-3 minutes about their qualifications and interests regarding the office they were running for. Voting delegates were then given ballots to make their selections. Sandra Andrews defeated Jane Sharka for Chair Elect, Deb Christensen defeated Jackie Chetzron and Marie Barron for Recording Secretary. Their terms will begin at the ALA MidWinter conference, January 2009.

Jody Howard (delegate from Colorado) encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming MidWinter conference in Denver.

Jay Bansbach thanked Carl Harvey for his work in organizing the AASL 101 session and the AASL presence in the ALA pavilion during this conference.

The Affiliates then turned their attention to the **Statements of Commendation**.

I). Follett Library Resources. Motion by Rosina Alaimo, second by Marie Barron to approve. Motion to amend to be national, instead of "on behalf of Region II" by Barbara Gray, second by Leslie Blatt. Motion passed.

V). Cocky's Reading Express. Motion by Bruce Hester, second by Fred Tilsley to approve. Motion passed.

VII). The Washington Coalition for School Libraries and Information Technology. Motion by Gregory Lum, second by Lisa Hathcock to approve. Motion passed.

VIII). The North Dakota Department of Education and the Educational Standards and Practices Board of North Dakota. Motion by Cindy Pfeiffer, second by Buffy Edwards to approve. Motion passed, with some dissenting votes.

IX). The new Master of Education program at Valley City State University with a concentration in Library and Informational Technologies. Motion by Sherry Crow, second by Cindy Pfeiffer to approve. Motion passed.

The Affiliates then reviewed the **Statements of Concern**:

I). “We support the deployment of a rapid response mechanism/network to rally affiliate assistance for school library media programs in jeopardy...” Motion by David Bilmes, second by Valerie Diggs to approve. Motion passed.

III). “National Board Certification for Library Teachers...” Motion by Peggy Becksvoort, second by Fred Tilsley to approve. Motion passed.

VI). “Since administrators are important to the success of a strong library media program, ...” Motion by Jane Sharka, second by Rosina Alaimo to approve. Motion passed.

IX). “An examination of the ALA directory of library diversity organizations...” Motion by Fred Tilsley, second by Pat Dedicos to approve. Motion passed.

X). “There is a need to pursue collaboration between AASL an ISTE...” Motion by Sherry Crow, second by Val Edwards to approve. Motion passed. Comments noted that this is being done on an informal level, but needs to be done on a formal level also.

XIII). “Arizona has seen a decrease in the number of certified teacher librarians...” Motion by Debra LaPlante, second by Sandra Yoon to approve. Motion defeated. Motion by Fred Tilsley, second by Lisa Hathcock to add requested action items to Concern #1. Motion passed.

The Affiliates were then given approximately 25 minutes to work in regional caucuses.

The Affiliates were reconvened and reminded to look over and return the Quantitative Standards information as well as the Re-Affiliation Status forms.

**Spotlight Segment:** Betty Bankhead and Dev Levitar presented information about the AASL Professional Development Opportunities. Brochures detailing the four available programs were distributed and can also be found online. The four workshops are: AASL Advocacy for School Librarians (not to be confused with the ALA advocacy institute); Collaborative Leadership; Reading and the Elementary School Library Media Specialist; and Reading and the Secondary School Media Specialist. One of the Strategic Goals is to improve professional development opportunities at many levels and to be sure

that all professional development is important, valuable and available. Currently AASL provides a three-tiered approach for professional development: 1). AASL e-academies and the Fall Forum; 2). The AASL Institutes mentioned above; and 3). Conferences (ALA, and AASL).

The Affiliates were asked to consider the phrase “you have to learn how *not* to admire your problems” and how that might apply to some of the issues facing school libraries today.

A drawing was held (closest birth dates match) for the two Frontline DVDs.

Rosina Alaimo moved, Hilda Weisburg seconded, to adjourn at 11:50am. The motion passed.

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**Attendance Record**

**Region I:**

David Bilmes	CASL
Susan Ballard	NESLA, NHEMA
Nancy Keane	MHEMA
Mary Lou Cassotto	CASL
Lucia Rafala	CASL
Janet Roche	CASL
Maureen M Snyder	CASL
Gerri Fegan	MSLA
Valeria Diggs	MSLA
Peg Becksvoort	MASL
Kelley McDaniel	MASL
Marilyn Joyce	Dir, MASL (ME)
Merlyn Miller	NESLA, VSLA
Sandy Kelly	MSLA
Kathy Lowe	MSLA

**Region III:**

Cara Cavin	DirEI, WEMTA
Kathleen McBroom	MAME
Jo Kirkbride	MAME
Jane Sharka	ISLMA
Randee Hudson	ISLMA
Robyn Young	AIME
Jo Ann Carr	WEMTA
Val Edwards	WEMTA
Marianne Fues	MASL
Gayla Strack	MASL
Karen Lemmons	MAME
Vicky Schmarr	OELMA
Marie Sabol	OELMA
Cyndi Phillip	MAME, AASL PastPres, guest

**Region II:**

Rosina Alaimo	SLMS/NYLA
Marie Barron	SLMA/NYLA
Susan Gooden	DSLMA
Pat Bartoshesky	DSLMA
Geneva Reeder	PSLA
Nancy Smith Latanision	PSLA
Hilda Weisburg	NJASL
Leslie Blatt	NJASL
Pat Massey	NJASL guest
Veanna Baxter	PSLA guest
J. Linda Williams	MASL substitute
Andre' Taylor	DCASL
Sally Daniels	SLMS guest
Kelly Kroese	NYLA/SLMS guest
Doug Francis	PSLA guest

**Region IV:**

Diane R. Chen	DirEI, TASL
Sandra Andrews	NCSLMA guest
Amanda LeBlanc	SCASL guest
Valerie Byrd Fort	SCASL
Kitt Lisenby	SCASL:
Bruce Hester	TASL
Lynn Caruthers	TASL
Fred Tilsley	KSMA
Dee Griffith	VEMA guest
Trudy Moss	NCSLMA
Deb Christensen	NCSLMA
Laurel Morgan	VEMA
Terri Britt	VEMA guest
Nancy Dickinson	Dir, TASL
Allison Roberts	TASL guest
Nancy Silcox	VEMA

**Region V:**

Pat Dedicos	FAME
Judi Repman	GLA
Sherry Grove	GLMA
Lisa Hathcock	AIMA
Ginger Eastman	AIMA
Melissa Johnston	GLMA
Lou Greco	FAME
Marie Thomas	LASL
Ann Marie Pipkin	AIMA
Annalisa Crews	AIMA

**Region VII:**

Debra LaPLante	TLD of AzLA
Sandra Yoon	Cal. Sch. Lib. Assoc.
Sally Roof	TLD of AzLA
Robbie Nickel	Nevada Lib. Assoc.
Susan Garrin	TLD of AzLA
Annie Weissman	TLD of AzLA
Ann Ewbank	TLD of AzLA
Jean Kilker	TLD of AzLA

**Region IX:**

Gail Formanack	DirEl
Jody K. Howard	Colorado
Nance Nassar	Colorado
Sherry Crow	Colorado
Lori Umstead	NEMA
Barbara Bahm	KASL
Cindy Pfeiffer	KASL
Linda Roberts	KASL
Betty Meyer	NLA-SCYP
Janice Ostrom	Director

**Region VI:**

Alison Almquist	NMLA
Buffy Edwards	OASLMS
Maribel Castro	TX ASL
Cindy Buchanan	TX ASL
Nancy Kubasek	TX ASL
Jackie Chetzron	TX ASL

**Region VIII:**

Linda Collins	DirEl, WLMA
Joanna Freeman	WLMA
Dave Sonnen	WLMA
Gregory Lum	OASL
Merrie Olson	OASL