As everyone entered, breakfast was provided by ABC-CLIO and delegates signed in for credentialing.

Chairperson Mona Batchelor opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to move forward. Mona welcomed David Paige to the stage. David is an editor with Libraries Unlimited. Mona thanked ABC-CLIO for sponsoring our breakfast.

David Paige gave two thank yous. One is a corporate thank you for what we do. The second is a personal thank you. He thanked delegates for welcoming him in this community.

David shared two items with delegates:
1. That *School Library Connection* is floating around, and to please take a copy. Also, there is a BIG upgrade coming to the online platform in September.
2. He also asked delegates who have a great collaborative partner in their school, please email Liz Deskins. ABC-CLIO needs to hear about your great collaborative efforts so they can be shared.

Batchelor asked everyone to move into regions for caucus time, and asked each region to select a Regional Representative.

At 9:15, Batchelor asked everyone to move forward and gave announcements. She reminded everyone of these resources in ALA Connect:
- Online handbook
- AA 101 Presentation
- Contact Form for Shannon Carter to report contact name changes for each region
Batchelor asked that before you leave, please report the name of your Regional Representative to Secretary Renee Hale and to give contact information to Shannon Carter.

Please contact Shannon Carter for fun SWAG for your conference

Batchelor welcomed AASL President Audrey Church. Church thanked delegates for being present in Affiliate Assembly. She shared information from the Presidential Initiative Task Force.

AASL is celebrating 65 years of service to build the future to the profession. Funds raised support scholarships for student members as well as the development of an induction program. We are a little short of our fundraising goal. Church asked delegates to ask our affiliate members for support funds. She encouraged delegates to celebrate AASL as an organization and help AASL move forward.

Church shared that she looks forward to AASL in Phoenix where we will explore new strategies & best practices. Audrey shared authors that will be present and she highlighted the speakers that will be there. Audrey shared that we will explore and implement the new standards. Attendees that order the new standards will receive a flash drive with resources to implement them.

Audrey mentioned the Share the Wealth campaign. You can STW & win prizes! By recruiting your colleagues you can win a complimentary year of AASL Membership. The grand prize includes airfare, accommodations & registration to AASL in Phoenix.

August 17 is the deadline for early bird registration, registering early will save attendees $100.

Audrey shared the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Task Force. This information and how to apply can be found on ALA Connect. AASL is seeking states that would be interested in a partnership in 2018. Contact Judy -(last name)- info@storytrail.com to apply.

If you don’t subscribe to the KQ Blog, you should! It is a wealth of information that provides news & support of school librarianship. Learn more at http://knowledgequest.aasl.org/.

Be sure to stay up-to-date with ESSA. Look at your state & other states to learn from each other & make use of these resources. Support materials online: www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/legislation/essa

Audrey announced that through the generosity of Roger & Susan Ballard the AASL Past Presidents Planning Grant for standards implementation. For three years, Susan and her husband will donate $5000 per year to be used toward grant opportunities to assist with implementation of the standards in the state.
Audrey’s initiative is to get principals to understand what our librarians do and how we make a difference in student learning. She and a task force curated resources that demonstrate the importance of school librarians. The Task Force shared their list with delegates at www.alala.org/aasl/learningleaders, there is a combination of print, graphic & videos. There are strategies & an action plan as well as ways to share the initiative and an assessment tool. These resources are data driven. The Annotated Resource Guide explains why there are two documents and will help you strategize your interaction with your principal. It is organized by the type of resource rather than the theme. You can find these on the AASL website along with all of the great advocacy tools on the website. Advocacy is the job for everyone whether or not you are in a leadership position. Take the opportunity to share and advocate for your library. Use the action plan worksheet to help you as you use these resources. Please also use the usage survey to share your success stories. This is a good way to inspire others.

These will be a session on Advocacy in Phoenix. They will talk about these resources and how to connect with your administrator and show where the impact comes from. Anytime you want to keep this conversation going, use these hashtags: #schoollibrarianstransformlearning #advocacybeginswitheachofus

For more information and advocacy resources visit http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/tools/leaders

You can take the resources provided and link to them from your website, please cite where you get your information from.

They will have a booth at the National Principals Conference in July 2017. They will share LOTS of information with principals!

Batchelor announced a break

Batchelor introduced Dr. David Loertscher so he could discuss a study he is conducting. His study will look into how teachers and librarians working together excel learning. He has information for anyone that is interested in participating.

Batchelor called everyone together to move forward with our election process. Candidates for Chair Elect and Recording Secretary came forward to give their speeches. Candidates were as follows:

- Chair-Elect - Brene Duggins, North Carolina
- Recording Secretary - Sedley Abercrombie

Batchelor asked members to vote each candidate in
Both were voted in without opposition
Nominations for Chair-Elect come at Mid-Winter & nominations for Secretary come at Annual Conference. Batchelor encouraged delegates to come to those meetings prepared to run for these two offices. All present are leaders and capable of filling these positions.

During Regional Caucus time, regional representatives were chosen:
Region 1
Region 2 LaDawna Harrington
Region 3 Becky Johnson
Region 4 Catherine Nelson
Region 5
Region 6 Cassandra Barnett
Region 7 Renee-Owsley Swank
Region 8
Region 9 Betty Meyer

Discussion for concerns was led by Batchelor. She reviewed our new procedures.

- Each concern will be presented by the AA Chair
- Open the floor for discussion
- Must come to microphone to speak
- 10 minute limit (can vote for 5 minute extension- no more than 15 minutes given to a single concern)
- All concerns will be voted on in the order in which they appear after all concerns have been discussed

Concern 1 from New Jersey - As a sponsoring organization for Future Ready Schools, AASL should recommend the inclusion of reading across all literacies.
- Elizabeth Zdrodowski thanked this recommendation for coming forward as it will help our readers
- Discussion closed

Concern 2 from Pennsylvania - Region 2 requests that the AASL Board of Directors take action to clarify and publicize resources and procedures for addressing challenges related to censorship and patron privacy issues.
- Kate De--- asked for clarification because part is very specific, while other parts are very broad.
- Laura Hicks said they didn’t want to be too narrowly focused because they want to link to resources. They want something more focused on K-12 rather than broad issues.
- Becky Johnson said they think the steps were covered in the leadership training. They felt the continued communication is there already and this may not need to be a concern. They feel it might the school s are not members and are not reaching out.
• LaDawna Harrington said they want the availability of the location of the materials to be more prominent on the AASL website. Her suggestion is to put LGBTQ “term” as a search function on the website
• Laura Hicks asked if the AASL staff could make this easier to search.
• The action would have to be forwarded so that the next steps could happen or to change this, we have to withdraw and resubmit next year
• Dona Helmer, R8 thinks we should proceed as this is too important to wait another year

Concern 4 from Region 3 - We are asking the AASL Board of Directors to charge the ESSA Implementation Task Force to unpack the federal block grant program by providing in a timely fashion clarification on the process, who can apply, and how the funds can be used.
• Patti Fleser, R3, stresses this needs to happen as soon as possible. We need to jump on this now that ESSA is allowing us to do this.
• Cassandra Barnett, R6 thinks we need clarification as she thinks this goes to the state as she thinks each state has their own criteria
• LaDawna Harrington, R2 - is the ESSA Task Force addressing grants already?
• Ilene --- Chair for implementing the task force. The TF has recommended a webinar to show how to apply for the grants. We would have a problem doing this per state as states each have their own plan. The webinar tells how to apply & how to look for your specific criteria. Date of the webinar is based
• Tierney --- R1 thinks this is valuable as guidance as we move forward
• Steven Yates - the board is listening and we are working on ways to meet the needs of these resources
• Sylvia Norton this is being worked on at the Fed
• LaDawna Harrington, R2 in light of what everyone has said, does this move forward? It sounds as though this is being addressed.
• Brene Duggins, R4 stated the point of moving this forward is to stress that this is an urgent matter and is important to the Affiliate Assembly

Concern 5 from region 3 - We ask that the AASL Board of Directors create a task force to identify core standards for a certification (non-master’s) program for school librarians.
• Becky Johnson, R3 we brought this forward and one question is when we talk about this in the action that ESSA would provide funding that would allow this
• Cassandra Barnett, R6 CAET is the accrediting body and there are already standards for this
• Lisa --- R3 we are unaware of CAET
• Cassandra Barnett, R6 They are available on the website
• AASL said there is a recognition process to programs according to standards developed from AASL. She feels this is already covered. At the state department level, programs have to be approved at the state level. This would have to be done at the state level.
• Cassandra Barnett, R6 perhaps the CAET committee needs to push some awareness out that this is available. There are online.
Concern 6 from Washington - Region 8 requests that the AASL board re-examine affiliation requirements to better support re-affiliation for school library associations in states with low student populations and low librarian-to-student ratios. Every effort should be made for AASL to support affiliation of school librarian associations in all states in order to best support the mission of the AASL, state associations and the students served by school library programs.

- Jennison Lucas R9 says they are the lowest population and they are able to meet affiliation credentials. She is unsure of what the concern is. Are the affiliation requirements regularly reviewed?
- Patti Fleser, R3, went online to see the requirements. Are there other requirements other than 10% or 25 members?
- Shannon Carter stated the only other requirements are that state bylaws are in line with AASL
- Steven Yates board looks at this on a regular basis - 10% or 25 members whichever is lowest. They can share more resources if needed to help you stay affiliated. They do not want any barriers in your way.
- Amanda --- R1 - concerned about this because they barely made the requirement. They struggle with how to recruit more members. They have made more levels. They are getting more members but they are losing the % bc they aren’t getting more AASL members.
- Silvia Norton will check wording on categories of members
- Donna Helmer, R8 region 8 would be more robust with other states. We feel impacted with 6 states out of the affiliate. We should do more recruiting to get them involved.
- Robbie Nickel, R7 we are not a state association. We are a section of the state library association. We have a small school population and we are still able to be affiliated. Personal concern is that we would weaken AASL by broadening/lessening the requirements.
- Cassandra Barnett, R6 this issue may be if we want robust participation is getting people here. 1. Ppl cannot afford 2. No school support to participate. Is changing the affiliation rules going to get AASL more participation? Actions may need to go broader.
- Sedley Abercrombie, R4 - look at these states as locations for future conferences as it might make it more enticing
- LaDawna Harrington, R2 this conversation has gotten off the statement of concern. Not in favor as is stands, we might lose support, strategy to recruit. That’s a different concern.

Sylvia Norton, AASL Executive Director, reminds delegates of the AASL preconference and emphasizes that affiliates should attend. Email Shannon Carter if you need the link to send a representative.

Voting Process
Concern 1 As a sponsoring organization for Future Ready Schools, AASL should recommend the inclusion of reading across all literacies.
Move to AASL Board of Directors
LaDonna Harrington, motion
Caroline Vibbert, 2nd
Motion carries

Concern 2 - AASL Board of Directors take action to clarify and publicize resources and procedures for addressing challenges related to censorship and patron privacy issues.
Laura Hicks, motion
Debra Logan, 2nd
Motion carries

Concern 4 - We are asking the AASL Board of Directors to charge the ESSA Implementation Task Force to unpack the federal block grant program by providing in a timely fashion clarification on the process, who can apply, and how the funds can be used.
Patti Fleser, motion
Mary Ellen Minichielo, 2nd
Motion carries

Concern 5 - We ask that the AASL Board of Directors create a task force to identify core standards for a certification (non-master’s) program for school librarians.
No motion to move forward
Brene Duggins, motion NOT to move forward
Susie Grissom, 2nd
Motion carries

Concern 6 - Region 8 requests that the AASL board re-examine affiliation requirements to better support re-affiliation for school library associations in states with low student populations and low librarian-to-student ratios. Every effort should be made for AASL to support affiliation of school librarian associations in all states in order to best support the mission of the AASL, state associations and the students served by school library programs.
Motion made by Dona Helmer
2nd - No second
Motion does not carry

Concerns portion concludes and we moved immediately into Commendations

Commendation 1 from New York - Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival
No discussion

Commendation 2 from New Jersey - Unlock Student Potential
No discussion

Commendation 3 from South Carolina - Columbia Fireflies Reading Program
No discussion

Commendation 4 from Tennessee - Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
No discussion

Commendation 5 from Tennessee - Book ‘Em
No discussion

Commendation 6 from Texas - #txlchat - Weekly Twitter Chat
- LaDonna Harrington, R2 - lots of discussion, we are still struggling with this as it focuses on librarians giving ourselves a commendation it should be I giving I
- Susie Grissom - an affiliate cannot give a commendation to an affiliate sponsored program.
- Becky Johnson, R3 - it’s a great program but if the organization is doing something in their mission it makes it questionable on if it receives a commendation
- Shelly -- R We have librarians that participate, it’s not sponsored by TX Lib Assoc. Thinks anyone can participate and this gives delegates the chance to commend them for their efforts.
- Susie Grissom - this is not going to an individual but to the chat itself which is not a certified organization

Concludes Discussion on Commendations

Commendation 1 - Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival
Laura Hicks, motion
Liz Philippi, 2nd
Motion carries

Commendation 2 - Unlock Student Potential
LaDawna Harrington, motion
Susan Ballard, 2nd
Motion carries

Commendation 3 - Columbia Fireflies Reading Program
Jennifer Bates, motion
Dona Helmer, 2nd
Motion carries

Commendation 4 - Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
Betty Myer, motion
Emmanuel Faulkner, 2nd
Motion Carries

Commendation 5 - Book ‘Em
Jennisen Lucas, motion
Lawrence Johnson, 2nd
Motion carries

Commendation 6 - #txlchat - Weekly Twitter Chat
Kate Di, motion
Shelly, 2nd
Motion carries

Concludes Concerns & Commendations

Mona Batchelor announced next year’s Affiliate Assembly leaders
Chair-Elect - Brene Duggins, North Carolina
Recording Secretary - Sedley Abercrombie

Batchelor asked for announcements

Batchelor thanked the affiliate assembly and adjourned the meeting