Merlyn Miller called the Affiliate Assembly Executive Meeting (Leader Team) to order at 8 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2014, in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel. She welcomed all in attendance and asked they introduce themselves. Those attending included: Merlyn Miller, Carrie Turner, Juanita Jameson, Eileen Kern, Ken Stewart, Gail Dickinson, Terri Grief, Susan Ballard, Sylvia Norton, Anna Bolognani, Linda Weatherspoon, Mona Batchelor, Cecelia Solomon, Lora Black, Jonna Ashley and Karen Kesset.

The minutes of the June 28, 2013, Executive Committee in Chicago were amended to reflect the meeting time of 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., capitalizing the name of Susi Parks Grissom, and removing Cecelia Solomon’s name from making a motion as she wasn’t in attendance. Linda Weatherspoon moved and Eileen Kern seconded the motion which passed.

Juanita Jameson moved to accept the agenda for this Executive Meeting in Philadelphia with the following addition: Discussion topic for AASL Discussion Group to be held Saturday, January 25, 2014. A second was made by Anna Bolognani, the motion passed.

The agenda for Affiliate Assembly in Philadelphia was amended to include the addition of: Formation of Re-Affiliation Task Force, Declaration of the Right to Libraries—Barbara Stripling, AASL Retirees SIG report.

Minutes from the Affiliate Assembly I in Chicago were amended to change the wording in the motion in Commendation #12 to Susi Grissom made a motion to approve. Ken Stewart moved to accept the minutes as amended, Carrie Turner seconded the motion and it passed.

The minutes of Affiliate Assembly II in Chicago were approved as presented with a motion by Eileen Kern and a second by Linda Weatherspoon.

President Gail Dickinson gave a report on Concerns and Commendation submitted at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

   Concern #3--Crosswalk of the Common Core Standards has been sent to the Common Core Implementation Task Force for review.
Concern #4—A STEM task force will be created as requested.

Concern #5—State Library Agency support concern has been passed on to ALA School Library Task Force to seek support of state agencies.

Concern #6—Lesson Plan Database is in a state of transition as the current host company has gone out of business so the plans to move forward are on hold.

Concern #8—Serving homeless and transient student population concern proposing the creation of a task force to study the issue and will be discussed at AASL Executive Board on January 25, 2014.

President-elect Terri Grief is considering her initiative of mentorships of state associations by the national association. She wants to train Affiliate Assembly delegates in the role of continued leadership and hopes to strengthen the leaders so they will remain involved.

Past President Susan Ballard is gathering information to help keep our association healthy and growing by getting feedback from committees and task forces.

AASL Executive Director Sylvia Norton reported on the ideas that the Strategic Planning group worked today. She reported on possible local publicity for ALA in the Philadelphia newspaper. She also gave a shout out to the ALA staff.

A task force to plan and present the AASL 101 @Annual conference in Las Vegas will be headed by Linda Weatherspoon and Carrie Turner.

The review of Concerns and Commendations timeline included a change to the wording to reflect the recent change to regional representatives. Regional representatives need to get concerns/commendations reports from regions by May 15 with deadline of May 30 to forward to Merlyn Miller. Ken Stewart asked for clarification on whose name can be on a commendation. It was explained that Commendations are designed to recognize programs outside the school library that have impact on a school library program, not an individual.

The 2014 Re-Affiliation process was discussed. It is the consensus of the group
that there is a need to update the process to include more pertinent data. Eileen Kern and Ken Stewart volunteered to co-chair a committee to work on criteria to re-affiliate.

The Affiliate Assembly discussion topic for Saturday, January 25 will be to look at critical issues of state/regional affiliates working together with national and vice versa.

Discussion followed on the location and time of Affiliate Assembly I in Las Vegas.

Karen Kessel moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Carrie Turner. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Jameson
Affiliate Assembly
Recording Secretary