Breakfast was sponsored by ABC-CLIO and delegates signed in for credentialing.

Chairperson Lori Donovan opened meeting. Kathryn Suarez of ABC-Clio greeted the delegates, pointed out brochures for new ABC Clio databases., David Paige of School Library Connection invited members to subscribe and be a part of building the SLC community. Sept. issue will be on democracy in your library. October will focus on Makerspaces beyond ELA. Everyone is encouraged to look at the editorial calendar, and contact David if you are interested in contributing.

Leslie Preddy, AASL President, gave greeting and introduced Audrey Church as incoming President. She also shared updates on AASL initiatives:

- 2016 is the 65th anniversary of AASL. A Giving Campaign for scholarships to support development of new school library professionals is underway. Contributions can be made on the website.
- Gaming as Meaningful Education – consider attending, Rochester, NY (National Gaming Museum) – is a collaboration with ALA Gaming Round Table
- Nov. 9-12, 2017 – National Conference in Phoenix, AZ
- New Standards and Guidelines – Input has been gathered from focus groups. Editorial Board and Implementation Task force have both been hard at work. New documents will be released at the 2017 conference. See updates see website and KQ blog
  - www.al.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/revision
  - http://knowledgequest.aasl.org/summer-standards-air/
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- Subscribe to announcements from KQ Express Blog for “snackable” news updates and ideas
  - Knowledgequest.aasl.org
- ESSA – AASL working to amplify the message that school librarians play an important role
  - AASL was given their own listening session with Dept. of Ed.
  - Support materials online: www.al.org/aasl/advocacy/legislation/essa

Share the Wealth - Campaign to recruit new members, drawing for conference attendance, info at Ala.org/aasl/STW

Freedom to Read Foundation
- 2016 Roll of Honor – Helen Adams recognized
- Freedom to Read Grants – look for in 2017
- Renew as organization for $50 per year, personal for $35

Before Caucusing, delegates were directed to note that the Statements of Concern and Commendations had been updated in their packets to include the items that were considered by AACT on Friday. One new Commendation was moved forward to AA.

During Regional Caucus time, regional representatives were chosen:
Region 1 – Jessica Gilcreast
Region 2 – LaDawna Harrington
Region 3 - Becky Johnson
Region 4 – Misti Jenkins
Region 5 – Jennifer Anders
Region 6 – Susi Parks Grissom
Region 7 - Sue Heraper
Region 8 -- Deborah Rinio
Region 9 – Martha House

Candidates for Chair Elect and Recording Secretary give their speeches. Candidates were as follows:
- Chair- Elect
  - James Allen, Kentucky
  - Kelly Miller, Virginia
- Recording Secretary – Renee Hale, Kentucky

Shelly Stedman made a motion to cast unanimous ballot for Renee Hale as Recording Secretary
Anna Bolognani from Vermont seconded.
Motion passed.
Votes were cast for Chair-Elect

Discussion of Concerns was led by Lori Donovan, beginning with reviewing the process for voting:
- 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

Discussion was held on these Concerns with the following actions resulting:
- Work with AdvancED to reinstate the requirement for a certified school librarian in evaluation criteria
  - Ben Moore made a motion to amend the concern to say “investigate of all accrediting agencies and extend the effort to reinstate the requirement for all accrediting agencies that do not already have the requirement.”
  - Seconded by Shelley Stedman
  - Vote – Nay
  - Jay Bansbach made a motion to amend the concert to say “investigate of the twelve K-12 accrediting agencies listed on the US DOE site and extend the effort to reinstate the requirement for all accrediting agencies that do not already have the requirement.”
  - Seconded Becky Johnson
  - Amendment – Passed
  - Vote to move Concern forward passed.
- Address the issue of school librarians who must work with a fixed schedule and need examples of exemplary programs, requested actions included articles in Knowledge Quest, blog discussion thread, new Standards – Task Force to provide examplars for those forced to use a fixed schedule (explained by rep Cassandra Barnett)
  - Michele Folk expressed concern that this may come across as endorsing fixed schedule
  - Sue Kowalski expressed concern that there are currently resources available and that we should endorse best practices in general not just for a particular type of schedule
  - Lercretia Miller raised question of this being a possible conflict of interest with promoting flexible scheduling
  - Vote – did not pass
• Support quality library and information science instruction based on the Standards for the 21st Century Learning the K-12 setting
  o LaDawna Harrington made motion to update wording to say “AASL standards” instead of “21st Century Standards…”
  o Mindy Nichols seconded
  o Vote – with amended change – passed

Lori Donovan reviewed criteria to receive a commendation and led the discussion and voting
• Call to the delegates if any need to be pulled for discussion- Discussion if necessary- 5 minute time limit (no extensions)
• All commendations will be voted on in the order in which they appear after discussion has been completed

Authors in April
• Lisa Kelly Michigan – explained the 33-year program
  • Passed

PA Forward Information Literacy
• Allison Burrell – PA gave details
  • Passed

South Carolina Education Oversight Committee’s “Read Your Way to the Big Game”
• Jennifer Tazerouti – SC gave details
  • Passed

Southeastern Young Adults Book Festival
• Mindy Nichols – TN
  • Passed

PBS Learning Media and WGBH’s Carolyn Jacobs
• Jennifer Dimick Massachusetts explained (not sure on last name)
• Ben Moore questioned commendation to a person rather than an organization, would an award be more appropriate?
• Jay Bansbach – made motion to change wording to recognize the organization rather Carolyn Jacobs
• Jennifer (MA) seconded
• Amended Concern passed

Lori gave parting words. Mona announced results: Kelly Miller will be the new Chair-Elect. Audrey Church – incoming Pres. – thanked Lori for her hard work and is looking forward to Atlanta. Meeting adjourned.