AASL Affiliate Assembly Meeting II
ALA Midwinter 2017
Sunday, January 22, 2017
Georgia World Congress Center, B203
Atlanta, GA

Candidates Forum

Leslie Preddy, immediate Past President of AASL, welcomed attendees and thanked ABC-CLIO for sponsoring breakfast. Leslie Preddy thanked the Leadership Development Committee members for their work in getting a slate of candidates together. Leslie introduced candidates for each office as they were called up to give their speeches. Candidates with an * were present & gave a speech

ALA Council
Karen Gavigan *
Robbie Nickel *
Jody Howard *
Dennis LeLoup *
Steve Matthews *
Liz Philippi *

President Elect
Robert Hilliker *
Mary Keeling *
Kathryn Lewis *

Treasurer
Judy Deichman *
Jennisen Lucas *

Member-at-Large
Lisa Brakel
Jeffrey DiScala *
At 9:15, Mona Batchelor, Affiliate Assembly Chair, introduced head table & Audrey Church, AASL President – find her full presentation on posted ALA Connect January 24, 2017.

Audrey Church: the message is to vote! She is feeling very good about AASL, our representation of ALA & the profession as a whole.

Are you attending Affiliate Assemble for the first time? She brings information about the concerns Affiliate Assembly brought forth in Annual as well as updates.

**Review of 2016 Concerns**

**ESSA**

Shared ESSA landing page – news, discussion forums, backing {http://essa.aasl.org/}, appropriate staffing, etc.
Regarding ESSA, be visible, vocal and alert to the needs of the program
Future Ready

Need peer reviewers for the state implementation plan – our chance to have a voice
Go to the US Department of Education website & apply due by January 27

Grants & Awards

$90,000 to give away in awards & grants [http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards] All scholarship money should be awarded! We have people that deserve to be awarded! You need to share and apply!! Many are due by February 1.

Social Media Recognition Task Force

Social media recognition task force, they have 7 categories in which AASL members can be recognized. Call for nominations in the next few weeks. Winners announced during school library month & recognized at ALA Annual. Peer nomination process [http://www.ala.org/aasl/about/committees/task-forces]

Proposed Bylaws change

Request that the AASL Board approve a Bylaws amendment be placed on the 2017 ballot to remove one of the two Member-At-Large positions and add a position designated for a one year term to be filled by the current Affiliate Assembly Chair with a provision stipulating that, if the amendment is adopted, the person who holds the removed At-Large position at the time the amendment is adopted will be allowed to complete his or her term of office. If approved, this will go into effect immediately.

66 Years

Celebrating 66 years! The money donated to the campaign goes to student bridge scholarships – students that are awarded these scholarships get the student rate for membership for three consecutive years. Those awarded will serve on an AASL committee for three years (five were awarded this year. Winners are asked about their interests and are put onto committees with a mentor.

Induction Task Force

The Induction Task Force – helps to assist future school library leaders in recognizing and developing leadership abilities.
Upcoming Events

April is School Library month: School libraries empower students
Our spokesperson is Andy Weir author of The Martian

Audrey’s goal as AASL President:

School Librarians Transform Student Learning, which is to better inform school principals that school librarians are instructional leaders in the school

ALA & Advocacy

ALA Washington Office – they are there to support us!

Advocacy & Legislation Coalition – monthly calls for advocacy & legislation
2nd Wednesday at noon, Central Time – calls are archived if you cannot be on those calls
{http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy}
Next call is February 8; you can submit questions or share things that are working in your state

ALA Committee on Professional Ethics

Wrestling with comments on various AKA resolutions
Code of Ethics, Article VII
Intellectual Freedom
Policy B.8.9
They WANT to know when they have challenges
Freedom to Read Foundation – additional membership cost

Good News

Standards are progressing, new standards will launch in Fall 2017

Future Ready Librarians, AASL is a project collaborator -- Sarah has encouraged us to apply
On Steven’s behalf, go to AASL site & complete the form to volunteer with an AASL task force
{http://www.ala.org/aasl/about/committees/task-forces}

Get out the Vote!

March 13 – April 5, only 13% of our members voted last year!
If we don’t vote, other people will be elected
Regional directors will share information about voting
KQ Blog post will be shared with a step-by-step on how to vote
There will be an AASL list of members provided that you can vote for
Save the Date

AASL Conference is November 9-12 in Phoenix, AZ
Highlights include:
Beyond the Horizon
Idea Lab
Bring your Administrator
Authors
General Session Speakers
Launch of the New Standards

Mona Batchelor introduced Regional Representatives

Kelly Miller, Chair-Elect
Renee Hale, Recording Secretary
Regional Representatives:
Region 1: Shelly Stedman
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

Mona Batchelor introduced our Discussion Topics and requested volunteers to lead each topic
How are you arming yourselves for the battle against fake news?
Do you self-censor materials?
What role does your school library take in ACT/SAT test prep?
Student Privacy: How’s that working out for your students – and for you?
Are you in a Future Ready school?
How do you promote reading for pleasure in a fast world?

We will discuss for 15 minutes and move to a different table. Notes will be compiled and
distributed back to you through ALA Connect. Please email Renee Hale your electronic notes.

Kelly reminded everyone to turn in their paper with signatures by the end of today’s meeting if
they are interested in running for chair elect. Reminded those interested in running for Affiliate
Assembly Chair-Elect to turn in their nomination petitions by AAII meeting end

Short break
Mona Batchelor called everyone back to regional tables to begin the regional caucus. Use this time caucusing within your regions voicing your concerns. Concerns are due February 28 to your regional director. They will go to Mona Batchelor and then to AASL.

In May teams will finalize those concerns and will get back to you if there are questions or clarification is needed

June 10 concerns will be posted to Affiliate Assembly ALA Connect for review

BREAK

Terri Grief shared her ALA Presidential Campaign speech
Terri Grief shared the last president was elected by 200 votes and encouraged AASL Affiliates to join her campaign through twitter & email

Kelly Miller announced there are two nominees for Chair-Elect Renee Duggins & Renee Hale

Final Announcements

ALA Annual Meetings in Chicago

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Hale, Recording Secretary