AASL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits  
Board I - Saturday, Jan 21, 2017  Georgia World Congress Center (A303)

Board Members Present:  
President, Audrey Church  
President-Elect, Steven Yates  
Immediate Past President, Leslie Preddy  
Treasurer, Robbie Nickel  
Member-At-Large, Melissa Jacobs  
Member-At-Large, Devona Pendergrass  
Representative to Council, Diane Chen  
Region 1 Director, Pamela Harland  
Region 2 Director, Laura Hicks  
Region 3 Director, Linda Weatherspoon  
Region 4 Director, Pam Renfrow  
Region 5 Director, Wendy Stephens  
Region 6 Director, Kathryn Lewis  
Region 7 Director, Katie Williams  
Region 8 Director, Craig Seasholes  
Region 9 Director, Ann Schuster  
ESLS Representative, Jody Howard  
ISS Representative, Robert Hilliker  
SPVS Representative, Sarah Searles  
Ex-Officio, Sylvia K. Norton, Executive Director

Guests:  
Elizabeth Burns Standards & Guidelines Editorial Board  
Loida Garcia-Febo, candidate for ALA President  
Jody Gray, Director, Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach  
Ann Martin, BARC Chair and liaison to AASL  
Marcia Mardis, Chair, Standards & Guidelines Editorial Board  
Ellen McNair, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force  
Emily Sheketoff, Associate Executive Director, ALA Washington Office  
Joyce Valenza, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force

Staff Present:  
Communications Manager, Stephanie Book  
Program Coordinator, Shannon Carter  
Editor, Meg Featheringham

1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
President-Elect Steven Yates called the meeting to order at 8:05. Executive Director Sylvia K. Norton called the roll. President Audrey Church then arrived to preside over the meeting.

2. Standards & Guidelines Editorial Board  
Chair Marcia Mardis provided an update to the Board of Directors on the remodeled AASL standards and how they were perceived in a peer review.

3. Consent Agenda  
MOTION made by Jody Howard and seconded by Kathryn Lewis to approve the consent agenda.  
>>APPROVED

Revised 2/17/17
4. Action Agenda

Bylaws Change

**MOTION** made by Rob Hilliker and seconded by Katie Williams to approve a Bylaws amendment be placed on the 2017 ballot to remove a Member-At-Large position and add a position designated for a one year term for the Affiliate Assembly Chair with a proviso 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 her or his term of office.

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Position Statement on School and Public Library Cooperation

**MOTION** made by Wendy Stephens and seconded by Melissa Jacobs to approve a Position on School and Public Library Cooperation Task Force with a charge to develop a statement of best practice or position statement on school/public library cooperation while maintaining independent programs and facilities. The Task Force will submit completed work to the Board of Directors by April 1, 2017.

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5. Information Agenda

*Discussion under Board calendar information item*

**MOTION** by Rob Hilliker and seconded by Kathryn Lewis to empower the Executive Committee to determine an appropriate incentive to encourage members and nonmembers to attend the Virtual Membership Meeting.

>>APPROVED

6. Candidate for ALA President

Loida Garcia-Febo spoke to the Board about her candidacy and answered the three questions that had been provided in advance.

7. ALA Washington Office

Emily Sheketoff updated the Board on recent activity and the unknowns as a new administration transitions. She remains hopeful about the strides we have made in ESSA. Emily will be retiring after the National Library Legislative Day event in May.

8. Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC)

Chair Ann Martin provided an update on ALA budgeting.

9. Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach

Director Jody Gray provide an overview on the activities of her ALA office.

10. **MOTION** to Adjourn by Ann Schuster and seconded by Melissa Jacobs.

**ADJOURNED** at 11:16am

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Board II - Sunday, Jan 22, 2017  Georgia World Congress Center (A406)

Board Members Present:
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Guests:
Susan Ballard, ALA President Julie Todaro Presidential Initiative, School Library Group
Judy Deichman, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force
Karen Downing, ALA Executive Board
Terri Grief, candidate for ALA President
Dorcas Hand, ALA President Julie Todaro Presidential Initiative, School Library Group
Mary Keeling, Chair, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force
Sara Kelly Johns, ALA President Julie Todaro Presidential Initiative, School Library Group
Jamie LaRue, Director, Office of Intellectual Freedom
Joyce Valenza, Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force

Staff Present:
Communications Manager, Stephanie Book
Program Coordinator, Shannon Carter

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
President Audrey Church called the meeting to order at 1:05pm after a Board luncheon and video recording of individual board members. Executive Director Sylvia K. Norton called the roll.

2. Standards & Guidelines Implementation Task Force
Chair Mary Keeling updated the Board on the plan being developed by the Task Force.

3. Office of Intellectual Freedom
Director Jamie LaRue discussed filtering in schools and offered tools and checklists as practical starts to conversations with principals and IT directors.

4. ALA Executive Board
ALA Executive Board liaison to AASL, Karen Downing, updated the board on ALA activities and talking points.

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Get Out the Vote
Board members reviewed the messages they will carry to region and section members to have more AASL members vote for a stronger school librarian voice in ALA.

Operational Plan
Board members will review the draft and post additional items to consider for the operational plan supporting the next two years of the strategic plan. The operational plan will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at the Spring meeting and on the agenda for Board discussion and approval at Annual.

6. **MOTION** to adjourn by Jody Howard and seconded by Rob Hilliker.

**ADJOURNED** 3:37pm