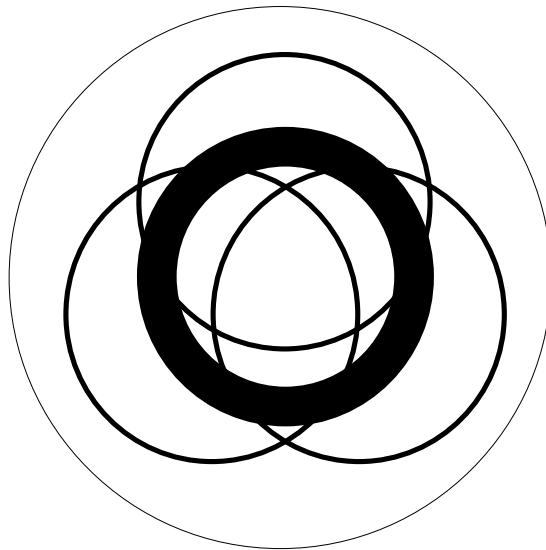


# Annual Report to the Membership 2000-2001



## Opening the Golden Gate to Information

Knowledge, Learning and Wisdom:  
Bridging Reading and Information Technology

Harriet Selverstone, President  
American Association of School Librarians  
a division of the American Library Association

Saturday, June 16, 2001  
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Grand Hyatt  
Plaza Ballroom East

The mission of the American Association of School Librarians is to  
advocate excellence, facilitate change, and develop leaders in the school library media field.

AASL Membership Meeting

## **"Opening the Golden Gate to Information: Knowledge, Learning and Wisdom: Bridging Reading and Information Technology."**

Annual Report to AASL Membership and ALA Council  
Harriet Selverstone, President, 2000-2001  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

At the 2000 Annual Conference AASL Membership meeting, I ushered in my Presidential theme, based upon the fact that AASL will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary at the San Francisco Conference in June, 2001. Since 50 is golden, and since the significant symbol of San Francisco is the Golden Gate Bridge, my Presidential theme is: "Opening the Golden Gate to Information: Knowledge, Learning and Wisdom: Bridging Reading and Information Technology."

Other bridges needed to be crossed as well, and to effectuate this linking, a major goal of mine was for the AASL Board to develop and implement a strategic plan based upon AASL's "Essential Functions." Based upon input from AASL membership, from facilitated discussions at a Midwinter Board meeting, and further deliberations regarding an action plan at the AASL Spring Executive Committee meetings, a strategic plan was readied for the AASL Board at the Annual Conference in San Francisco. The following are some highlights of the deliberations.

### **AASL's Responsibility to the Field:**

A Vision and Voice needed to be articulated through standards. This will continue to be done through participation in the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) process, creating an awareness of library media standards and the certification process through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), and Information Power Implementation Institutes. The third and last Summer Institute was held Summer, 2000.

To Develop a Knowledge Base, ten state affiliates participated in a Best Practices Action Research Project sponsored by World Book's ALA Goal Grant. Additional state affiliates have agreed to participate in this project. The results will be disseminated to the AASL membership. A "Bottom Line" Series is to be published through the AASL Publications Committee to highlight best practices through Information Power implementation. The Teaching For Learning Task Force was also engaged in activities for developing theory and best practices.

*Continuing Issues.* Support was realized through a strong, proactive legislative presence with the Washington Office. In addition, state affiliate members were urged to attend Legislative Day in Washington. Since continuing issues encompass support for funding, reading, technology and intellectual freedom, my Presidential program speakers at Annual Conference, Stephen Krashen and Jennifer Corriero, will bridge the connection

between reading and technology.

Collaboration has been achieved through working with other library divisions. AASL has been working with the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) to form a seamless instructional approach to Information Literacy Standards, since both divisions have publications in this area. The Executive Committees of the three youth divisions (AASL, ALSC, YALSA) met at both Midwinter and Annual Conference to discuss shared concerns. Corporate collaboration has been achieved with 3M Corporation in continuation of the "Salute to Schools" program. 3M is providing \$1.5 million to support the needs of school library media centers for security systems. World Book's Goal Grant is supporting the Information Power Action Research Project. The AASL Board is exploring ways to encourage corporate partnerships for the Kids Connect initiative.

### **AASL's Responsibility to Members:**

Three essential areas encompass Communication, Professional Development and Community.

*Communication.* This has been achieved through disseminating information through varied formats: position papers, AASL's Web page, Knowledge Quest - AASL's print journal, and School Library Media Research, the online journal. The Publications Committee will be initiating "Bottom Line" series, monographs highlighting best practices.

Professional Development is accomplished through our national conferences (Indianapolis will host the next AASL National Conference from November 14-18, 2001), programs at Annual Conference, Web-based learning/education, and Institutes, which will be offered regionally during non-conference years. The ICONnect initiative helped to enhance the Internet skills of library media specialists through Web courses. ICONnect has been restructured with the creation of two committees, ICONnect: Online Courses and ICONnect: FamiliesConnect. AASL is exploring becoming a state provider of continuing education. We are already registered in some states.

To build a sense of Community and create additional connections to others, FamiliesConnect and KidsConnect have been two initiatives which offer instruction and research assistance in an electronic environment.

### **Outreach:**

This been accomplished by reaching out to other educational organizations and conducting programs at their conferences. In addition, virtual participation on committees will be realized after Annual Conference to provide opportunities for AASL members to get involved in committee work if they cannot attend Midwinter or Annual Conferences. To assist committee members an AASL Committee Handbook was produced, an important guide to participation, committee responsibilities, functions, staff

liaisons and timelines.

**The Association:**

*Association Maintenance.* This has been attained through a careful review of the role and function of the Affiliate Assembly and the development of a closer working relationship between the AASL Board and the Affiliate Assembly.

Highlights of my Presidential year included visits to many state affiliate association conferences (Washington, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, New York), offering intellectual freedom programs, and providing AASL news to the attendees. I attended a White House briefing about library related issues and participated in the Summer 2000 Information Power II Implementation Institute in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In addition, I was gratified that a Strategic Plan was formulated to move AASL forward.

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) held a hearing in late April on the status of school libraries and information literacy. Several members of AASL presented testimony about the positive impact upon student achievement when school library media programs are staffed by certified school library media specialists. Concerns were raised about the shortage of qualified school library media candidates being certified by accredited MLS programs. The Commission wished to address the following issues: the role of the school library media specialist in student performance, in the curriculum, in promoting and sustaining literacy and information literacy, and the role of the Federal Government in supporting school library media centers.

This has been a year of collective professional growth and development for Board members, Affiliate Assembly participants and the many committee and task force members. In addition, this has been a year of new directions for the division, and I hope for our membership. We will all be faced with new challenges, which I trust we will embrace and continue in our effort to serve our constituencies, our association and ourselves both personally and professionally.



## American University Press Services Publication Selection Committee

### Function Statement

- ? To select suitable titles for secondary school use from the current publications of the members of the American Association of University Presses to be published in a catalog annually by the American University Press Services, Inc.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

**Chair: Gail Richmond**  
Angela Stuckey (PLA)  
Ken Stewart  
Rachel Weiss

Susan Adland  
Kathryn McGovern  
Virginia Wallace

Jane Chesney  
Ruth Shaw  
*Bd. Liaison: Liz Gray*

### Accomplishments

- ? Review book is in production. Once again, there were a large number of University Presses that participated by sending books for review.
- ? The AASL/AAUP/PLA program is scheduled for Monday, 6/18 from 2pm to 4pm. Eight panel members will resent five titles to highlight from their reviewing. Books discussed will be given away in a raffle.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Not really either of the above, but the AAUP Committee represents a cyclical committee process. All will begin again in Aug/Sept with selection of Dewey categories for book reviewing.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? none

## Annual Conference Committee

### Function Statement

- ? To plan with the AASL Office and the AASL President the program, meetings and functions to be scheduled for the AASL meetings at the Annual Conference; to plan with the AASL Office, the AASL President, and the Annual Conference Planning Committee, the necessary local arrangements for the AASL Programs, meetings and functions scheduled for the ALA Annual Conference.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

<b>Co-Chair: Ruth Toor</b>	Daniel Barron	Darlene Basone
<b>Co-Chair: Shirley Tastad</b>	Pam Berger	Carolyn Cain
Mary Lou Gregory	Ann Hanning	Mary Jane McNally
Sheryl G. Smith	Gordon Baker	Juanita Buddy
Mary Ann Hindes	<i>Bd. Liaison: Carolyn Hayes</i>	

### Accomplishments

- ? Planned the President's Program for the San Francisco Conference
- ? Planned the President's Gala at the Friends of Photography/Ansel Adams Center
- ? Planned a salute to AASL's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Awards Luncheon
- ? Approved the programs of AASL Committees to be presented at the San Francisco Conference

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Be sure that everything is ready at the San Francisco Conference

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? The new tracks tried out by ALA for the San Francisco Conference are still causing a lot of problems with scheduling, etc. The Board needs to be aware of these problems, delineated in a letter sent to it by this committee at Midwinter.

## **Awards Committee**

No Report Received

**Awards Subcommittee: Collaborative School Library Media Award,  
AASL/Sagebrush**

Function Statement

- ? To select the recipient of the annual award which recognizes and encourages collaboration and partnerships between school library media specialists and teachers in meeting the goals outlines in Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning. Collaboration is defined as joint planning and implementation of resource based instruction, program or event in support of the curriculum.

Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge of the AASL Awards Committee

Chair: Terry Young, Jr.  
Lesley Farmer

Sherry Ball  
Judy Williams

Jody Charter

Accomplishments

- ? Reviewed all applications for AASL Collaborative School Library Media Award. Selected one winner:
  - Sugartown Elementary School
  - Marilyn Rothberg, School Library Media Specialist in collaboration with Barbara Master and Barbara Motzer, Teachers
  - 611 Sugartown Road
  - Malvern, PA 19355
- Terrence Young, Jr. worked with AASL office to ensure that correct wording appeared on all information about, and applications for the Collaborative School Library Media Award.

Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? none

Recommendations to the Board

- ? Committee roster be finalized before midwinter meeting.
- Generate more publicity for all AASL awards.

## **Awards Subcommittee: AASL/Highsmith Research Grant**

### Official Committee Function Statement

- ? To select the recipient of the annual grant to enable one or more AASL members who are school library media specialists, library educators, library information science or education professors to conduct innovative research aimed at measuring and evaluating the impact of school library media programs on learning and education.

### Official Committee Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge of the AASL awards committee

**Chair: Andrea L. Miller, Ph.D.**      Mary Berry  
Nancy Everhart                              Judi Repman

### Accomplishments

- ? The Committee received 3 applications, which were evaluated.
- ? It was determined that none of the 3 were worthy of the award this year and so none will be given at the award ceremony at the Annual Meeting.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? none

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? none

**Awards Subcommittee: ABC-CLIO Leadership Grant, ABC/CLIO**

Function Statement

- ? To select the recipient of the annual award to enable an AASL affiliate organization to plan and implement a leadership development program.

Official Committee Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge of the AASL Awards Committee

**Co-Chair:**

**JeanieMcNamara**

Sandra Andrews

Sheila Blume

**Co-Chair: Floyd Pentlin**

Rosemary Knapp

Jo Ellen Misakian

Accomplishments

- ? All applications have been read and the winner announced.

Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Presentation of the award itself.

Recommendations to the Board

- ? none

## **Awards Subcommittee: Distinguished Service Award, AASL/Baker & Taylor**

### Function Statement

- ? To act in a planning capacity in cooperation with Baker and Taylor in the selection of an individual who will receive a cash award for providing an outstanding contribution to school librarianship and school library media program development.

### Minimum Intended Outcome for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge to the AASL Awards Committee

**Chair: Jim Bennett**

Ann Hanning

Diane Skorupski

### Accomplishments

- ? Decided to use an evaluation form developed by an earlier committee
- ? Received and reviewed all nominations according to four criteria:
  - (1) Service and Leadership
  - (2) Research
  - (3) Publication
  - (4) Program development
- ? Selected one winner:
  - Dr. Hilda Jay
- ? All nominees were worthy and all received favorable rankings. Dr. Jay's credentials were the strongest in leadership, research, and publication and was therefore the committee's selection.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? none

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? The work of this committee can be done easily by email and or conference calls. No meeting at Midwinter is needed, unless desired by members.

## **Distinguished School Administrator Award, AASL/SIRS**

### Function Statement

- ? To review nominations for the selection of an administrator to receive the AASL Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators for the administration of a school or group of schools who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution toward furthering the role of the library and its development in elementary and/or secondary education.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge of the AASL Awards Committee

**Chair: Judith Meyers**  
Su Eckhardt

Carole Ashbridge  
Ellen Fisher

Gordon Baker  
Bonnie Lassen

### Accomplishments

- ? Selected Dr. Kathleen Smith as the award winner

## **Frances Henne Award, AASL/RR Bowker**

### Function Statement

- ? To select the recipient of the Frances Henne Award, an annual grant to enable a school library media specialist with 5 or fewer years in the profession to attend an AASL Regional conference or an ALA Annual Conference.

### Official Committee Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge of the AASL Awards Committee

**Chair: Rosina Alaimo**  
Lynn Moses

Eileen Skruck  
Cecilia Solomon

### Accomplishments

- ? Read, reviewed, and evaluated 31 grant applications
- ? Prioritized the top five applicants
- ? Selected one applicant
- ? The evaluation process was done entirely by e-mail.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? The rubric needs some adjustments

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? This committee can function very well electronically.

**Awards Subcommittee: Information Technology Pathfinder Award, AASL/Follett Software**

Function Statement

- ? To select the recipients of the awards for innovative use of the microcomputer in the school library media center in an elementary (K-6) and a secondary (7-12) setting.

Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above and to contribute to the charge of the AASL Awards Committee

**Chair: Peggy Hallisey**                      Elizabeth Day                      Rochelle Glantz  
Constance Champlin                      Leona Walker

Accomplishments

- ? Selected the recipients for this award in two categories.

Elementary Category:  
Beverly "Buffy" Smith-Edwards  
Lakeview Elementary School  
3310 108<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Norman, OK 74026

Secondary Category:  
Ann Bell  
Camanche High School  
P.O. Box 170  
937 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Camanche, IA 52730

Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? none.

Recommendations to the Board

- ? Follow-up with these winners to get as much PR/PD return for AASL and the profession as possible by having award winners present at AASL and/or other educational conferences and write for submission to AASL and other educational journals.

## **Awards Subcommittee: Intellectual Freedom Award, AASL/SIRS**

### Function Statement

- ? To act in an advisory capacity in cooperation with Social Issues Resources Series, Inc., in the selection of an individual who will receive a cash award for upholding the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth in “Policies and Procedures for Selection of Instructional Materials.”

### Minimum Intended Outcome for June 2001

- ? as above

**Chair: Darlene Shiverdecker Basone**  
Kay Maynard

Mary Long  
Ellen Rubin

### Accomplishments

- ? We read the application, used rubrics for evaluation, and selected a qualified applicant.

### Committee Concerns / Still To be Done

- ? There is nothing left to be done at this point in time.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? We are concerned that there was only one application for the award in 2000 and only one application in 2001. We need to have more publicity, either through our state affiliates or through our publications. Applications for all awards should be available whenever the state affiliate assembly meets. We should also have a big push at the AASL conference in Indianapolis.

**Awards Subcommittee: National School Library Media Program of the Year  
Award, AASL/Follett**

Function Statement

- ? To act in an advisory capacity to the Follett Library Resources and AASL in the selection of schools and school districts to be given cash awards for demonstrating excellence in their school library media programs; the eligibility criteria will include schools and school systems from kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? As above and to contribute to the charge to the AASL Awards Committee

**Chair: Frances Bradburn**      Susan Ballard                                      Marcia Zorn  
Harriet Lapointe                      Anita Phillips Strauss

Accomplishments

- ? Visited 2 schools and 3 school districts
- ? Awarded the single school award to Corbett Elementary School, Tucson, Arizona
- ? Awarded the large school district award to DeKalb County Schools, (Atlanta), Georgia
- ? Did not award a small school district award

Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? This committee will be meeting during Annual to put together a manual for succeeding committees. We felt that we spent far too much valuable time and energy reinventing the wheel. We believe that a schedule, form letters, sample visit agendas, and to-do lists are absolutely necessary to make this a rewarding experience for both committee members and nominated sites.

Recommendations to the Board

- ? Accept the manual that this committee is compiling

## **Awards Subcommittee: School Librarians' Workshop Scholarship, AASL/LLR**

### Function Statement

- ? To select the recipient of the annual award to provide financial assistance for the professional education of persons who plan to become school library media specialists working at the preschool, elementary, or secondary levels in a public or private educational settings.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

**Chair: Nina Kemps**      Erik Drake  
Ada Kent                      Jenny Petty

### Accomplishments

- ? Selected as recipient of the scholarship:  
    Darlene Renee Wilson  
    3116 County Road 175  
    Forest, Ohio 45843
- ? Summary sheet reformatted and submitted to AASL for immediate publication on the print and electronic application forms.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Many people who are not a full time student and are not pursuing a career as a school library media specialists apply for this scholarship. The mentioned summary sheet would alert the applicants that these are conditions that must be met to be considered for the scholarship.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Publish the summary sheet as part of the application
- ? Provide name, address, phone, and email information of the previous committee chair to the new chair.

## **Bylaws and Organization Committee**

### Function Statement

- ? To draft Bylaws; to consider amendments when needed; to evaluate all present and proposed committee function statements; to update AASL Policy and Procedures Handbook

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? Same as above

**Chair: Julia C. van de Water**      Elizabeth Day      Dorcas Hand  
Roberta Kaiser                      Judi Repman      Bernice Yesner

### Accomplishments

- ? Considered amendments given to this Committee at ALA Midwinter
- ? The Committee's revisions to be returned to the AASL Board for adoption at ALA Annual.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Assess the AASL Policy and Procedures Handbook for possible updating.
- ? Review present and proposed committee function statements on an ongoing basis.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? We recommend that the current AASL Policy and Procedures Handbook be made available electronically to maintain currency and to facilitate updating.
- ? Policies adopted and/or procedures changed should be forwarded to this Committee after each Board meeting to ensure that AASL's history is intact.

## AASL Competencies for Library Media Specialists in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### Function Statement

- ? To develop an outline of professional and personal competencies for library media specialists based on research and consultation with educational decision-makers.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June 2001

- ? as above

**Co-Chair: Ken Haycock**

Pauletta Bracy

Barbara Jansen

**Co-Chair: Donna Shannon**

David Loertscher

Joan McIntyre

*Bd. Liaison: Frances Roscello*

Shirley Tastad

Julia C. van de Water

Maureen White

*Bd. Liaison: Marilyn Shontz*

### Accomplishments

- ? Recommend dissolution of Task Force
- ? Work of the Task Force has been completed

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? none

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Recommend dissolution of Task Force and let it die a natural death.

## Professional Development Task Force

### Function Statement

- to develop Web-CE courses; to promote and encourage teaching for learning strategies in program development; to develop programs which will instruct school library media specialists in the content of Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning; to collaborate with other divisions in programming.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- Plan for next steps including recommendations developed.

<b>Co-Chair: Roxanne Oakley</b>	Ruth Cox	Elizabeth Haynes
<b>Co-Chair: Carla Southers</b>	Amy Healey	Laura Horstman
Debra Kachel	Andrea Miller	Martha Regula
Barbara Weathers	<i>Bd. Liaison: Eugene Hainer</i>	

### Accomplishments

- Changed the Task Force functions at mid-winter
- Explained and sought feedback on committee function from Teaching for Learning Task Force and ICONnect Task Force at mid-winter
- ? Discussed potential cross-divisional projects with YALSA Professional Development Committee Chairperson
- Participated in ALA's Second Congress on Professional Education
- Drafted a survey to help determine the answers to the questions below

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- Examine the feasibility of delivering PD outside the scope of regular conferences as a revenue generator
- Examine methodologies for the awarding of credit for professional development and how reciprocity of that credit between states might work
- Determine the cost to the association for contracting for content and technology infrastructure
- Determine cost to membership for participation in PD
- Study how other library organizations, ALA divisions, and state affiliates are developing and delivering Professional Development

### Recommendations to the Board

Create a Standing Committee on Professional Development that will:

- work collaboratively with other AASL committees to develop a Five-Year Plan for professional development of the membership that would include: Web CE, regional institutes, conference programming, non-conference year programming;
- identify effective models for delivery of professional development;
- work with ALA/AASL to build necessary infrastructure for the delivery of PD.

**ICONnect Task Force**

No Report Received

## AASL Intellectual Freedom Committee

### Function Statement

- ? to prepare and gather materials which will advise the school library media specialist of available services and support both in formulating policies of Intellectual Freedom and for resisting local pressure and community action designed to impair the rights of users.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above for publication in the AASL journal or as a separate document

<b>Chair: Carrie Gardner</b>	Sandra Andrews	Jane Barnard
Eva Efron	Catherine Marriott	Kay Maynard
Ken Poverud	Frieda Robason	Ellen Rubin
J. Linda Williams	<i>Bd. Liaison: Ann Marie Pipken</i>	

### Accomplishments

- ? We assisted the ALSC Intellectual Freedom Committee in the planning of the youth division Intellectual Freedom program for the 2001 annual conference. We began the process of planning the youth division Intellectual Freedom program for the 2002 annual conference, for which AASL IFC is responsible.
- ? We monitored the CIPA legislation and ALA lawsuit. We drafted a resolution for the AASL board.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? none

### Recommendation to the Board

- ? none

## AASL Knowledge Quest Editorial Board

### Function Statement

- ? To be responsible for manuscript development in cooperation with the editor(s); to review manuscripts to recommend acceptance, request for revision, or rejection; to fulfill such other editorial and administrative duties as the editor(s) shall deem necessary and proper.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

**Chair: Debbie Abilock**

**Co-Chair/Bd. Liaison: Dennis LeLoup**

Sue McGown

Laura Pearle

Martha Alewine

Melissa Holden

Joy McGregor

Shelia Salmon

Theresa Duncko

Carolyn Lott

Rebecca Peace

Donna Shannon

### Accomplishments

- ? Articulated a vision for the profession
- ? Disseminated research and best practices for practitioners
- ? Fuller development of online companion, *KQ on the Web*
- ? Active involvement of Board members in finding and cultivating authors and writing for publication
- ? Increased communication among various constituencies and to decision makers
- ? Published five issues on schedule

#### *Themed issues*

Primary Sources

Assessment

Leadership

The Once and Future Book

Partners and Mentors

#### *New Columns*

Homepage

Social Responsibility

Ears to the Ground, Eyes on the Stars

Affiliate Power?

#### *Enrichment of KQ on the Web*

"Why I..."

Use of Adobe Acrobat "handouts" for practitioners

More effective use of web hyperlinking

Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Develop ongoing stable of reviewers
- ? Develop issue (Sept/Oct) closely tied to AASL conference

Recommendations to the Board

- ? Thanks to the KQ production team
- ? Special thanks to Steven Hofmann

## AASL Legislation Committee

### Function Statement

- ? to act in advisory and planning capacity in cooperation with the ALA Committee on Legislation in the area of school library legislation and to work with the ALA Washington Office; to inform the membership of AASL about pending school library legislation; to interpret total ALA legislative program to AASL membership; to plan for organization and action on all levels –national, state, and local.

### Official Committee Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

Once again, the ideal outcome would be the inclusion of S. 326 (Reed) and H.R. 1570 (Owens) in the final ESEA Reauthorization, which is now in its second year of debate. Either of these bills, amendments to S.1 or H.R. 1, would create a strong school library component. The reauthorization bill is being discussed as this is written (5/8/01).

<b>Co-Chair/Bd. Liaison: <i>Jim Hayden</i></b>	Phyllis Fisher	Neerajana Ghosh
<b>Co-Chair: <i>Sandy Schuckett</i></b>	Sarah Johns	Deborah Lawton
Judith McGowan	Bernice Yesner	<i>Bd. Liaison: Dennis LeLoup</i>

### Accomplishments

- ? Have continued to maintain regular and constant communication with Mary Costabile at ALA Washington Office, and have been advised when action was needed on school library-related legislation.
- ? Steve Hoffman at AASL office now regularly forwards ALAWON messages related to school libraries to AASLNEWS and AASLFORUM
- ? Joint Youth Legislative Committee (AASL, ALSC, YALSA) program at 2000 Annual in Washington, DC, sponsored by AASL Legislative Committee was a booming success! Although scheduled in an obscure, far away room at the convention center which was designed for 25 participants, over 80 people showed up, and sat on the floor in the hallway outside the room, straining to hear the un-miked speakers.
- ? Committee members provided input at 2001 Midwinter meeting concerning Joint Youth Legislative Committee program for 2001 Annual in San Francisco to be sponsored by ALSC and 2002 program in Atlanta to be sponsored by YALSA.
- ? Committee Co-Chair, Sandy Schuckett, met with WHCLIST and proposed motion in favor of school library component in ESEA Reauthorization. Motion was passed, and resolution was forwarded to appropriate people. In addition, an ACTION NOW memo was placed on WHCLIST listserv.
- ? A small number of AASL members participated in National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC on May 1 and 2, 2001.
- ? AASL members participated in a hearing on school libraries sponsored by NCLIS, and NCLIS Chair Martha Gould has been proactive in soliciting their involvement.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? The concerns of last year are reiterated here. In the area of legislation, affiliates need to find better means of activating their members when grass roots advocacy is needed for passage of specific bills.
- ? AASL members need to become more politically active and proactive in contacting their U.S. Senators and Representatives regarding school library legislation. Interestingly, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, when asked by a non-school library constituent why he was not co-sponsoring Sen. Jack Reed's school library amendment responded: "I didn't hear from any school librarians in Connecticut asking me to do it." The reality is that messages from constituents are heeded.....but if no messages are sent, nothing happens.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Legislative Committee Chair should be invited to make presentations to the Board at both ALA Midwinter and Annual Conferences regarding legislative issues.
- ? Legislative Committee Chair should be invited to make presentations to Affiliate Assembly also.
- ? Affiliate Assembly members need to become more politically active in their home states, to participate in ALA's Advocacy Training, and to train their colleagues at home in advocacy activities.
- ? School librarians could (and should) have huge power as a grass roots advocacy group. It does not require much time and energy to write a letter or make a phone call. The school library story MUST be told to legislators – not by just a handful of activists, but *en masse* when it is needed. Each AASL member needs to play a part in this endeavor.

## NCATE Guidelines Revisions Task Force

### Function Statement

- ? To generate a revised set of NCATE standards and to usher the standards through a process of reaction from the field and appropriate revision.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? Final draft of new Standards and draft of NCATE/SASB report

**Chair: Marilyn Shontz**  
Ruth Cox

Lesley Farmer  
Bobby Jean Howard

### Accomplishments

- ? June 2000 -- Appointment of new Task Force
- ? August 18, 2000 -- Initial meeting in Chicago.
- ? August/September 2000 -- Development of Standards, initial draft completed
- ? October 17, 2000 -- presentation at the NCATE Specialty Area Boards annual meeting by Dr. Selvin Royal.
- ? October-November 2000 Editing and changes to Initial draft made by the Task Force, creating a Second Draft.
- ? November-December 2000 -- Send Second Draft as revised for comments -- posted on ALA/AASL electronic Web sites and listserves
- ? January 14, 2001 -- Task Force Meeting, Saturday
- ? January 15, 2001 -- Open Hearing, Midwinter, Second Draft, Sunday, 5:30 pm
- ? February 15, 2001 -- Deadline for comments to Second Draft
- ? April 4-5, 2001 -- Revise Second Draft based on feedback received to date; Prepare Third Draft
- ? April 21, 2001 -- Report to the Executive Board.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? May 10, 2001 -- Post Third Draft to web site and listserves.
- ? May 2-28 2001 -- Sub-Committee -- Assessment meeting
- ? June 15, 2001 -- Completion of Final Draft and NCATE documentation for report to SASB

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Final document will require Board approval

## **AASL Nominating Committee 2001**

### Function Statement

- ? to prepare the slate for the AASL ballot; to recommend AASL members to run for ALA offices and council to the ALA Nominating Committee; to organize and conduct the AASL candidate's forum at ALA Midwinter.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

**Co-Chair: Susan Ballard**     Sandy Schuckett                     Idella Washington  
Barbara Weathers

### Accomplishments

- ? Nominating Committee members, Sandy Schuckett, Idella Washington, Barbara Weathers, Susan Ballard and Judy King (through 9/00) identified and secured candidates for each of the following positions:
  - President Elect - three year term
  - Division Councilor - three year term
  - Member at large - two year term
  - Regional Director Elect - four year term
  - Regions 3, 4, 6, and 7
  - Supervisors Section Representative to the AASL Board - two year term
- ? Judy King attended the Affiliate Assembly meeting at the Annual Conference to ask the regions to identify potential candidates. At least one person was identified in each region.
- ? A list of potential candidates for various positions was prepared and committee members assigned to make specific contacts.
- ? Section chairs of ISS (Nancy van Arkel), ELMS (Mona Kerby) and SPVS (Jackie White) were contacted by the Chair for their section slates (Chair-Elect and Secretary candidates).
- ? A candidate's forum was scheduled for the Midwinter meeting in Washington, DC.
- ? Letters were sent to all candidates agreeing to serve, congratulating them on their willingness to be nominated and apprising them of basic procedures in the nomination/election process. All candidates were also invited to attend the Candidate's Forum slated for Midwinter.
- ? Developed a press release for distribution (via AASL Office) to all affiliate newsletters advertising the Forum.
- ? The chair contacted all candidates via email with additional details regarding the Forum and, inviting them, if unable to attend in person, to send a representative to read a prepared statement on their behalf.

- ? Developed and printed a Program for the Forum
- ? Contacted the Chair of the Affiliate Assembly and requested announcement of the Forum at the Affiliate meeting and distribution of the Forum program.
- ? Prepared a report for the AASL Board Midwinter meeting and presented them with the final slate.
- ? Met at Midwinter to review the process of identifying candidates and the names of all individuals contacted to serve. Incoming Chair (Clara Hoover) of the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee met with the current committee and was given the names of potential candidates who indicated that they were unable to serve at this time (for a variety of reasons) but noted that they would be willing to reconsider in the future. Also finalized preparations for Candidates Forum.
- ? Conducted the Forum (chaired by Susan Ballard).
- ? Communicated with one another frequently by email throughout the committee's tenure.

#### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Provide incoming chair with complete document package (letters to candidates, etc)

#### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Request that the Affiliate Assembly (in collaboration with Regional Directors) provide up to five names of potential candidates from each region with a recommendation as to the position in which they might serve.
- ? Develop a baseline rubric to assist with categorizing candidates and developing profiles that can be assimilated into a relational database that can be consulted on an annual basis by the incoming committee.
- ? Provide the Chair with a complete copy of the AASL Board orientation package in order that s/he may address concerns expressed by potential candidates regarding job description, expectations, etc.
- ? Provide the Chair with the current AASL membership list and current and previous year membership list of the Affiliate Assembly.

## **Non-Conference Year Programming Task Force**

### Function Statement

- ? To explore issues related to offering non-conference year programs; to make recommendations for next steps to be taken.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? Have Institute Guidelines approved by the AASL Board of Directors
- ? Make contacts for co-sponsoring first institute
- ? Plan of action for first institute

**Chair/Bd. Liaison:** *Cassandra Barnett*      Marian Creamer  
Alice Yucht

### Accomplishments

- ? Final draft of Institute Guidelines completed and ready for AASL Board of Director approval

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Hold a three day Teaching and Learning Institute beginning in the summer of 2002 and continue to do so every non-conference year thereafter. Content at present should be based on teaching /learning content piece of IP2, both stated and implied. This will serve to fulfill objective #20 of the IP2 Implementation Action Plan.
- ? This task force should be given the further task of planning the Institute beginning at Midwinter 2001. Additional members should be added. It is recommended that we follow the structure already available from other ALA divisions.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Add committee members. Three people will not be able to pull this off in the deadline given.
- ? Approve the guidelines. A considerable amount of time has gone into writing these and they are based on the institute guidelines in place for other divisions of ALA

## **AASL Publications Committee**

### Function Statement

- ? To develop a proposed publications program for AASL, inclusive of serial publications; to review manuscripts for consideration for publication.

### Minimum intended outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

**Chair: Donald Adcock**

Linda Kay Corey

Sharon McElmeel

Alice Yucht

*Bd. Liaison: Cassandra Barnett*

Cassandra Barnett

Elizabeth Goldfarb

Kenley Neufield

Debbie Abilock

*Bd. Liaison: M. Ellen Jay*

Constance Champlin

Karen Lowe

Ruth Shaw

Daniel Callison

### Accomplishments

- ? Revised the AASL Publications Manual and recommended its approval to the AASL Board.
- ? Reviewed the purpose statement of SLMR as requested by the AASL Executive Committee and recommended its approval by the AASL Board.
- ? Recommended AASL publish an addendum to rather than a new edition of Cataloging Nonbook Materials.
- ? Reviewed a publication proposal to publish a new edition of the guidelines for the appraisal of school library media specialists and recommended its approval by the AASL Board.
- ? Reviewed a draft copy of a proposed recruitment brochure from ALSC. The purpose of the brochure is to recruit students the library profession to work with children and young adults. The three youth divisions and the Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment would jointly develop the brochure. The committee recommended that the AASL Board approve the Publications Committee working with YALSA and ALSC to develop a recruitment brochure. Copy to be reviewed by the committee and the Board.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Broaden function statement of committee to include review of proposals for electronic and other non-print productions."

## AASL Research and Statistics Committee

### Function Statement

- ? To develop summaries of research on the worth of school library media specialists and school library media programs, in a variety of forms and products, for use by AASL members with difference [sic] audiences of decision-makers;
- ? To identify research needs to coordinate research activities of the Association;
- ? To establish liaison with the ALA Research office;
- ? To inform school library media professionals concerning the value and application of research techniques applicable in their situations, through articles in AASL publications and conference presentations;
- ? To provide advisory services concerning the collection, analysis, and dissemination of school library media statistics.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above

<b>Chair: Marjorie Thomas</b>	Brenda Annisette	June Kahler Berry
Gail Dickinson	Melinda Greenblatt	Sandra Hassell
Terry Kirk	David Loertscher	Carol Simpson
Ruth Small	Barbara St. Onge	<i>Bd. Liaison: LuAnn Cogliser</i>

### Accomplishments

- ? AASL/Highsmith Research Award Forum, July, 2000: “Dialogic Journaling with Elementary Grade Students as a Means to Deepen Student Understanding of the Information Search Process: A Naturalistic Inquiry Conducted by Two Hawaii Elementary Schools” – Violet Harada, Clair Sato, Joan Yoshina, University of Hawaii.
- ? AASL/Highsmith Research Award Forum, June, 2001: “Tenth Graders’ Search Knowledge and Use of the World Wide Web” – Sharon Lea Vansickle, Georgia State University
- ? Proving Positive Practices: Information Power Research Project: Year 3. June, 2001 – June Kahler Berry/David Loertscher
- ? Judy M. Pitts Research Forum, October, 2001 (AASL 2001) – June Kahler Berry
- ? Treasure Mountain 9: October, 2001 (prior to AASL 2001) – David Loertscher/Blanche Woolls (Committee members will participate)
- ? Met with ALA Research Office/Committee
- ? Met with AASL Affiliate Assembly
- ? Committee members’ research published in *Knowledge Quest* and *School Library Media Research*

Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? AASL/ALSC/YALSA Pre-conference on Focus Groups, ALA 2002, Atlanta, Georgia  
– Kay Bishop

Recommendations to the Board

- ? none

## School Library Media Research Editorial Board

### Function Statement

- To be responsible for manuscript development in cooperation with the editor(s); to review manuscripts to recommend for acceptance, request for revision, or rejection; to fulfill such other editorial and administrative duties as the editor(s) shall deem necessary and proper.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June 2001

- as above

<b>Chair: Daniel Callison</b>	Carol Doll	Diane McAfee Hopkins
Andrea Miller	Frances Jacobson	Eliza Dresang
Sheryl McCarthy	Ruth Small	Dian Walster
Nancy Zimmerman		

### Accomplishments

- SLMR now listed as an electronic journal by dozens of academic libraries and learning resource centers; as well as library and educational organizations
- SLMR cited by the ACRL Information Round Table as one of the best sources for studies in information literacy
- 19 manuscripts are in process for Treasure Mountain 9, scheduled for 2002 at the Elms near Kansas City; from which SLMR will have "first acceptance rights" for publication
- The format for Vol. 4 is the result of a great deal of re-working the layout and has received many positive comments.
- Most of Vol. 4 will be online
- One new feature will be established: Best of ERIC, edited by Dr. Ruth Small, Syracuse University

### Concerns/Still to be done

- The features on "best dissertations" and "best professional publications" have been difficult to compile and have yet to be launched by the appointed editors. We may need to change approaches or change the editors.
- The electronic journal has now compiled to a size that a search function should be added. I will propose this to ALA productions later this summer.

## **Task Force on the Implementation of the New National Guidelines and Standards**

### Function Statement

- ? to plan for the incorporation of implementation of national guidelines and standards in a comprehensive advocacy program;
- ? to take the leadership introducing the new guidelines to the school library media profession and broader education community;
- ? to develop a plan in consultation with the AASL Affiliate Assembly for a national advocacy campaign for school library media specialists;
- ? to develop a coherent and coordinated model for AALS/AECT continuing education activities;
- ? to work with the AASL/AECT staff to define professional development opportunities and activities need to enable the school library media professional to implement guidelines nationwide.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? work with ALA Graphics to produce more IP2 promotional materials  
complete final IP2 Institute in Dallas
- ? Present program at 2001 ALA Annual featuring outstanding award-winners
- ? Determine objectives that need to be completed
- ? Apply for the John Cotton Dana award

#### **Chair: Dawn Vaughn**

Pamela Chesky

Lee Gordon

Jacqueline Mancall

Ann Symons

*Bd. Liaison: Lee Gordon*

Betty Bankhead

Carolyn Giambra

Phyllis Heroy

Elizabeth Polk

Valerie Wilford

Daniel Barron

M. Elspeth Goodin

Deborah Logan

Deborah Roberts Stone

Patricia Cavill

### Accomplishments

- ? Ongoing meetings with ALA Graphics to develop additional posters and bookmarked for IP2 implementation
- ? Determined that we are not eligible for the John Cotton Dana award
- ? Sponsoring a program at ALA in San Francisco featuring the winners of the National Library Media Programs of the Year award
- ? Continued publication in Knowledge Quest on the IP2 implementation at the state level

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Work with ALA Graphics to complete publication of new products to promote IP2
- ? Complete design for a brochure promoting Information Literacy standards for publication by AASL, with availability at the AASL National Conference in the fall

- ? Complete publication of Bottom Line document for architects to use when designing library media centers
- ? Establish a national parent advocacy program with chapters in a minimum of five states (Objective 29)
- ? Develop a national roster of celebrity advocates for school library media specialist and program (Objective 30)
- ? Develop a publishing plan for the Association based on the guiding principles outlined in *Information Power* (Objective 31)

#### Recommendations to the Board

- ? Complete the work begun with ALA Graphics to produce new publications for sale and to give away
- ? Complete brochures to promote Information Literacy and assist architects when designing new library media centers

## Teaching for Learning Task Force

### Function Statement

- ? To continue and build upon the work of the Learning Through the Library Task Force; to investigate teaching, based on research and experience; to develop strategies for supporting AASL members' efforts to learn about and use proven effective teaching strategies and new methods of teaching and apply current research in the field of teaching in order to enhance student achievement; strategies may include publications, mentoring, preconference workshops, regional workshops, exportable template workshops, on-line support, and other methods of staff development.

### Minimum Intended Outcomes for June, 2001

- ? as above with written report of accomplishments

<b>Chair: Sharon Coatney</b>	Debbie Abilock	Linda Kay Corey
Diane Culbertson	Jody Gehrig	Violet Harada
Carol Kroll	Sandra Hassell	David Loertscher
Catherine E. Marriott	Cynthia Jones-Phillip	Sheila Salmon
Marjorie Pappas	Dorna Persson	David Sanders
Jayne E. Moore	<i>Bd. Liaison: Betsey Losey</i>	

### Accomplishments

- ? We are presenting a pre-conference and a session at annual conference in San Francisco. We have divided our group into two study groups to study educational issues in our field. These groups will report back in SF and then we will decide our next steps. We are considering having a retreat before the national conference to study these issues in depth; another idea is to have our group attend Treasure Mountain to contribute to that discussion. We are considering editing an issue of KQ about the teaching issues in our field. More ideas to come.

### Concerns/Still to be Done

- ? Final decisions about actions will be made at SF.

### Recommendations to the Board

- ? none

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