

AASL Board of Directors

2004 ALA Annual Meeting  
Orlando, FL  
June 25, 2004

Session I

Board Members Present: Fran Roscello, Dawn Vaughn, Nancy Zimmerman, Carrie Gardner, Erlene Bishop Killeen, Claudia M. Myers, Terri Kirk, Elizabeth Haynes, Kathleen Ellis, Jody Gehrig, Sylvia K. Norton, Nancy Everhart, Dolores D. Gwaltney, Kathy Latrobe, Jo Misakian, Elaine Twogood, Eugene Hainer

Board Members Absent: James O. Carey, Ann M. Martin

Staff Present: Julie A. Walker, Robin Ely

Directors-Elect Present: Irene Kwidzinski, Floyd C. Pentlin, Alison Almquist, Jan Weber, Joanne Proctor, Mary Ann Harlan, Sara Kelly Johns

Directors-Elect Absent: Melissa P. Johnston, Virginia Wallace

Guests and Observers: Cyndi Phillip, Carolyn Cain, Don Adcock, Barbara Stripling, Gail Dickinson

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**Call to Order** Session I of the AASL Board of Directors meeting was called to order on Friday, June 25, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in room 311d of the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida by President Fran Roscello. A quorum was present.

**Changes to the agenda** Agenda Items #9: NBPTS Position Statement and #12: Election Procedures Ad Hoc Committee were pulled from the consent agenda.

**Motion** It was moved by Dee Gwaltney to approve the consent agenda.  
Consent Agenda Motion carried.

**Board Update** President Roscello updates the Board on AASL's growing  
Membership membership. Currently, AASL has 9,998 members.

**Board Update** President Roscello presents to the Board a brochure created in

Midwinter Board III response to the vendor ad discussed at Midwinter.

**Agenda Item #17**  
Changes to ALA  
Intellectual Freedom  
Manual

Treasurer Carrie Gardner presents and gives background information. This document will be brought to ALA Council while in Orlando and has been circulated to each unit within ALA. The Board is asked to send feedback to the Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair or the ALA Executive Board. An additional document, “*Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program*” was distributed to the Board. Carrie solicited suggestion for changes. This document will be brought to Council at the 2005 Midwinter Meeting. At that time, the AASL Board of Directors will be asked to endorse it.

**Motion**  
Changes to ALA  
Intellectual Freedom  
Manual

It was moved by Erlene Bishop Killeen to commend the Intellectual Freedom Committee for their work, especially seeking wide input and response throughout the association, and revision of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Manual and direct the AASL Division Councilor to convey these thoughts and vote to support the revision in Council.  
Motion carried

**Agenda Item #18**  
Strategies for  
Expanding Influence  
within ALA

President Roscello gives background information for this item and suggests that the Board create an ad hoc committee consisting of Board members and Directors-elect to monitor what kind of effect AASL has on ALA.

**Motion**  
Strategies for  
Expanding Influence  
within ALA

It was moved by Gene Hainer to establish an ad hoc committee to move the “Expanding Influence within ALA” initiative forward.  
Motion carried.

**Ad hoc group**

Elizabeth Haynes, Alison Almquist and Elaine Twogood have volunteered. Elaine will coordinate the group.

**Discussion**

The intended outcome expected is that AASL would have a clearer picture of how the division is working within ALA. The group would report back to the Board at a later date to be determined. Collecting this documentation will allow AASL to approach ALA and strengthen their relationship.

**Agenda Item #19**  
Information Literate  
Student Award

Regional Director II, Nancy Everhart, presents background information to the Board. This award was piloted in her region and is a way for AASL members who are building level LMS’s to recognize students who are information literate. Nancy recommends to the Board that an ad hoc committee be established to investigate moving forward with this award.

**Note:** Treasurer Carrie Gardner is excused from Board I early because she is obligated to attend the ALA BARC meeting.

**Discussion**  
Information Literate Student Award

If AASL should endorse or lend it's name to an award to be given out at school, the Board will need to consider the following:

- Budgetary limitations
- Use of AASL logo and name
- Selection Criteria
- Scope of the award i.e., national, regional, local

Initially, the intention of the award was that it would serve as a member perquisite.

**Motion**  
Information Literate Student Award

It was moved by Elaine Twogood to thank Region II for piloting the program but at this time, we choose not to move forward with this project.  
Motion Carried

**Board visitor**  
Barbara Stripling,  
ALA Executive Board

Barbara Stripling, AASL's liaison to the ALA Executive Board informs the Board about upcoming ALA projects which includes the strategic planning retreat in Fall 2004, ALA member survey, and ALA focus groups. She encourages AASL to be more vocal about letting the Executive Board know our issues and concerns. She also hopes that someone from AASL will run for Executive Board. She ends by asking the Board for concerns that she can take to the Executive Board.

**Agenda Item #20**  
Reading for Understanding  
Special Committee Extension Request

The Board reviews document #20.

**Motion**  
Reading for Understanding  
Special Committee Extension Request

It was moved by Sylvia Norton to extend the Reading for Understanding Special Committee for two years.  
Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #22**  
Change in Staffing

President Roscello gives the Board background information regarding the AASL/YALSA Executive Director's decision to relinquish her duties for YALSA. This split staffing agreement has been in existence since 1989. The Executive Director will be a full-time staff member of AASL. Fran asks the Board for discussion.

**Motion**  
Change in Staffing

It was moved by Elizabeth Haynes that the position of the Executive Director become a full-time [AASL] position.

Motion carried  
1 opposed.

**Agenda Item #23**  
Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Learning

Julie Walker updates and summarizes the document. Erlene Bishop Killeen emphasizes to the Board that this is a chance for AASL to become an important part of the broader K-12 education community. If accepted into the partnership, the AASL Executive Director will attend all board meetings as a voting member of the Partnership Board. The annual \$35,000 investment will need to be evaluated each year.

**Agenda Item #24**  
SLMPY Report and  
Recommendations

President-elect, Dawn Vaughn, proposes that an ad hoc committee be established to review the selection criteria and to create a procedures handbook for the SLMPY committee. This ad hoc group will also review and implement a standardized procedure for site visits to assist the committee and the schools visited. The proposal for the ad hoc group will be on the agenda for Board II.

**Agenda Item #25**  
ALA Legislative  
Day

President Fran Roscello gives background information on the document and informs the Board of her attendance at ALA Legislative Day in Washington, DC. The current presidents of AASL (Fran Roscello), YALSA (Audra Caplan), and ALSC (Cynthia Richey) have decided that joint attendance of the presidents of the three youth divisions to ALA Legislative Day needs to continue in order to bring forth important issues. One of the issues discussed at this year's Legislative Day was the No Child Left Behind Act. Fran, Audra, and Cynthia talked to legislators about the need for all types of libraries to be included. Fran will also contact the Legislation Committee chairs about gathering more information about "Highly Qualified."

**Note:**

Regional Director-Elect II, Sara Kelly Johns, arrives.

**Motion**  
ALA Legislative  
Day

It was moved by Terri Kirk to accept the proposed policy concerning joint participation by all three youth divisions at the ALA Legislative Day.  
Motion Carried.

**Agenda Item #27**  
AASL Publications  
Program

President Fran Roscello gives background information and refers back to the Mega Issue discussion held at Midwinter, 2004.

**Discussion**

Julie Walker explains the advantages and disadvantages of AASL

ALA Publications  
Program

publishing with ALA Editions.

- ALA owns the copyright to everything regardless of whether it is published under ALA or AASL.
- AASL has committee to doing a series of small publications.
- Currently, AASL does not have the staff capacity to publish more substantial works in the same vein as ALA Editions.

The AASL Board needs to evaluate the following:

- Do we want to continue with our publications program?
- Do we have a responsibility to the field?
- What can AASL financially afford to give to writers, editors, etc.
- The role and responsibilities of the AASL Publications Committee.

**Board visitor**

Debbie Abilock,  
*Knowledge Quest*  
Editor

Debbie informs the Board that there is potential for expanding some of the KQ material into individual publications. She volunteers to work with an appointed acquisitions editor if one is hired to facilitate AASL publication growth.

**Discussion**

ALA Publications  
Program

The Board suggests the following solutions:

Publications committee develop a plan for implementation of the publishing plan.

Create a short-term task force to explore all the avenues and report back to the Board.

Review the committee charge of the Publications committee and make sure it is in line with the current publishing climate.

**Motion**

ALA Publications  
Program

It was moved by Elaine Twogood that AASL cease self-publications of monographs.

**Motion**

ALA Publications  
Program

It was moved by Terri Kirk to table the motion concerning publications.

Motion carried.

**Motion**  
Meeting extended

It was moved by Erlene Bishop Killeen to extend the meeting and go into closed session.  
Motion carried.

**Motions**  
Actions resulting  
from Closed Session

Motion:  
It was moved to forward Andrea Miller for NCATE Appeals Board [appointment].  
Motion carried.

Motion:  
It was moved that the President will appoint a person to search for a long-term sponsor for the Intellectual Freedom and Distinguished School Administrator awards beginning with the current sponsor.  
Motion carried.

**Motion**  
Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn Session I at 5:05 pm.  
Motion carried.