



AASL Board of Directors Meeting Session I

2006 ALA Annual Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 23rd -28th, 2006



Board Members Present	J. Linda Williams, Cyndi Phillip, Dennis J. LeLoup, Dawn Vaughn, Cassandra Barnett, Dolores D. Gwaltney, Terri G. Kirk, Eloise M. Long, Kathleen V. Ellis, A. Elaine Twogood, Irene Kwidzinski, Sara Kelly Johns, Floyd Pentlin, Melissa P. Johnston, Alison E. Almquist, Mary Ann Harlan, Jan Weber, Joan Proctor
Board Members Absent	Virginia L. Wallace
Staff Present	Julie A. Walker, Jennifer Habley
Directors-Elect Present	Marilyn Z. Joyce, Nancy Dickinson, Barbara J. Ray, Robbie Nickel, Janice Ostrom
Directors-Elect Absent	Hilda K. Weisburg, Karen R. Lemmons, Patricia T. Bauer, Jim Hayden
Guests and Observers	Carolyn Cain

Call to Order Session I of the AASL Board of Directors meeting was called to order on Friday, June 23rd, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in room 270 of the Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, by J. Linda Williams, President. A quorum was present.

Board Address Brian Kenney from *School Library Journal* addressed the Board regarding the *School Library Journal* Leadership Summit to take place in November 2006.

Discussion
Agenda Item 1:
Mega Issue – How does the profession remain viable in the future?
The Board discussed the Mega Issue “How does the profession remain viable in the future?” After reviewing the news print transcription from Annual Conference 2005 and supplementary material from the Affiliate Assembly meeting at Midwinter 2006, the Board identified key issues: advocacy campaigns, professionalism, and alliances. These key issues parallel next steps in the Strategic Plan, and staff has been asked to identify key actions from the newsprint in time for Midwinter.

Discussion
Agenda Item 2:
Mega Issue – How do we structure AASL to best benefit the organization and its members?
The Board discussed the Mega Issue “How do we best structure AASL to best benefit the organization and its members (staff, board, committees, members, etc.)?” The Board looked at the report from the Midwinter 2006 Board workshop and the report from the Strategic Plan Review of Committees Task Force which met in Chicago in March 2006.

Motion #1
Mega Issue
Irene Kwidzinski moved to accept the Committee Review Task Force recommendations. Jan Weber seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion
Agenda Item 2:
Mega Issue – How do we structure AASL to best benefit the organization and its members?
A subcommittee of the Committee Review Task Force will work on the charges for two new recommended coordinating committees. Linda Williams will appoint the subcommittee that will include Carolyn Cain. All work and approval will be done virtually. The charges will be presented to the Executive Committee and are due September 15.

<p>Discussion Agenda Item 3: Mega Issue – How do we find the money and resources to implement the strategic plan?</p>	<p>At the Board Workshop at Midwinter, the Board of Directors brainstormed several options to increase the association’s revenue in order to implement the strategic plan. These recommendations, which include the first AASL dues increase since 1994, are included in the final report provided by Paul Meyer. The Executive Committee recommends that the Board of Directors accept all of the recommendations in order to support the strategic vision of the association.</p>
<p>Motion #2 Mega Issue</p>	<p>Dolores Gwaltney moved to accept the recommendations of the Executive Committee for finding the money and resources to implement the strategic plan. Irene Kwidzinski seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Motion #3 Agenda Item 4: Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Alison Almquist moved to accept the consent agenda. Melissa Johnston seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Discussion Agenda Item 18: Distinguished School Administrator Award</p>	<p>The Executive Committee recommends that the Awards Committee be charged with revising the current eligibility requirements of the Distinguished School Administrator Award to reflect the intent of the award to honor administrators outside the school library media field.</p>
<p>Motion #4 Distinguished School Administrator Award</p>	<p>Jan Weber moved to accept the Executive Committee recommendation that the Awards Committee revise the eligibility requirements to reflect the intent of the award to honor administrators outside the library media field. Sara Kelly Johns seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Discussion Agenda Item 31: ALA Policies/Operating Agreement</p>	<p>The Board of Directors discussed the development of the “Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award” and the deviation from the procedures listed in the ALA Operating Agreement with regards to AASL’s “authority and responsibility to represent the Association” on issues relating to school library media specialists. A letter will be drafted by a small Board subgroup consisting of Dawn Vaughn, Kathleen Ellis, Jan Weber, and Mary Ann Harlan. This letter will express the AASL’s concerns relating to the development of the award and will be sent to the ALA Executive Board, the ALA Awards Committee, and all ALA division presidents.</p>
<p>Motion #5 ALA Policies/Operating Agreement</p>	<p>Mary Ann Harlan moved to draft a letter to the ALA Executive Board and Awards Committee expressing AASL’s “strong outrage” at the process of this award and the lack of AASL involvement for approval at Board II. Kathleen Ellis seconded. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Discussion Agenda Item 32: NCATE Standards</p>	<p>AASL was asked to respond to the recent NCATE Standard on Reading, Writing, and Oral Language for Elementary Teachers. A small group consisting of Eloise Long and Melissa Johnston will draft a letter based on recommendations by Reading for Understanding Chair, Sharon Coatney. The final letter will be presented at Board II for approval.</p>
<p>Discussion Agenda Item 33: Emerging Leaders</p>	<p>AASL has been invited to participate in the Emerging Leaders Initiative created by ALA President-Elect Leslie Burger. If AASL were to participate the funds to sponsor two AASL Emerging Leaders would need to be added to the budget. A task force appointed by Cyndi Phillip will be formed to select the division’s representatives.</p>
<p>Motion #6 Emerging Leaders</p>	<p>Terri Kirk moved to sponsor two AASL members to attend the Emerging Leaders program and adjust the budget to allow for this sponsorship. Sara Kelly Johns seconded. Motion passed.</p>

Motion #7
Closed Session

Dennis LeLoup moved to go into closed session. Dawn Vaughn seconded. Motion passed.

The AASL Board of Directors Meeting I went into closed session at 4:54 p.m.

Motion #8

Dolores Gwaltney moved to extend the Board I meeting until 5:15 p.m. Kathleen Ellis seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #9
Agenda Item 23:
NCATE Board of
Examiners (BOE)
Appointment

Joanne Proctor moved to forward the five nominated members to the NCATE Board of Examiners ranked in the order recommended by the AASL NCATE Committee. Mary Ann Harlan seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #10
Agenda Item 24:
ALA Representative to
NCATE Appointment

Dawn Vaughn moved to send names forward to ALA in rank order provided for ALA Representative to NCATE appointment. Dennis LeLoup seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #11
Agenda Item 25:
IFLA Appointments

A. Elaine Twogood moved to forward the recommendations of the International Relations committee for the position of IFLA committee as ranked. Dolores Gwaltney seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #12
End Closed Session

Dennis LeLoup moved come out of Executive Session at AASL Board of Directors meeting I.

Motion #13
Adjournment

Mary Ann Harlan moved to adjourn the AASL Board of Directors Meeting I. Allison Almquist seconded. Motion passed.