



ALA Annual Conference 2007
Washington, DC
June 21-27, 2007

AASL Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

AASL Board of Directors Meeting Session I

Board Members Present: Cyndi Phillip, Sara Kelly Johns, Dennis J. LeLoup, J. Linda Williams, Dolores D. Gwaltney, Ann M. Martin, Sylvia K. Norton, Eloise M. Long, A. Elaine Twogood, Irene Kwidzinski, Hilda K. Weisburg, Floyd Pentlin, Alison E. Almquist, Mary Ann Harlan, Janice Ostrom

Board Members Absent: Ann Petersen, Virginia L. Wallace, Patricia T. Bauer, Jim Hayden

Directors-Elect Present: Marilyn Joyce, Rosina Alaimo, Karen R. Lemmons, Nancy Dickinson, Barbara J. Ray, Robbie Nickel, Linda Collins, Gail Formanack

Directors-Elect Absent: Lynn Strickland

Staff Present: Julie A. Walker, Beverley Becker, Kathy Agarwal, Jennifer Habley

Guests Present: Cassandra Barnett, Cathie Marriott, Alice Yucht

Call to Order

Session I of the AASL Board of Directors was called to order on Friday, June 22, 2007, at 1:05 p.m. in Room 156 of the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC, by Cyndi Phillip, President. A quorum was present.

Exploration

Agenda Item 2:
Mega Issue

The Board discussed the Mega Issue "How Can AASL/ALA enhance its value to prospective members in order to significantly increase membership?" The Board built on the work done by the AASL Affiliate Assembly at the 2007 ALA Midwinter Meeting by reviewing and combining the Affiliate's list of choices into three recommendations.

Recommendation 1: Increase collaboration with other professional organizations and affiliates – inside and outside of ALA.

A Board subgroup consisting of Mary Ann Harlan and Marilyn Joyce was charged with expanding the recommendation and providing actions steps to be reported back at Board II. Possible task forces and special committees were discussed.

Recommendation 2: Improve communication – focus on networking opportunities, best practices, and varied formats.

A Board subgroup consisting of Sara Kelly Johns and Hilda Weisburg was charged with expanding the recommendation and providing actions steps to be reported back at Board II.

Recommendation 3: Target active recruitment while in preparatory programs.

The AASL ELMS Section was charged with Recommendation 3 with the intention that it be combined with the report prepared as one of the ALA Emerging Leaders projects.



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Motion 1 The Board moved to accept the agenda. Motion seconded and passed.
Consent Agenda

Discussion The Board reviewed the report submitted by the subgroup of the Strategic
Agenda Item 17: Plan Review of Committees Task Force. The subgroup recommended the
Committee Restructuring continuation of the Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Committees and
the establishment of a standing Advocacy Committee in lieu of an
Advocacy Coordinating Committee.

Motion 2 The Board moved to accept the report of the subgroup of the Strategic
Committee Restructuring Plan Review of Committees Task Force. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion Based on commentary provided by participants of the AASL Vision Summit
Agenda Item 19: in December 2006 and the Board review of the Strategic Plan at the 2007
Revised Mission Midwinter Meeting, a Board subgroup reviewed the currency and
Statement relevancy of the AASL Mission Statement. Suggested statements were
discussed and the agenda item was tabled to Board II.

Motion 3 The Board moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.
Adjourn

Guest Addresses:

- ALA BARC Liaison, Audra Caplan