



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

AASL Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

AASL Board of Directors Meeting Session II

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, Ann Petersen, A. Elaine Twogood, Irene Kwidzinski, Hilda K. Weisburg, Floyd Pentlin, Alison E. Almquist, Mary Ann Harlan, Janice Ostrom

Board Members Absent: 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: Cathie Marriott, Debra LaPlante, Cara Cavin, Cassandra Barnett

Call to Order

Session II of the AASL Board of Directors was called to order on Monday, June 25, 2007, at 8:05 a.m. in Room 156 of the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC, by Cyndi Phillip, President. A quorum was present.

Agenda Additions

Agenda Item 29: REFORMA proposal and Agenda Item 30: Identifying Potential Members of AASL report were added to the agenda.

Discussion

Agenda Item 18:
Approval of Task Forces

At the Spring 2007 AASL Executive Committee Meeting, AASL President Cyndi Phillip requested the formation of three task forces:

- Standards and Guidelines Implementation Task Force
- School Library Media Month Task Force
- Best List for Teacher Resources Task Force.

In the report approved by the Board at Board I, the Learning Standards Task Force recommended the creation of a separate task force to expand the Learning Standards into a larger document to be used by building level staff. As the report was approved as part of the consent agenda a second motion is not needed to approve the task force.

Motion 1

Approval of Task Forces

The Board moved to accept the task forces: Standards and Guidelines Implementation, School Library Media Month, and Best List for Teacher Resources. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion

Agenda Item 19:
Revised Mission
Statement

The Board resumed discussion on revising AASL's current mission statement. The Board subgroup will solicit feedback from Board members and Director-Elects on four potential mission statements. By consent, the Board empowered the Executive Committee with determining a process for the revision, for example, revision with or without a facilitator.



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Discussion

Agenda Item 20:
Resolution on No Child
Left Behind

Dee Gwaltney presented the current draft of the Resolution on No Child Left Behind and highlighted the changes from previous versions. Upon endorsement by the AASL Board of Directors, the resolution will be introduced to ALA Council.

Motion 2

Resolution on No Child
Left Behind

The Board moved to endorse the SKILLS Act resolution on No Child Left Behind. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion

Agenda Item 21:
Resolution on Balanced
Representation

Sylvia Norton presented the Resolution on Balanced Representation. The resolution calls for balanced representation of all types of libraries on ALA committees. Upon endorsement by the AASL Board of Directors, the resolution will be introduced to ALA Council.

Motion 3

Resolution on Balanced
Representation

The Board moved to endorse the Resolution on Balanced Representation. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion

Agenda Item 23:
AASL Blog

The Board discussed how to formalize and institutionalize the AASL Blog. Alice Yucht, AASL Blog Editorial Board Chair, addressed the Board regarding blog history, benefits, and challenges. This agenda item will be revisited at ALA Midwinter Meeting 2008.

Discussion

Agenda Item 24:
Spectrum Mentoring
Proposal

The ALA Office of Diversity approached AASL regarding additional program and mentoring support for the Spectrum Scholarship Program. Support would incur some financial responsibility.

Motion 4

Spectrum Mentoring
Proposal

The Board moved to support the Spectrum Mentoring Program. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion

Agenda Item 25:
Emerging Leader Projects
2007-2008

Emerging Leaders, the ALA Presidential initiative, has been extended for a second year. AASL has been asked to support the initiative by creating a project that will provide leadership experience to participants. A subgroup of the Board consisting of Floyd Pentlin, Ann Martin, Nancy Dickinson, and Eloise Long will work with Executive Director Julie Walker on providing a project.

Discussion

Agenda Item 26:
Report from the Affiliate
Assembly Chair

Carl Harvey, AASL Affiliate Assembly Chair, presented the Concerns and Commendations approved by the Affiliate Assembly to the Board. The AASL Executive Committee will review the Concerns and Commendations at upcoming meetings.

Motion 5

Extension

The Board moved to extend AASL Board II to complete the agenda. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion

Based on communication concerns presented by the Affiliate Assembly, President-Elect, Sara Kelly Johns, proposed the formation of a task force charged with promoting AASL.



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Motion 6
AASL Promotion and
Marketing Task Force

The Board moved to approve in concept a division promotion task force and charge the Bylaws Committee with creation of a committee description for approval at Board III. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion
Agenda Item 27:
Adoption of FY 08 Budget

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 was presented by Executive Director Julie Walker.

Motion 7
Adoption of FY 08 Budget

The Board moved to approve the FY 2008 budget. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion
Agenda Item 29:
REFORMA Proposal

The REFORMA Children's and Young Adult Services Committee has requested AASL co-sponsor the proposed program, "The Bilingual Mind." Sponsorship to be in name only.

Motion 8
REFORMA Proposal

The Board moved to co-sponsor the REFORMA, Children's and Young Adult Services Committee's 2008 Program on "The Bilingual Mind." Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion
Agenda Item 22:
Principals for Digital
Content

Division Councilor, Sylvia Norton, presented the Principals for Digital Content prepared by the ALA Task Force on Digitization. The Task Force has requested endorsement of these principles by the AASL Board.

Motion 9
Principals for Digital
Content

The Board moved to endorse all four council resolutions in principle. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion 10
Adjourn

The Board moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.

Guest Addresses:

- Executive Board Liaison, Terri Kirk