



**AASL Board of Directors Meeting
Session I**

Board Members Present: Sara Kelly Johns, Ann Martin, Cyndi Phillip, Cathie Marriott, Floyd Pentlin, Sylvia Norton, Eloise Long, Paul Whitsitt, Marilyn Joyce, Hilda Weisburg, Karen Lemmons, Nancy Dickinson, Lou Greco, Barbara Ray, Robbie Nickel, Jim Hayden, Janice Ostrom

Board Members Absent: Dennis LeLoup, Alice Bryant

Directors-Elect Present: Rosina Alaimo, Cara Cavin, Diane Chen, Maribel Garza Castro, Debra LaPlante, Linda Collins, Gail Formanack

Directors-Elect Absent: Ann Perham, Deborah Svec

Staff Present: Julie Walker, Allison Cline

Guests Present: Jay Bansbach

Call to Order

Session I was preceded by a discussion on the Mega Issue – “How does AASL become *the* community for school library media specialists?”

The Session I business meeting of the AASL Board of Directors was called to order on Friday, June 27, 2008, at 3:31 p.m. in room 206B of the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California, by Sara Kelly Johns, AASL President. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1:

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Items 12: Revised Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights and 15: ALA and AASL Voting Trends were moved from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda.

Motion 1:

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The Board moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 12:

Revised Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee has requested feedback of the revised “Library Bill of Rights.” Through discussion, the Board expressed concern regarding some of the language of the document.

Motion 2:

Revised Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

The Board moved to charge Division Councilor, Sylvia Norton, to share the AASL Board of Director’s concerns regarding language in “Free Access to Libraries” that in reference to parental decision, the language be changed from “library staff can not be used to enforce parental decision” to “library staff should not be expected to enforce parental decision,” and that final decision on document will be deferred until Board III. Motion seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 15:

Motion 3:

AASL Voting Trends

The Board moved that voting trend reports be prepared to show both the statistics and proportional results of members voting so that the increase/decrease in member numbers can be taken into account when reviewing. Motion seconded and passed.



Agenda Item 19: Report from Midwinter Strategic Plan/Mega Issue Session
The Board reviewed the report from the Strategic Plan/Mega Issue session held during the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The report is to be considered the background information for Agenda Item 20: Report from Board Mega Issue Subcommittee.

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A new subcommittee was formed to develop ways AASL can form alliances the PTA. Their report will be presented back to the Board at Board II. Hilda Weisburg, Nancy Dickinson, Linda Collins, and Floyd Pentlin volunteered for the subcommittee.

Agenda Item 21: Awards
The Board discussed the low number of applications for AASL awards and the lack of a sponsor for the Research Award. The Board brainstormed ideas to increase both application submission and sponsor interest. President Sara Kelly Johns will forward suggestions to the Awards Committee.

Agenda Item 22:
Motion 4: Blog Description
The Board moved to table Item 22: Blog Description until a communications action plan is created by AASL staff. Motion seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 23: Fundraising
The Board was presented with the current Alliance brochure. Floyd Pentlin, incoming AASL Treasurer and chair of the Alliance for Association Excellence committee, discussed with the Board ways in which volunteers can help in securing sponsorship commitments.

Motion 5: Adjourn
The Board moved to adjourn Session I. Motion seconded and passed.

Guest Addresses:

- Terri Kirk, ALA Executive Board Liaison