



ALA Annual Conference
Chicago, IL
July 9-15, 2009

AASL Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

AASL Board of Directors Session I

Board Members Present: Ann M. Martin, Cassandra Barnett, Sara Kelly Johns, Floyd Pentlin, Carl Harvey, Cathie Marriot, Sylvia Norton, Allison Kaplan, Alice Bryant, Paul Whitsitt, Marilyn Joyce, Rosina Alaimo, Karen Lemmons, Nancy Dickinson, Lour Greco, Barbara Ray, Robbie Nickel, Linda Collins, Gail Formanack

Board Members Absent: None

Directors-Elect Present: Ann Perham, Sally Daniels, Deborah Svec, Maribel Garza Castro, Allison Roberts, Lorraine Monprode, Linda Roberts

Directors-Elect Absent: Cara Cavin, Susan Lee Garvin

Staff Present: Julie Walker, Jordan Mack, Allison Cline, Jen Habley, Melissa Jacobsen

Guests Present: Terri Kirk, Dee Gwaltney, Cyndi Phillip

Call to Order Session I was preceded by a discussion on the Mega Issue – “How can AASL ensure visibility for SLMS in the current movement toward 21st Century Skills?”

The Session I business meeting of the AASL Board of Directors was called to order on Friday, July 10th, 2009, at 3:17 p.m. in room W-176C of the McCormick Place West Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois, by Ann M. Martin, AASL President. A quorum was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Treasurer Floyd Pentlin highlighted the lack of sponsorships for the upcoming 14th National Conference in Charlotte, NC.

Agenda Item #1: President Ann M. Martin acquainted the Board with the Consent Agenda.
Agenda

Motion #1: The Board moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded and passed.
Agenda

Agenda Item #18: The Board moved to go into Closed Session. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion #2:
Knowledge Quest Roles and Responsibilities

Agenda Item #18: The Board moved to come out of Closed Session. Motion seconded and passed.
Motion #3:

Knowledge Quest Roles and Responsibilities

Agenda Item #18: The Board moved to accept the *Knowledge Quest Roles and Responsibilities* document. Motion seconded and passed.
Motion #4:

Knowledge Quest Roles and Responsibilities

Agenda Item #18: The Board moved to exempt the current Knowledge Quest editor from writing editorials for the 2009-2010 term. Motion seconded and passed.
Motion #5:

Knowledge Quest Roles

and Responsibilities

- Agenda Item #19:**
Motion #6:
Knowledge Quest Web Proposal
- The Board briefly discussed the document. The Board moved to accept the *Knowledge Quest Web Proposal*. Motion seconded and passed.
- Agenda Item #20:**
Motion #7:
Request from
International Relations
Task Force
- The Board discussed the accomplishments of the International Relations Task Force and the best forum for continuing this work. The Board moved to commend the work of the International Relations Task Force for what they've done so far, particularly for being a role model in developing the project through ALA Connect, and recommend that their advocacy continue as a community through ALA Connect, rather than as a standing committee. Motion seconded and passed.
- Agenda Item #21:**
Motion #8:
State Department
Inquiry Task Force
Position Paper
- President Ann M. Martin acquainted the Board with the thoughts of the AASL Executive Committee concerning this document; the Board commended the task force on their success. The Board moved to recognize the amount of information in the document and recommend that it be referred to a working group composed of people who currently hold state level positions to take it to the next step. Motion seconded and passed.
- Agenda Item #22:**
Motion #9:
Recommendation on
Intellectual Freedom
Document for ALA
Council Discussion
- Sylvia Norton, Division Councilor, gave a brief explanation of the background of the proposed revisions. The Board moved to have Sylvia Norton endorse the proposed revisions for the ALA Intellectual Freedom Manual, believing in the importance of intellectual freedom for students in our schools. Motion seconded and passed.
- Agenda Item #23:**
ALA Environmental Scan
- Julie Walker, Executive Director, gave the Board some background information on the ALA Strategic Planning process. Walker further explained that background documents for the newest strategic plan will be compiled on ALA Connect. She requested that the Board post any pertinent documents to this online repository, specifically anything related to K-12 education.
- Agenda Item #2:**
Mega Issue
- The Board discussed the logistics of implementing the proposed motion, with an emphasis on the role of the AASL affiliates. Suggestions were discussed for affiliate involvement, highlighting the need for advocacy with state departments of education.
- Julie Walker, Executive Director, clarified that AASL would like to influence the Common Core Standards and ESEA in such a way that they promote inquiry based learning, the use of a variety of resources, etc., and does not necessarily seek to include the word "library" in the legislation.
- Cassandra Barnett, President-Elect, highlighted the need for a progress reporting structure from the affiliates.
- Motion #10:**
Mega Issue
- The Board moved that AASL move forward in raising SLMS visibility and viability through the following: influencing the development of the Common Core State Standards and ensuring specific recognition of the instructional role of the SLMS within the language of ESEA. Motion seconded and passed.
- Motion #11:**
Adjournment
- The Board moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.