Policy Statement:
AASL will have a board of directors-approved strategic plan to ensure the long-term viability of the association.

Focus:
AASL Board of Directors, AASL Headquarters, AASL Members, Affiliate Organizations

Purpose:
To ensure that AASL’s strategic plan is a relevant document that is carried throughout the association’s work and is disseminated to the school library community.

Procedure:
1. The AASL Board of Directors will approve a strategic plan developed to cover a maximum three-year time span.
   a. At any point during the three-year time span the AASL Board of Directors can determine if the plan can be extended with new operational goals or if a new strategic plan should be undertaken.
2. The AASL Board of Directors will approve an operational plan, developed by headquarters staff, which will outline the operational implementation of the strategic plan including timing and budget implications.
   a. The operational plan will be included in the ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual AASL Board of Directors documents for progress review.
3. The AASL Board of Directors will ensure that approved programs, services, and products are evaluated on the basis of their relatedness to the plan.
4. The strategic plan will be provided to all factions of the association, including the Affiliate Assembly, sections, committees, task forces, etc., so that the goals and strategic directions contained in the plan may be used by these groups as they execute the work of the association. The strategic plan will be posted on AASL’s website to provide public access.
5. The goals and strategic directions contained in the AASL Strategic Plan shall provide the basis upon which the AASL Board of Directors evaluate current programs, identify new initiatives, and establish priorities for the annual budget.