

**American Association of School Librarians
Affiliate Assembly Executive Committee Meeting
June 22, 2007**

The Executive Committee of the Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians met from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 22, 2007, at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Committee members in attendance were: Carl Harvey, Jay Bansbach, Dee Griffith, Nancy Dickinson, Cyndi Phillip, Sara Kelly Johns, Hilda Weisburg, Sherry Grove, Robbie Nickel, Diane Chen, Gail Formanack, Rosina Alarmo, Marilyn Joyce, Linda Collins, Karen Lemmons, Barbara Ray, Karen Lowe and Jennifer Habley. Carl Harvey, Affiliate Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Washington, D.C. Officers were introduced and there was a roll call of committee members. The minutes from Midwinter Conference in Seattle were discussed and any changes were to be given to Affiliate Secretary, Dee Griffith. Robbie Nickel made a motion that the minutes be approved; Gail Formanack seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements by AASL Officers

- **AASL President Cyndi Phillip** shared information on the AASL Board's response to the Mega Issue from the Affiliate Assembly Caucus in Seattle. The board took the 7 issues and merged them into 3 issues. There will be 3 groups that will work on action items and will then report back to Cyndi. Cyndi encouraged all to come to the Cleveland Bookmobile Tuesday from 12:00-12:15 on C St. There will be a press release on the NCLB language to include school librarians. Senator Reed and Senator Cochran co-wrote the bill. Cyndi and Diane Chen encouraged all to participate in Library Day on the Hill. Jay Bansbach also shared that communicating via email with Legislators is not as effective as it had been. Cyndi also invited all to attend the Presidents Program Saturday at 10:30am at the Renaissance Mayflower.
- **AASL President-Elect Sara Kelly Johns** announced that the Standards guidelines Statement is still going through revisions. The process is being done via a wiki. It is not complete yet. She will provide follow-up information regarding the status of the process in the future.

Reports from Membership Committee

•Celebrate Conference: Reno 2007

Diane Chen shared what had occurred at Celebrate Conference in Pittsburgh. Rosina reiterated that information regarding conference preparedness should go out prior to conference. Hilda suggested something special for conference "newbies". Rosina suggested utilizing a Wiki. Sara Kelly Johns reminded all that Diane Chen has a wonderful article in Knowledge Quest about how to be prepared for a national conference. It was discussed that we point out the highlights as well as suggestions for getting the most out of the exhibits. Carl shared that ABDO will be sponsoring Celebrate Conference 2007 in Reno. Gail also suggested that first-timers names be sent to Affiliates or state associations so they would have someone within their own state to meet with or contact. It was also suggested that we have signs indicating regions/states for all in attendance to be grouped accordingly.

- **AASL 101** will be held Saturday from 1:30-2:15. Hilda and Jay will be presenting this session. It will give an overview of AASL.

Review/Approve

- **The Affiliate Assembly Agenda** for the Sunday meeting, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon, was discussed and approved.

- **The Affiliate Assembly Handbook** criteria for concerns and commendations were reviewed prior to considering the following ones submitted to the Executive Committee:

Concerns

- **Concern 1:** AASL members need to know AASL's position on the role of reading in their teaching. AASL lacks an updated position statement on the library media specialist's role in teaching reading strategies and promoting reading. MASL and NEEMA request that AASL clarify the role of the library media specialist with regard to reading.
 - **Action taken:** approved
- **Concern 2:** NEEMA requests that AASL assist affiliates in reaching out to parent and community organizations that can help advocate for school libraries.
 - **Action taken:** approved
- **Concern 3:** AASL learning standards must meet the needs of the profession and must speak to an audience outside the profession.
 - **Action taken:** not approved
- **Concern 4:** Affiliate Assembly meetings beyond the caucus need the presence of regional directors-elect.
 - **Action taken:** not approved
- **Concern 5:** AASL needs a presence in recognizing great literature for PreK-12 students presenting an award(s) at ALA Midwinter.
 - **Action taken:** not approved
- **Concern 6 & 13:** There is a need to attract new and dynamic members to the profession and AASL as a professional organization.
 - **Action taken:** approved (Nancy/Diane will facilitate)
- **Concern 7:** Currently, there is not a centralized location for affiliate organizations to post or warehouse publications in various media formats that other affiliate organizations could utilize or customize for their own audience. This might include but not be limited to brochures, PowerPoint, video, assessments, programming ideas, organizational policies, presentations, pod casts and evaluations.
 - **Action taken:** approved (Karen Lemmons will facilitate)
- **Concern 8:** NET Standards are imbedded in NCLB, but do not show the essential role of the library media specialist in implementation and student achievement of those standards.
 - **Action taken:** approved (Gail will facilitate)
- **Concern 9:** We are concerned about the future of our profession regarding capitalizing on the experience and expertise of our retirees.
 - **Action taken:** approved (Barbara Ray will facilitate)

- **Concern 10:** We feel that AASL should participate in more collaborative ventures with the other divisions of ALA.
 - **Action taken:** not approved as it is already being done
- **Concern 11:** We are concerned that the number of ALA Councilors is not proportionate with the overall AASL membership within ALA.
 - **Action taken:** not approved with regard to being sent on to AASL Board, but will be implemented in the AA Handbook for Regional Director/Director's Elect
- **Concern 12:** We are concerned about the future of our profession regarding providing mentorship for new entries into the profession.
 - **Action taken:** not approved as it is already being done
- **Concerns 13:** We are concerned about the future of our profession regarding recruiting a more diverse workforce.
 - **Action taken:** approved, but will be combined with Concern 6

Commendations

- **Commendation 1:** New Jersey Department of Education
 - **Action taken:** approved
- Commendation 2:** Augusta Baker's Dozen – A Celebration of Stories – Richland County Public Library
 - **Action taken:** approved
- **Commendation 3:** One for Books – Scholastic Book Fairs
 - **Action taken:** approved
- **Commendation 4:** Annual Statewide Read-In, South Carolina State Library
 - **Action taken:** approved
- **Commendation 5:** Language regarding school libraries kept in school manual
 - **Action taken:** sent back to Affiliate for further clarification
- **Commendation 6:** AdvancED – Advancing Excellence in Education.
 - **Action taken:** sent back to Affiliate for further information.

Concerns and commendations that were approved will be presented to Affiliate Assembly for action at Sunday's meeting.

Discussion

Hilda thanked Carl for continuing with the format Diane established regarding concerns and commendations. This is a very efficient and effective process.

Diane thanked Jen for coordinating all documents and information in preparation for the Executive Committee meeting and for the Affiliate Assembly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dee A. Griffith, Secretary
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 Carl Harvey, Chair
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