

**American Association of School Librarians
Affiliate Assembly Executive Board meeting
January 19, 2007**

The Executive Committee of the Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians met from 8:00 to 10:00 on January 19, 2007 in the Seattle Hyatt Hotel in Seattle, WA. Committee members in attendance were: Rosina Alaimo, Jay Bansbach, Diane Chen, Nancy Dickinson, Gail Formanack, Dee Griffith, Jennifer Habley, Carl Harvey, Marilyn Joyce, Karen Lemmons, Robbie Nickel, Barbara Ray, Hilda Weisburg and Linda Williams.

Carl Harvey, Affiliate Assembly Chair welcomed everyone to Seattle. The committee members were introduced. The minutes from the Annual Conference in New Orleans were read. Barbara Ray made a motion that the minutes be approved. Robbie Nickel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Announcements from AASL Officers

- **Linda Williams AASL Immediate Past President** brought forth the NCBL wording update. There were not many states that sent feedback. She asked Regional Directors-Elect to please email states and ask for feedback. It is important that people understand what is happening in order to gain their support. It is up to the states to implement this, not the federal government. Questions may be directed to Linda regarding the matter. This will be discussed at AASL Board. Diane Chen added that the legislative committee discussed that they were committed to getting legislatures to support the wording of school librarians as highly qualified in the NCLB. The work must go out quickly. There will a change in the wording from highly qualified to highly effective. Carl will post the request for feedback on the Affiliate Assembly listserv.

Review/Approve

- **Carl Harvey** shared information and asked that an **Affiliate Assembly Task Force** be formed to look more closely at restructuring issues for Affiliate Assembly. This would involve the restructuring of Affiliate Assembly meetings, business and expectations for addressing issues. He and Jay Bansbach met with Paul Meyer to look at ways to address agendas for commendations and concerns, announcements, structure of minutes and process for selecting Affiliate Assembly Chair. Hilda Weisburg made the motion to create such a task force. Rosina Alaimo seconded. Motion carried. Carl shared that the new meeting tomorrow will be a way to hold a sharing session concerning major issues with other affiliates.
- The **Affiliate Assembly Agenda** for Sunday was reviewed. Robbie Nickel made the motion to approve the agenda. Karen Lemmons seconded. Agenda was approved.

AASL 101

- This will be an incentive for new attendees to attend ALA conference. They've asked the divisions to have incentives for ALA. This will be held at ALA in Washington on Saturday. The structure of this session is up to the divisions. This would be for anyone attending ALA for the first time or for new ALA/AASL members.
- Linda Williams suggested that we institutionalize whatever plan we create. It was recommended that we use a PowerPoint and handout. It was also suggested that we offer an AASL mentor for any new member attending ALA for the first time.
- Hilda Weisburg and Diane Chen offered to work with Jay Bansbach on the task force for AASL 101.

30th Anniversary of Affiliate Assembly

- Carl Harvey announced that Affiliate Assembly will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in June. Carl suggested having some sort of recognition/celebration. Hilda Weisburg suggested we invite past chairs. This celebration would be Friday night at ALA Annual in Washington. Carl will work on this and will provide further information.
- Jen Habley is looking into a logo for Affiliate Assembly that would be similar to AASL's logo.

Celebrate Conference at AASL in Reno.

- Carl asked for help with this event. ABDO will be sponsoring the event and will provide boxed lunches for first 200+. Celebrate Conference will be held 12:30-1:30 Thursday of AASL.

AASL Membership Booth at ALA

- Diane Chen stressed the importance of volunteers for the AASL membership booth at ALA.
- Jen Habley put together a timeline for the booth. Announcements will be made as well as reminder there is a need for volunteers for booth.
- Rosina Alaimo shared that the feedback received from those that volunteered at the booth last year was very positive.

Announcements

- Both ALA candidates were invited to Affiliate Assembly Sunday. Nancy Davenport will be joining us, but Jim Rettig will not be in attendance due to a previous commitment.
- Diane Chen extended an Invitation from Legislative committee to attend Legislative meeting Monday morning.
- Carl reminded all to stay for the AASL candidate forum following the Affiliate Assembly Caucus Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Griffith, Recording Secretary
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Carl Harvey, Chair
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